# **Consultative Committee**



Minutes

Date:	September 2, 2009
Location:	GTAA Administration Building, Pearson Boardrooms A & B
Chair:	Toby Lennox
Attendees:	Tom AppaRao, Director of Transportation Bill Clark Brampton Board of Trade Rick Cockfield, Halton Region David Cavaco, for Councillor City of Toronto
	Dino Basso, York Region David Shiner, Councillor, City of Toronto Mike Lauber, Toronto Board of Trade
	George Kairys, Mississauga Board of Trade Patrick O'Brien, City of Brampton Resident
Regrets:	Charles Dorrington, Brampton Mississauga & District Labour Council Vicky Dhillon, Councillor City of Brampton Maja Prentice, Councillor, City of Mississauga
	Heather Craig-Peddie, ACTA Ontario Suresh Thakrar, City of Mississauga Pat Olive, Commissioner Economic Development, Durham Region David Purkis, City of Toronto Resident
Resource Members:	Susan Amring, City of Mississauga Don Eastwood, City of Brampton John Golden, NAV Canada Henry Turner, Ontario Ministry of Tourism
Resource Members Absent	Rob Bergevin, Transport Canada Paul Steckham, Ministry of Transportation Les Aalders, Air Transport Association of Canada Pamela Laite, Tourism Toronto Randy McLean, City of Toronto Deborah Bonk, Vaughan Chamber of Commerce Carol Greenwood, Mississauga Tourism
Guests and Others	Irene Hawrylyshyn, Kim Stefanazzi, Russ Cruickshank, Diana Dolezal, Gene Corazzola, Leslie Woo, Karen Wood.
Next meeting:	December 2, 2009

## 1.0 PRELIMINARY ITEMS – Toby Lennox

- 1.1 Welcome and Roll CallToby Lennox welcomed all in attendance. Russ Cruickshank conducted the roll call.
- 1.2 Approval of Agenda Agenda was approved by David Cavaco and seconded by Richard Cockfield.
- Review and Approval of June 3, 2009 Minutes
  Minutes were approved by Bill Clark and seconded by Mike Lauber.
- 1.4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (Action Items)

Toby Lennox introduced Mr. Dino Basso, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives and Administration for York Region. Mr. Basso is replacing Paul May who has recently transferred to a new position as Chief Engineer for York Region.

#### June 3, 2009

Several members inquired about a future tour of the Emirates A380. The GTAA have made arrangements for a tour of the A380 immediately following our meeting today.

## 2.0 Regular Items

2.1 Toby Lennox – the Consultative Committee Update was attached to the agenda. The traffic statistics are down significantly, especially in domestic and transborder sectors. International remains strong on many routes, but it also has declined.

Mike Lauber – are the transborder decreases originating in the U.S. or Canada. Toby Lennox – noted that we are seeing a lot of traffic connecting from overseas to the U.S., and Toronto Pearson is maximizing on that, however Americans are not travelling as often.

Turkish Airlines began operations at Toronto Pearson on Saturday July 11, 2009. Turkish Airlines operate three days a week on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays with an Airbus A330 and A340.

George Kairys – has business travel also decreased? Toby Lennox – business travel has decreased, and the GTAA has also noticed a significant drop in our Parking Revenues, especially in Terminal 3, as many American air carriers fly out of Terminal 3.

#### 3.0 Discussion Items

#### 3.1 Regional Transportation Plan

Toby Lennox introduced Gene Corazzola, Manager Groundside Systems, Strategic Planning and Airport Development who gave an overview of planned ground transportation projects at Toronto Pearson, and Leslie Woo, General Manager, Transportation Policy and Planning from Metrolinx who gave a presentation on Metrolinx transportation initiatives.

Gene Corazzola - the GTAA is currently involved in planning work to establish a Toronto Pearson Mobility Hub. Several public transit projects to Pearson airport being implemented by others, are currently in the planning and design process. These projects will constitute key components of the Pearson Mobility Hub, and include the Union Station-Pearson Airport Rail link, the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit, and Mississauga Bus Rapid Transit. A potential extension of the planned Finch West LRT is also being examined.

Environmental Assessment (EA) approval for the planned rail link between Toronto Pearson and Union Station (AARL) is expected in early October 2009. The new rail link, which will use the Georgetown GO corridor and a new spur line into Toronto Pearson Terminal 1, will utilize diesel powered vehicles, at least initially, and is currently planned to begin service in 2015.

Functional planning by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and City of Toronto is continuing on the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (LRT) project between Toronto Pearson and Kennedy subway station. TTC has identified a preferred routing to the airport and discussions are ongoing regarding the exact routing and station locations within the airport property. Start of service for the airport – Martingrove Road section of the project is currently planned between 2018 and 2020.

Detailed design is well underway on the Mississauga Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project which includes a major interchange station just outside Toronto Pearson at Renforth Drive and Eglinton Avenue (known as the Renforth Gateway). Construction of the project is scheduled to begin in Summer 2010 and be operational in 2012. BRT connections into one or both passenger terminals at Toronto Pearson are proposed.

Meanwhile, consistent with Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for a Pearson Mobility Hub and GTAA's Strategic Plan, GTAA staff has initiated work to identify a preferred Mobility Hub structure that establishes Pearson as a major regional transportation centre both to improve access choices in addition to providing new opportunities for future development on vacant airport lands and redevelopment on

lands surrounding Pearson for higher and better uses.

Similar to initiatives in other cities with major airports worldwide, there is also the potential to establish conditions in the longer term for encouraging "airport city" development whereby both aviation and non-aviation oriented businesses cluster around major airports and along transportation nodes and corridors radiating from them. Potential uses include hotel/conference centres, finance centres, specialty retail, entertainment uses, and office campuses. Cities currently developing airport cities include Hong Kong, Seoul, and several other major Asian centres, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Zurich, Detroit and Dallas.

Leslie Woo – Metrolinx was created by the 2006 Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Act to provide the residents and businesses in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area (GTHA) with a transportation system that is modern, efficient, and integrated so that people and goods can move freely and quickly across the area.

The Greater Toronto and Hamilton area (GTHA) will continue to be one of Canada's fastest growing areas over the next few decades. The current population is just over six million people, and by 2031 it is estimated to grow to 8.6 million people. This growth will require massive increase in transportation infrastructure.

Currently more than two million automobile trips are made during the peak travel period each morning, and with that number forecast to approach three million trips by 2031. Traffic congestion increases the cost of the regions transportation activities, negatively impacts the regions economy, and impairs the quality of life by costing travellers time and money, and has a negative effect on the environment.

Metrolinx has designed a Regional Transportation Plan for the GTHA, that contains strategies that are needed to achieve their Vision which is: An integrated transportation system for our region that enhances prosperity, sustainability and quality of life.

- A fast, frequent and expanded regional rapid transit network.
- High-order transit connectivity to the Pearson Airport district from all directions.
- An expanded Union Station the heart of the GTHA's transportation system.
- Complete walking and cycling networks with bike-sharing programs.
- An information systems for travellers, where and when they need it.
- A region-wide integrated transit fare system.
- A system of connected mobility hubs.

- A comprehensive strategy for goods movement
- An investment Strategy to provide immediate, stable and predictable funding.

Pearson Airport and Union Station are the two most significant mobility hubs in the GTHA. There are over a half a million combined jobs within less than four kilometers between Pearson Airport and Union Station, and tens of thousands of travellers passing through them every day. Access to Union Station will be enhanced, and transit access to the Pearson Airport district will be provided from all directions: from the east along the Eglinton corridor, form the north via the Finch transit corridor, from the west via the Highway 403 Transitway and via the Queen Street/Highway 427 corridor, and from the south via Highway 427 from Kipling Station.

#### 4.0 **Members Update**

There were no comments.

## 5. **Correspondence and News**

No Updates at this time.

## 6. **Public Comments**

There were no comments.

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

The next CC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday December 2, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.** at 3111 Convair Drive, Pearson Rooms A & B.

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