



Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Noise Management Committee September 12, 2007 - Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members

Toby Lennox (Chair)	GTAA, Vice President Corporate Affairs
Dante Digiulio	City of Mississauga Resident
Councillor Rob Ford	City of Toronto
Brad Green	City of Brampton Resident
Larry Perlman	City of Toronto Resident
Richard Poersch	City of Brampton Resident
Councillor Maja Prentice	City of Mississauga
Tina Rizzutto-Willan	City of Mississauga Resident
Maja Prentice	City of Mississauga Councillor
Gordon Stewart	City of Mississauga Resident

Alternate

Andrew Pask	City of Toronto Councillor (Councillor Rob Ford)
Pat Saito	City of Mississauga Councillor (Councillor Maja Prentice)

Absent

Tina Rizzutto-Willan	City of Mississauga Resident
Councillor John Sprovieri	City of Brampton

Technical Members

David Bayliss	Transport Canada
Brian Harkness	Pilot (Air Canada)
Dave Mastel	NAV Canada
John Calvert	City of Mississauga
Andy Vasarins	Air Transport Association

Also Present

Sandra Fairman	NOPAC	Kathy Bochan	GTAA
Irene Hawrylyshyn	GTAA	Kyle Bruce	GTAA (student)
Ron King	Transport Canada	Josh Colle	GTAA
James Linseman	GTAA	Derek Gray	GTAA
Christina Lo	City of Brampton	Madeleine Lim	GTAA
Wil MacMillan	GTAA	Kim Stefanazzi	GTAA
Michael MacWilliam	GTAA	Gideon Vandernest	Georgian Express
George Thackray	GTAA		
Eric Tolton	GTAA		

ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION:

Mayors & Regional Chairs: Brampton, Mississauga, Toronto, Vaughan, Durham, Halton, Peel, & York

Next Meeting:

December 12, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Location:

GTAA Corporate Headquarters, 3111 Convair Drive

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1. *PRELIMINARY ITEMS*

1.1 **Welcome and Roll Call**

Toby Lennox introduced himself as the new Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Chairman of the Committee. He welcomed all present, and introduced Irene Hawrylyshyn and administrative support person Kim Stefanazzi. Irene Hawrylyshyn conducted the roll.

1.2 **Approval of the Agenda**

Toby Lennox asked for approval of the agenda. Gordon Stewart approved the agenda, and Pat Saito second the approval. Toby noted that Richard Poersch had requested addition of an item under 3.3 Annual Noise Report. The intent was to have a general discussion on the report as it was received.

1.3 **Review and Approval of June 13, 2007 Minutes**

Mr. Lennox asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. The minutes were approved by Brad Green and Gord Stewart second the approval as presented.

Mr. Lennox mentioned that the noise impact as a result of the construction is over for the most part for this year with some nightly closures of 06L/24R until the end of September to finalize the inset lighting work. The major work to repair runway 06R/24L will be completed next summer.

1.4 **Matters arising from previous meetings (*cleaning up past items*)**

June 13, 2007

- 1) Richard Poersch had requested details pertaining to the use of runway 15R on January 27, 2007. Dave Mastel reported that there was freezing rain on January 27, 2007, and the runways were contaminated.
- 2) Committee members were invited to sign up for a tour of CDF and Moore Creek.
- 3) The Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) presentation from the June 13 meeting is attached to the minutes and appears on gtaa.com as part of the NMC minutes.
- 4) Chief Pilot Gideon from Georgian Airlines attended the meeting and met with committee members after the meeting to clarify concerns regarding the pitch on the Air Georgian aircraft propeller.
- 5) A sub-committee was established to address Larry Perlman's proposals presented at the June 13 meeting. Further information appears under Item 3.1
- 6) Larry Perlman had requested details regarding noise infraction fines collected by Transport Canada. Dave Bayliss provided the following information:



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In 2004 there were 35 charges in the amount of a little over \$150,000.00. In 2005 there were 11 charges of about \$50,000.00 fines, and a large number of violations were caused by two operators in 2004 and 2005.

In 2006 there was an apparent breakdown in the process that has been effective over the past number of years. There were apparently nine possible violations sent to Transport Canada although they have a record of only receiving two. Once the situation became known the remaining seven were sent to them. Given the dates involved it is unlikely they will be able to pursue the matter in the terms of monetary penalty because of their statute of limitations. It is one year from the time of the apparent violation. They will however pursue the matter with the organizations involved.

To prevent recurrence of the situation, the GTAA in addition to sending the possible violations by mail, will also be sending them to Transport Canada electronically with a receipt follow-up. This will not only help address the possibility of them going missing but will also expedite our receipt and, therefore, opportunity to action them in a timely manner.

Gordon Stewart questioned what was the amount of money that could have been charged in 2006? Dave Bayliss responded that is a difficult question to answer because each situation is considered individually. The maximum that could have been charged is \$5,000.00 for an individual and \$50,000.00 for an organization. There is, however, a graduated scale that is normally associated with these fines.

Gordon Stewart asked why the organization is fined and not the pilot as charging the pilot might be more of a deterrent. Dave Bayliss responded that it is important to note that Transport Canada's objective is to seek compliance and prevent recurrence so actions are based on this principle. Each case is considered individually and we do not have the ability to take action against the pilot or the organization. Typically when dealing with an organization Transport Canada has the opportunity of addressing the issue with all the pilots rather than just one. The pilot is ultimately responsible for that particular incident, however there may be a number of contributing factors that led to the occurrence that need to be addressed. For example the company's standard operating procedures may need to be looked at or perhaps the training the company is providing their pilots needs to be addressed. All factors associated with the incident are taken into consideration when deciding the most appropriate action to take. It was also mentioned that the fines for an organization are much larger than those for a pilot. The names of individuals are not posted on the website whereas corporations are.

- 7) To accommodate a second request for a tour of NAV Canada facilities, a tentative date of Tuesday October 9, 2007 was set.



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Action Items from Previous Meetings

April 11, 2007

A new table has been added to the regular items to detail the noise impact of the 777 aircraft.

June 14, 2006

David Cavaco to report back to the NMC once the aircraft noise warning signs have been posted. Toby Lennox responded that signs are almost all installed, and requested that city provide an update at the next NMC meeting.

January 11, 2006

The Humberwood Noise Monitoring Terminal Noise Monitoring equipment has been installed and is currently being calibrated.

2. REGULAR ITEMS

2.1 Passenger/Aircraft Movement Statistics

Toby Lennox commented that airline traffic is down, relative to other Canadian airports, and we are investigating the reasons.

Passenger traffic increased in June (+1.3%) compared to 2006 with an increase of 2.8% in the domestic sector, a small increase in Transborder Traffic (0.2%), but a small decline in the International (-0.2%) sector. Airport passenger traffic for the year to date (to June 30) has increased 1.4% from the same period last year. Aircraft activity increased by 1.4% in June over 2006.

2.2 Complaint Statistics

There were no comments on complaint statistics.

2.3 GTAA and Transport Canada Enforcement Activities

There were no comments on Transport Canada Enforcement Activities

2.4 Exemption and Extension Statistics

There were no comments on Exemption and Extension Statistics.

2.5 Noise Impact Report

Copies of the report were sent to members for their review.

3. GTAA UPDATE

3.1 NMC Sub-committee Recommendations

Toby Lennox reported on the recommendations that were brought forward by the NMC Sub-committee.



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1. Item: Rename committee.
Recommendation: Community Environment and Noise Advisory Committee.
There was a consensus on the name change. Toby Lennox advised that the Terms of Reference should be amended to reflect this change.
 2. Item: Advertise role of committee.
Recommendation: Set up a sub-committee to develop ideas.
Members will be canvassed to determine interest in a sub-committee.
 3. Item: Determine Administrative Budget
Recommendation: ask GTAA to come back with a budget and what services are available.
As it was unclear what the budgetary and further requirements were, the GTAA has provided for any costs associated with the administration of the committee, it was agreed that a defined budget is not required.
 4. Item: Ensure all cities have representation
Recommendation: keep schedule as is; or if the committee agrees, the GTAA will send a letter to the city requesting that they fill their vacancy on the NMC with an additional rep from community group, interested candidates from Toronto Citizen applications or environmental group attendee.
Toby Lennox commented that it is important to have council representation, to ensure we have a direct link. As there are some vacancies from Toronto on the committee, Toby Lennox asked Andrew Pask to pursue with Toronto City Council.
- Toby Lennox interrupted the discussion to introduce a new process. At 5:00 p.m., we will proceed to Agenda Item 5 Public Comments to allow questions from the public. Sandra Fairman from NOPAC raised these items; commented that a 4:00 p.m. meeting was difficult to attend; noted there should be representation from Etobicoke, and requested that attachments be added to the agenda when posted on the web.
5. Item: Establish a Sub-committee to deal with issues arising.
All agreed that this recommendation was valid and sub-committees would be established as required.
 6. Item: Consolidate CC/NMC. Toby Lennox commented that we would not combine the meetings, but advised that we would provide a schedule for NMC members interested in attending the CC meetings.
 7. Item: Have Noise office inform residents of NMC rep.
Request Noise office to identify how they represent NMC to complainants.
Michael MacWilliam reported that if someone registered a complaint, we advise them about the Noise Committee and invite them to attend a meeting, or contact their M.P. to voice their concerns.



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Pat Saito suggested a generic e-mail address, and residents who couldn't attend the meetings could send an e-mail to the committee. The committee could add this as an item to their agenda. Toby Lennox commented that would be an excellent idea and GTAA would implement this.

8. Item: Study examples from other airports.
Recommendation: GTAA and members to add items of interest to agenda.
Toby Lennox commented that we can look at a way of communicating information on our website. GTAA will report back.
9. Item: NMC is not to be captured by GTAA
Recommendation: Members encouraged to add items, have resident act as co-chair.
Larry Perlman commented that it would add some responsibility on non-GTAA members. Toby Lennox mentioned that perhaps this is better addressed by a discussion. Is the committee achieving what it is required? Refer this issue in context of dealing with Terms of Reference. Gordon Stewart mentioned that it was up to the Chairman to ensure committee work gets done. Toby Lennox reported that the object of committee is conduct of GTAA and Chairman is responsible for GTAA's business. Larry Perlman proposed a co-chair to represent the interests of non-GTAA members and their perspective. After discussion members determined to continue status quo.

3.2 Toronto Region Conservation Authority Update

Toby Lennox informed members that we are continuing work on the TRCA plan, and we will update as this project progresses.

3.3 Annual Noise Report

Members were provided with an electronic copy of the Annual Noise Report in August, 2007. Toby Lennox asked for comments and Richard Poersch requested an explanation of the decision to grant operating extensions to 0300 hrs. Eric Tolton responded that restrictions are in place and depending on the issue it is the discretion of the Duty Manager to make a decision based on numerous factors. As there were no further comments, Toby advised that the GTAA will print the report.

4. UPDATE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All Members

There were no updates.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandra Fairman from NOPAC commented that exemptions are not the issue. It's the regular daily grind of noise that bothers most people.



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6. *CORRESPONDENCE & NEWS*

6.1 **Article – Mississauga Cogeneration Plant**

Toby Lennox mentioned that we may be able to provide a tour in 2008.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Toby Lennox proposed that the committee meet four times a year, plus one public event as it is challenging for all to attend to committee business. Gordon Stewart indicated that this would not allow the committee to address all of the issues, and recommended we continue with the current schedule of five times per year. All members agreed with this schedule.

The Meeting was adjourned.

The next NMC will be **December 12, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.**

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