



Noise Management Committee
February 7, 2007 - Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members

Lorrie McKee (Chair)	GTAA, General Manager, Government Affairs
Brad Green	City of Brampton Resident
Councillor Sue McFadden	City of Mississauga
Councillor Maja Prentice	City of Mississauga
Tina Rizzutto-Willan	City of Mississauga Resident
Councillor John Sprovieri	City of Brampton
Gordon Stewart	City of Mississauga Resident
David Thomas	City of Brampton Resident

Alternates

David Cavaco	City of Toronto (Councillor Suzan Hall)
Andrew Pask	City of Toronto (Councillor Rob Ford)

Absent

VACANT	City of Toronto Resident
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Technical Members

Clifford Frank	Transport Canada
Brian Harkness	Air Canada – Pilot
Christina Lo	City of Brampton
Ron Miller	City of Mississauga
Dave Mastel	NAV Canada

Also Present

Kent Cousins	Toronto Resident	Josh Colle	GTAA
Derek Gray	GTAA	Bill Kanyo	Morningstar Air Express
Ron King	Transport Canada	Madeleine Lim	GTAA
Michael MacWilliam	GTAA	Lloyd McCoomb	GTAA
James Morrison	GTAA	Romko Rysyk	Toronto Resident
George Thackray	GTAA	Eric Tolton	GTAA

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Next Meeting:

April 11, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Location:

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1. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Lorrie McKee

1.1 Welcome and Roll Call

Lorrie McKee welcomed all in attendance and Josh Colle conducted the roll.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Councillor Prentice asked that the agenda be amended to include an in-camera session for committee members. The agenda was approved as amended.

1.3 Review and Approval of December 6, 2006 Minutes

The December 6, 2006 minutes were approved as presented.

1.4 Matters arising from previous meetings

The committee reviewed action items from previous meetings.

December 6, 2006

NMC members requested that a copy of the NMC resolution be forwarded to Ministers Flaherty and Cannon and appropriate local MPs. GTAA staff sent a copy of the resolution and correspondence as requested. Tina Rizzuto-Willan restated the importance of fines being redirected to the GTAA. Gordon Stewart and Lorrie McKee underscored the importance of the advocacy role of the NMC.

Gordon Stewart asked that the committee be updated on the Morningstar and Prop turn procedure changes / trials. Updates were provided for the committee as agenda items 3.2 and 3.3 on the February 7 agenda.

Brad Green and Gordon Stewart requested that the GTAA consider the unique pitch of the propeller aircraft as they assess the proposed procedure change. GTAA staff has taken this issue into consideration, has conferred with Air Georgian and will monitor this potential impact. This item was reviewed as item 3.3 on the February agenda.

Councillor Prentice requested that a summary be provided detailing the topics and attendance levels at recent noise workshops and seminars. A summary was prepared and was discussed as Item 3.4 on the February agenda. Councillor Prentice noted that attendance is declining for workshops and forums and that the GTAA should bring a recommendation back to the NMC. Tina Rizzuto-Willan felt that the advertising needed to improve and the GTAA should consider portable signage in key areas. Gordon Stewart recommended targeting people who have lodged complaints or attended previous public events.

Councillor Prentice requested an investigation into an early morning flight that impacted her neighbourhood on November 30 or December 1. GTAA staff investigated the matter and details were provided to the councillor on December 27, 2006.

NMC members requested that copies of both flight procedure presentations be attached to the meeting minutes. Copies of the presentation were attached to the December 6, 2006 minutes.

June 14, 2006

David Cavaco suggested that the City of Mississauga report back to the NMC once the aircraft noise warning signs have been installed. GTAA staff will coordinate a follow up briefing from City staff at a future NMC meeting.

January 11, 2006

NMC members asked for an update regarding the installation of the Humberwood Noise Monitoring Terminal. Installation of the terminal is expected to begin shortly.

June 8, 2005

Steve Shaw indicated that the GTAA will continue to work with the City of Toronto to fill vacancies on the NMC. Interviews have been conducted by the City and citizen appointments will be made by the City of Toronto over the coming weeks.

2. *REGULAR ITEMS*

2.1 *Passenger/Aircraft Movement Statistics*

Lorrie McKee updated the committee on passenger and aircraft movement statistics. Passenger traffic reached a record high 30.97 million passengers in 2006, an increase of 3.5% compared to 2005. December traffic was 6.4% higher than 2005, bolstered by domestic growth of 7.4%. Both international and transborder traffic showed strong growth in December at 6% and 5.5% respectively.

Aircraft movements increased by 2.1% for the year and by 5.2% for the month of December.

2.2 *Complaint Statistics*

Complaint statistics and maps for November and December 2006 were provided with the agenda. Charts for Runway 15R/33L use were included for both utilization and hours of use. Note that final 2006 statistics summaries were also included.

2.3 *GTAA and Transport Canada Enforcement Activities*

2006 and 2005 summaries of GTAA investigations were included with the agenda.

2.4 *Exemption and Extension Statistics*

Copies of the exemption and extension statistics were attached for members to review.

3.

GTAA UPDATE

3.1 NMC Focus on the Environment / Environmental Issues

Lorrie McKee noted that the recently approved terms of reference saw a change in the mandate of the committee that reflects the increasing focus on environmental issues. The committee's focus on ways to mitigate the effects of aircraft operations on surrounding communities will not be limited to aircraft noise.

The GTAA takes extensive measures to minimize the impact of airport operations on the natural environment and local community. Incorporating environmental sensitivity into the GTAA's mission statement ensures that the environment is taken into consideration during day-to-day activities. This record of environmental sensitivity was recognized by Toronto Pearson becoming the first North American airport to receive ISO 14001 certification. This commitment has included large investments in stormwater management and deicing facilities, which this committee has toured.

The Toronto Pearson air quality study was also led by a sub-committee of the NMC. The GTAA has also partnered with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) on an initiative to restore the Etobicoke Creek that runs through the Airport. It is planned to have the TRCA appear before the NMC later in the year to review this project and potential future collaborations.

The GTAA also recognizes that going forward, environmental issues will be of growing importance and this committee can continue to play an important role in ensuring that the GTAA and Toronto Pearson are responsive to environmental issues.

3.2 FedEx / Morningstar Trial Update

At the last two NMC meetings, the committee reviewed GTAA noise management's efforts to implement an adjustment to FedEx procedures flown by Morningstar to mitigate the effects of aircraft activity. The Committee indicated support for this direction and focus. As discussed at the meeting, some operational and environmental benefits were realized, but the NMC committed to continue to monitor the new procedure and to collect more data. Michael MacWilliam updated committee members further on the impacts of the changes to the existing FedEx / Morningstar procedures that have been implemented.

3.3 Propeller Departure Procedures

At the last NMC, the committee discussed proposed changes to the existing Georgian Airlines propeller aircraft departure procedures. These possible changes are being suggested by the airline in an effort to further mitigate the impacts of aircraft noise on affected communities and to realize operational efficiencies, thereby reducing fuel emissions.

Since the committee last met, the new procedure was implemented and Michael MacWilliam updated the NMC on the impacts to date. With the trial having just begun it was noted that there had yet to be any complaints from residents. Gordon Stewart

stressed that these engines are very noisy and that the GTAA should again speak to Georgian about changes to power settings.

3.4 NMC Public Workshop and Forum Summary

At the December NMC meeting, members discussed the benefits of continuing to hold four public workshops and forums each year in light of declining attendance. A summary of the public workshops and forums that have been held over the last several years was included with the agenda. Please see Preliminary Items, 1.4.

3.5 NMC Resolution – Noise Enforcement Fines

At the December NMC meeting, the NMC passed a resolution requesting that Transport Canada redirect fines collected from noise infractions to local noise mitigation programs. A letter was sent to Transport Canada and they replied indicating that they could not accommodate the committee's request.

The NMC subsequently asked that a letter outlining this request be sent to local MPs and copied to the Ministers of Finance and Transport. A copy of the letter was attached to the agenda. NMC members will be kept abreast of any response(s).

3.6 GTAA Master Plan Consultation Update

Lorrie McKee informed committee members that the GTAA is in the process of updating the Master Plan for Toronto Pearson. As part of this process, the GTAA is committed to consulting with affected stakeholders on the development of this revised Master Plan, including members of the NMC.

It was suggested that a copy of the public and stakeholder invitations be e-mailed to NMC members for review.

4. *CORRESPONDENCE*

4.1 Toronto Star Article

December 14, 2006 Toronto Star article regarding significant funding for developing more fuel efficient and environmentally friendly aircraft engines.

4.4 Ms. Laurel Broten, MPP, Minister of the Environment

Correspondence between the GTAA and the Provincial Minister of Environment regarding Ministry representation on the NMC.

5. *UPDATE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS*

Councillor Sprovieri made note of a complaint he had received from a resident in the "D" section of Bramalea and indicated he would forward the information on to GTAA officials.

Councillor Prentice mentioned that the City of Mississauga is in the process of interviewing citizen candidates for membership on the NMC.

Dave Mastel extended an invitation to Councillor McFadden for a tour of NAV Canada.

David Cavaco asked that maps detailing runway configurations be available at all NMC meetings.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kent Cousins, a City of Toronto resident who resides in the Jane and Dundas area indicated that he has noticed an increase in air traffic over his neighbourhood and wondered what had changed to cause this situation. Mr. Cousins indicated that there was virtually no noticeable air traffic one year ago.

GTAA representatives agreed to speak to Mr. Cousins after the meeting and would report back to the NMC.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next NMC will be on **April 11, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.**