

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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GTAA reports strong passenger growth in 2015

Passenger volumes grew by 6.4 per cent during 2015 as compared to 2014, reflecting both the economic strength of the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario and Canada, and the role of Toronto Pearson as Canada's largest airport and as North America's second busiest airport in terms of international passengers.

Toronto Pearson remained firmly in place as North America's second largest international gateway, second only to New York's JFK, which reported 30 million international passengers, a 6.2 per cent increase from 2014.

In March, the GTAA published a [news release](#) announcing its financial and operational results from 2015.

Regional Airports Strategy

The GTAA continues to meet with regional airports in Southern Ontario to develop a collaborative Regional Airport and Ground Transportation Strategy, holding their third workshop later this month.

Read more about how the GTAA and other airports are working together to address the long-term demand for air travel in our region in a report by Urban Strategies Inc.: [Growth, Connectivity, Capacity: The future of a key regional asset](#).

Skies Magazine recently published [an article on the regional airports strategy](#) and what this could mean for other airports in Southern Ontario.

Talking Transit

As Southern Ontario continues to grow economically and in population size, it requires better transit and connectivity to keep people and goods moving. The GTAA is actively involved in discussions with all levels of government, policymakers, and planners to advocate for better transit and more transit options for the airport and its surrounding employment zone.

Aviation Summit

In February, GTAA President and CEO Howard Eng participated in a panel event sponsored by Toronto Pearson, called *Air to Ground and Beyond: Connecting Airports with Regional Transportation* at the Toronto Region Board of Trade second Annual Aviation Summit.



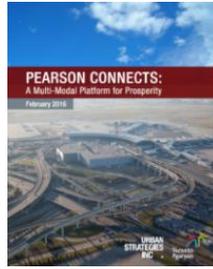
He was joined by Bonnie Crombie, Mayor, City of Mississauga; Peter Milczyn, MPP Etobicoke-Lakeshore, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development,

Employment and Infrastructure; and Leslie Woo, Chief Planning Officer, Metrolinx.

Pearson Connects: Better transit for Toronto Pearson

The area surrounding Toronto Pearson is the second largest employment zone in Canada –with more jobs than the central business districts of Montreal, Vancouver or Calgary. Thousands of passengers also travel to and from the airport each day – and 92 per cent of these people use cars.

The GTAA worked with Toronto-based urban planning firm Urban Strategies Inc. on a report published earlier this year — [Pearson Connects: A Multi-Modal Hub to Prosperity](#) — examining the economic, social, and environmental benefits of a multi-modal travel hub at Toronto Pearson, the Pearson Hub. The Hub concept has already [been endorsed](#) by Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie.

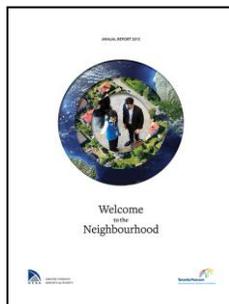


Employers advocate for better transit

Recognizing the value of speaking with one voice to policymakers, the GTAA helped to establish the Airport Employment Zone Coalition, a group of individuals, industries, employers, labour groups and other organizations dedicated to improving transit connectivity to the western Greater Toronto Area, specifically the Airport Employment Zone around Toronto Pearson. The group sent [a letter](#) to Toronto Mayor John Tory and members of Toronto's Executive Committee in March, advocating for the development of a Pearson Hub that would connect various transit lines, facilitating regional connectivity between Toronto, Kitchener Waterloo, Mississauga, and Brampton.

Welcome to the neighbourhood: 2015 GTAA Annual Report

The GTAA has published its [2015 Annual Report: Welcome to the Neighbourhood](#). The report integrates the GTAA's Corporate Responsibility performance, outlining its ongoing efforts in 2015 to be a good neighbour while growing the airport to meet the needs of its passengers and the Canadian economy.



Air Services

On May 19, **Air Canada** launched a seasonal service to London Gatwick, Prague and Portland, Oregon, along with year-round service to Jacksonville, Florida, Salt Lake City and Incheon, Korea.

On May 11, **Wow Air** began offering five times-weekly service from Toronto to Reyjavik, Iceland (KEF), with connections to 23 destinations in Europe and North America.

On May 6, **WestJet** began its new non-stop route from Toronto Pearson to London Gatwick year-round.

On April 21, **Brussels Airlines** began operating from Terminal 1, offering five times weekly service from Toronto to Brussels Airport and greater connectivity to numerous destinations in Europe and Africa.

On March 27, **Jet Airways** began providing a service to Amsterdam (Schiphol).

In March, **WestJet** launched new routes to Boston Logan and London International (Ontario).

Retail and Service Offerings

One Minute Convenience

This March a new convenience store opened in the domestic arrivals area of Terminal 3 for passengers and employees, selling an assortment of hot and cold food on the go, beverages, travel essentials, and over-the-counter items.

Enhanced transit centre opens

Employees and passengers who use public transit to travel to the airport can now enjoy a more comfortable wait.

The enhanced transit centre in Terminal 1 opened in January, providing more clearly identified waiting areas, heated shelters, area and route maps, fare machines and digital wait time screens.

The enhanced waiting area is available for users of GO Transit, TTC, Brampton and Mississauga Transit, departing from Terminal 1.



Community Noise Impacts Report

As the airport continues to grow to support our economy, the GTAA is sensitive to the issue of aircraft noise and how it affects our local communities. Since assuming responsibility for the airport in 1996, the GTAA has worked to balance safety and airport operations with the interests of area residents, and to coordinate with the aviation community to manage and mitigate aircraft noise.

Below is a map that provides a snapshot of the complaints received from neighbouring communities in the first quarter of 2016 and total complaints from the fourth quarter of 2015.

