

**Greater Toronto Airports Authority
Consultative Committee**

Tuesday, February 8, 2005 – *Record of Meeting*

CHAIRMAN: Steve Shaw GTAA, Vice President Corporate Affairs

ATTENDANCE:

Core Members

Tom AppaRao	Peel Region
Bill Clark	Brampton Board of Trade
Councillor Maja Prentice	City of Mississauga
Wayne Barrett	Mississauga Board of Trade
Darija Scott	Toronto Board of Trade

Alternate Members

Dave Cavaco for Councillor Suzan Hall, City of Toronto

Resource Members

Lucy Butts	Transport Canada
Larry Petovello	City of Mississauga
Pam Versteeg	Tourism Toronto

ALSO PRESENT:

Lorrie McKee	GTAA	Eric Tolton	GTAA
George Thackray	GTAA	Gord Deska	Transport Canada

Distribution

Regional Chairs:	Durham; Halton, Peel, and York
Mayors:	Brampton, Mississauga, and Toronto
Other Interested parties:	On request

NEXT MEETING: **MAY 10, 2005 AT 4:00 P.M.**

LOCATION: GTAA Corporate Headquarters, 3111 Convair Drive

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1. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

1.1 Welcome & Roll Call

Steve Shaw brought the meeting to order advising that we had yet to achieve quorum and the meeting would continue on an informal basis. Sarah Mitchell conducted the roll.

1.2 Approval of February 8th Agenda

Due to the lack of quorum the agenda cannot be adopted.

1.3 Approval of December 14th Minutes

Due to the lack of quorum the minutes of December 14th will have to be deferred to the next meeting.

1.4 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Mr. Shaw covered off the following completed items:

- 1) Mr. Barrett had asked for the 1997 projected cost per emplaned passenger. Mr. Shaw advised that this is Agenda Item 4.3.
- 2) Mr. Barrett had also requested information on 2005 Ground Rent, rent increases and cost reduction efforts. Mr Shaw advised that this is GTAA CC Briefing Note 4, provided as Agenda Item 4.2.
- 3) Mr. Barrett and Mr. AppaRao had suggested that a letter be sent regarding improved access to Toronto Pearson. Mr. Shaw advised that this is Agenda Item 4.7.
- 4) Mr. Shaw had requested Economic Development Staff from each municipality to work with the GTAA on an Economic Development Study and Term of Reference. This is Agenda Item 4.1.
- 5) Ms. McKee had agreed to provide a copy of the joint IATA / ATAC letter that cites Toronto Pearson fee increases of 208%. Mr. Shaw advised that this is Agenda Item 4.4.
- 6) Ms. McKee had recommended providing members with points in support of the Pickering Project. Mr. Shaw advised that this is GTAA CC Briefing Note 5, provided as Agenda Item 4.5
- 7) Mr. Barrett had expressed concern re: negative impact on general aviation at Toronto Pearson. Mr Shaw advised that this is Agenda Item 4.6.

Ms. Scott requested a copy of the Pickering Presentation slides from the December 14th meeting. These have been attached to the minutes.

2. ISSUES UPDATE

2.1 GTAA Issues Update

Mr. AppaRao asked about the timing on the Air Rail Link. Mr. Shaw advised that it possibly could be completed by 2007/2008 but indicated the project is not yet certain to proceed.

Mr. Clark asked when the Hammerhead at Pier F would open. Mr. Shaw advised this will most likely occur early 2007.

Mr. Shaw added that passenger numbers continue to grow, and in 2004, Toronto Pearson handled 28.9 million passengers. Mr. Shaw advised that this is close to a 16% increase,

reminding the committee that Toronto Pearson had further to come back after 9/11 due to the effects of SARS. Ms. Scott asked for a list of the top 30 airports prior to 9/11 and the current top 30 airports. Mr. Shaw advised that Toronto was 25 in the world prior to 9/11 and is now 28th.

3. COMMUNITY UPDATE

3.1 Voting Members Update

Mr. Cavaco expressed Councillor Hall's regrets, advising that she was attending an Etobicoke / York Community Council meeting. Mr. Cavaco advised that the City of Toronto nominations for the GTAA Board of Directors issue was deferred by Toronto City Council until January 16th, and the amendments were not discussed. He added that Councillor Ashton, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, would like the GTAA to waive its requirement for nominators to submit the names of three candidates for appointment and accept one name. Mr. Shaw advised that the GTAA bylaws require nominators to put forward three names so that the Board of Directors can ensure that the board is comprised of members with the right skill sets, adding that the bylaws also prohibit elected officials from being appointed until 2 years following their last term of office and municipal employees until 1 year following the end of their employment.

Councillor Prentice asked if this was similar to a situation with the Region of Peel nominations. Mr. Shaw indicated the bylaw requirements cover all municipal nominators and advised that the nominating process works well, and should ensure the board reflects the make up of our community with the necessary range of skill sets.

Ms. Scott asked when the nominations were due. Mr. Shaw advised that nominations were due to the GTAA by January 31st. Mr. Shaw clarified that there are five positions up for nomination; three current board members are eligible for re-nomination, plus one new member from the City of Toronto, and one new member from York Region.

Mr. AppaRao asked if the board structure is the same at all Canadian airports. Mr. Shaw advised that it is similar and that most boards had changed their bylaws to reflect the requirement of Bill C27 which lapsed with the last Parliament, but there is flexibility to reflect the make up of the communities.

Mr. Clark advised that the Brampton Board of Trade, Public Affairs Committee has several issues of interest, including the ongoing debate with ATAC – IATA and the GTAA regarding rates and charges and the federal government Ground Rent. Mr. Shaw thanked the Brampton Board of Trade for the letter regarding GTAA rates and charges.

Mr. AppaRao asked if Ground Rent was the same at all Canadian Airports. Mr. Shaw advised that Ground Rent is based on the last year of Transport Canada control, and the revenues Transport Canada received from the operation of the airport. He added that in 2003 the GTAA paid approximately \$5.07 per passenger, where as Montreal paid \$0.54 per passenger. Ms. Butts added that Transport Canada is looking at Ground Rent and a formula to make it fairer across the board.

Councillor Prentice and Mr. Petovello requested that the GTAA clarify the issue of property taxes on leased lands. Ms. McKee agreed to look into this.

Ms. Scott advised that the Toronto Board of Trade has sent letters supporting a reduction in Ground Rent and will provide copies. She added that the Toronto Board of Trade is pleased to see increased communications between the GTAA and the City of Toronto. Ms. Scott then advised that the Toronto Board of Trade is in favour of changes to the U.S. Federal Immigration Services (FIS), including reducing wait times and staffing. She added that the Toronto Board of Trade also supports open skies and bilateral agreements. Mr. Shaw thanked the Toronto Board of Trade for its continued support on these issues.

Mr. AppaRao advised that the Region of Peel's Official Plan update, including the Transportation study, has been a success. He advised that Peel will be moving to implement a long range transportation plan and will be making a presentation to Peel Council in early spring.

3.2 Technical Members Update

Ms. Versteeg advised that Tourism Toronto have a number of initiatives underway designed to attract foreign travellers, with a focus on Asia. Mr. Tolton added that Air Canada will be operating three times a week directly to Beijing.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Economic Development Study

Mr. Shaw advised that a sub committee is being convened to pursue an Economic Development Study for Toronto Pearson and will include staff members from Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto.

Mr. AppaRao asked what the objective was. Mr. Shaw advised that this had come out of the economic development study that was done for Pickering and reveals the opportunities generated by an airport and the synergies possible if the airport operator and local adjacent municipalities work together.

4.2 Rent and Costs Backgrounder

Mr. Shaw advised that this was in response to Mr. Barrett's request at the December 14th meeting. He added that the attached GTAA CC Briefing Note, Note 4 has been prepared explaining rates and charges as well as Ground Rent information.

Councillor Prentice asked for a breakdown of the 2004 costs. Mr. Shaw advised that this information will be available in a couple of months when the 2004 annual report is released and agreed to provide copies to CC members.

4.3 Emplanement Comparisons

There was no discussion on this item.

4.4 IATA Letter & Brampton Board of Trade Response

This was discussed under Agenda Item 3.0 Community Update.

4.5 Pickering Briefing Note

Mr. Shaw advised that GTAA CC Briefing Note, Note 5 has been prepared to provide members with highlight points on the Pickering Project as requested at the December 14th meeting.

4.6 General Aviation (GA) Activity Information

Mr. Shaw advised that currently, GA traffic at Pearson is approximately 10-12% of total movements, or 45,000 movements. As Pearson traffic grows, GA traffic is expected to continue to grow and remain 10-12% of total movements. By 2020-2025, GA movements at Pearson are expected to reach a capacity of 70,000 movements. It is assumed that GA movements in excess of 70,000 would shift to Pickering.

4.7 Improved Access to Toronto Pearson Letter

A letter regarding improved access to Toronto Pearson was reviewed and approved by the CC. It will be sent to the Minister of Transport, The Minister of Transportation, Brampton, Mississauga, & Toronto Mayors, Regional Chairs, and the TTC.

Councillor Prentice requested that this also letter be sent to Go Transit. This was included in the distribution.

4.8 Gateway Council of Southern Ontario

Mr. Shaw advised that the GTAA had recently agreed to become a voting member of the newly created Gateway Council of Southern Ontario. He advised that as things develop he will keep the committee up to date.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the GTAA CC will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.