

# **Consultative Committee**

# **Minutes**

**Date:** March 22, 2022

**Location:** Virtually, Microsoft Teams

Chair: Michael Mendel, Manager, Government Affairs & Stakeholder Relations

**Attendees:** Brad Bradford, Councillor, City of Toronto

Brad Butt, Mississauga Board of Trade

Avery Campbell, Association of Canadian Travel Agencies (ACTA) Ontario

Chris Fonseca, Councillor, City of Mississauga Aylin Lusi, Toronto Region Board of Trade Trevor McPherson, Mississauga Board of Trade

Savik Ramkay, Seneca Collage

Shane Rayman, City of Toronto resident

Sabbir Saiyed, Peel Region

Badar R. Shamim, Brampton Board of Trade Darrel Shipp, City of Mississauga resident

Steven Tufts, Brampton Mississauga & District Labour Council

Jonathan Wheatle, Region of York

**Regrets:** John Davidson, Regional Municipality of Halton

Simon Gill, Region of Durham

Oscar Rodriguez, City of Brampton resident Harkirat Singh, Councillor, City of Brampton

**Resource** Suzanne Acton-Gervias, NACC

Members: Alessandra Bianchi, Ministry of Transportation

Amanda Chum, Transport Canada

Walter Garrison, City of Mississauga (alternate)

Daryl Van Moorsel, City of Brampton

ResourceHarold Dremin, City of MississaugaMembersDenise McClure, City of BramptonAbsent:Caroline Polgrabia, Ministry of Tourism

Also in Ingrid Pringle, Management Assistant, GTAA

Attendance Eileen Waechter, Director, Corporate Relations and Strategic Partnerships, GTAA

Stuart Bricknell, Director, Engineering and Architectural Services, GTAA Neal Samuel, Associate Director, Operation Delivery and Readiness, GTAA Andrew Payter, Manager, Aviation Programs and Coordination, GTAA

Ruba Al-Nazer, Manager, Community Investment, GTAA

Fares Khouri, Coordinator, Public Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, GTAA

Margaret Tomei, Ministry of Transportation

#### Item Details

#### 1.0 PRELIMINARY ITEMS

- Welcome and roll call conducted by Michael Mendel.
  - Michael welcomed the following new members to the committee

## **Resource member**

- Suzanne Acton-Gervias, Interim President and CEO NACC will be replacing Francesa lacurto, who has moved on to a new job.
- Denise McClure, Senior Manager, Economic Development, City of Brampton will be replacing Daryl Van Moorsel (who has changed roles) on an interim basis until a replacement is named.
- Dave Parco, NavCanada has retired. New person to be named for next meeting.
- Matt McNama has moved on from Destination Toronto. New person to be named for next meeting.
- Review and Approval of March 22, 2022 agenda moved J. Wheattle, seconded C. Fonseca.
- Review and Approval of December 7, 2021 minutes as amended moved S. Rayman, seconded S. Saiyad.

Agenda was amended to remove John Sharpe, Director, Operations Planning, GTAA and Robyn Connelly, Director, Sustainability and Social Impact as presenters.

- 1.4 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting December 7, 2021.
  - Provide copy of Wendy Paradis's presentation to committee members
    - Copy of Wendy Paradis's presentation emailed to committee members on December 9,
       2021
  - Ivan Battye, Durham Region resident, requested a copy of the 5-year performance review to be posted to the website and Ground Lease to be updated with Amendment 15.
    - The Updated Ground lease was posted to the website on December 17, 2021, and the 5year performance review was posted to the website on January 19, 2022.

#### 2.0 REGULAR ITEMS

- 2.1 GTAA Information Update.
  - GTAA Information Update was made available at the meeting.
  - Update can be found here.

# 3.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

# 3.1 2022 Airside Maintenance Update – Rehabilitating Runway 06L/24R

- Neal Samuel, Associate Director, Operation Delivery and Readiness, GTAA, and Stuart Bricknell, Director, Engineering and Architectural Services, GTAA, provided an update on the upcoming construction on Runway 06L/24R.
- The presentation can be found here.

### **Action item**

Stuart Bricknell to provide the estimated person hours for the rehabilitation project.

# 3.2 Toronto Pearson Airport Workforce Strategy and Playbook

- Ruba Al-Nazer, Manager, Community Investment, GTAA, provided an update on the Workforce Strategy and Playbook.
- The presentation can be found here.

#### 4.0 MEMBERS UPDATE

## Region of York – Jonathan Wheattle

In December, York Region invested \$1.5M in Venture Lab, in support of an initiative called Hardware Catalyst Initiative, that is focused on attracting international hardware companies and semiconductor companies. Expect to create 145 new jobs with this new program. Promoting the auto tech center in York Region through our first promotional piece in Site Selection magazine. Collision 2022 will be in Toronto in June and York Region will be participating. This is a major opportunity for tech-oriented talent attraction and investment attraction from an entrepreneurial perspective. York Region has also developed a job portal in collaboration with workforce planning board at York Region.

### **Action item**

Jonathan to share link to York Region's job portal.

# • Toronto Region Board of Trade - Aylin Lusi

 Number of events coming up for the Toronto Region Board of Trade. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, in person event with Minister Ng and an MP from the United Kingdom about Canada and UK leading the world on modern and inclusive trade. Workforce summit on Closing the Talent Gap on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Finally on March 31<sup>st</sup> there is a workshop on artificial intelligence: The New Frontier for Scenario Planning.

## • Brampton Board of Trade - Badar Shamim

Business community members have been active in spurring economic recovery. Brampton has been promoting a bold vision of the downtown core. Revisioning and rebuilding the downtown core as an innovation district. Brampton has launched a space research cluster, anchored by MDA Robotics to attract more aerospace businesses. Brampton Board of Trade will be holding the Business Excellence Awards event on May 5, 2022. Open invitation for any member of Consultative Committee to visit MDA Robotics.

#### • Ministry of Transportation - Alessandra Bianchi

Since February 2021, Transport Canada has convened all the provinces and territories to document and assess the state of the air transportation sector and the state of its recovery coming out of the pandemic. Part of the objectives was to identify, for the Federal, Provincial and Territorial governments, the conditions necessary for the successful safe recovery of air travel in Canada. Communique and summary findings can be found on the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety or COMT.ca. Top

findings include the need for continued collaboration between all levels of governments to identify the need for future interventions, providing timely communications, monitoring the pace of recovery and provide consistent communications on health and safety measures related to both domestic and international air transportation.

## City of Mississauga – Councillor Chris Fonseca

O Congratulations to the GTAA on the recent federal investment announcement. Also, a thank you for the way that the upcoming construction communication has been undertaken and the commitment to continue to inform the community and elected officials. City of Mississauga is moving forward with a very assertive transportation plan which includes active transportation. Looking to collaborate in any way possible on transportation in and out of the airport and taking a regional approach to get people commuting to their jobs at the airport or in an around the airport and those who are flying. This includes transportation by bus, LRT and by bike. Launched an ideamississauga.ca, which is a Mississauga Innovation District starting in the downtown core and with local BIAs. Strategies to recruit, retain and advance talent in the City of Mississauga and business and employment areas around the city. Involved in an equity, diversity collaborative to recruit, retain, advance and support all members of the community.

# • Transport Canada – Amanda Chum

Congratulations on behalf of Transport Canada on recent federal funding announcement.
 Looking forward to following the recovery of the airport as we continue to move into the next phase of the pandemic.

## Region of Peel – Sabbir Saiyed

o Recently completed a successful workshop for the Peel Goods Movement Task Force and as per our Council direction, we focused this workshop on truck parking. Presentations were made by various partners including the Town of Caledon, City of Brampton and the Ontario Trucking Association among other private sector members. We will be preparing a short summary on the outcome of the workshop on truck parking. Region of Peel is conducting a comprehensive transportation masterplan building on the master plans from the cities of Mississauga, Brampton, and the Town of Caledon to ensure the region's transportation needs are met into 2051.

#### NAAC – Suzanne Acton-Gervias

NAAC welcomed the announcement of the removal of predeparture testing at airports as
of April 1<sup>st</sup>. This will encourage the recovery of tourism, leisure travel and business travel
including employers allowing their workers to travel abroad with the reassurance that they
will be able to return on time.

# Seneca College – Savik Ramkay

This spring, there will be approximately 100 students in the diploma program and 25 in the graduating flight program. Many of the graduates are securing jobs with air carriers that have started hiring again. Also seeing interchanging between current jobs and new jobs. Sarah Arliss has been appointed the new chair of the aviation program at Seneca.

#### • Labour Council - Steven Tufts

TAWC and workers at Pearson are pleased to see recovery continue and passenger traffic increase. For many of the unionized workplaces, recall is almost complete. Still need to address the labour shortage over medium term due to workers that have left the sector. Somewhat excited about the recent ACIP announcement. Please to see the runway rehabilitation project moving forward and the transit hub is still alive. There are some questions about the transit hub and possible loss of jobs due to introduction of touchless technology. Cautiously optimistic about the confidence and supply arrangement made between the federal Liberals and NDP. Happy about the 10 paid sick days and the no scab workers at the federal level in the event of a strike.

## Mississauga Board of Trade – Trevor MacPherson

o Strategic planning and member consultation process still ongoing. Looking at future of the organization in terms of the value-added services we provide our members to make sure we are meeting the needs of our members. On March 11<sup>th</sup> we hosted Minister Alghabra. We appreciate the support of the GTAA and Deborah Flint being able to attend and participate at the event. On April 6<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting Steven Del Duca at a luncheon, CEO of Walmart Canada will be joining us for a fireside chat on April 7th. Minister Macleod will be hosted at a luncheon on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Our annual political reception will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Andrea Horwath will be joining us on April 25<sup>th</sup> and waiting for confirmation of a date for the Premier to join for an event. The Business Awards dinner is being held on May 5<sup>th</sup> and the Mayor's Address with be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## • City of Mississauga - Walter Garrison

 Advanced Transportation Manufacturing Summit will be held at the International Centre on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Anticipating 100 different companies from all over the world attending. This summit will focus on aerospace, auto and defense manufacturing.

### ACTA – Avery Campbell

O ACTA is pleased with the changes to the pre departure testing at last week's announcement. Members are seeing an increase in reservation activity. ACTA will be addressing the labour issue in the tourism sector. ACTA will be participating in IATA's Passenger Agency Programme Global Joint Council in Madrid. ACTA is also working on a comprehensive volunteer program to provide aid to Ukraine refugees.

#### • GTAA – Michael Mendel

Runway rehabilitation and Skills Development Funding have been covered during this meeting. Through our federal budget submission, we have asked for a reinvestment of airport rent and we are looking to reinvest all or part of the rent into strategic infrastructure projects at the airport. On the provincial budget, we have asked for transit funding to advance the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension to Toronto Pearson and Skills Development Funding that was presented on at this meeting.

# 5.0 ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned – Next meeting - June 7, 2022

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