



# Consultative Committee

## Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	December 6, 2022
<b>Location:</b>	Virtually, Microsoft Teams
<b>Chair:</b>	Lorrie McKee, Director, Public Affairs & Stakeholder Relations
<b>Attendees:</b>	Avery Campbell, Association of Canadian Travel Agencies (ACTA) Ontario Vincent Crisanti, Councillor, City of Toronto John Davidson, Regional Municipality of Halton Aylin Lusi, Toronto Region Board of Trade Amber Morley, Councillor, City of Toronto Savik Ramkay, Seneca Collage Shane Rayman, City of Toronto resident Badar R. Shamim, Brampton Board of Trade Steven Tufts, Brampton Mississauga & District Labour Council Jonathan Wheatle, Region of York
<b>Regrets:</b>	Chris Fonseca, Councillor, City of Mississauga Simon Gill, Region of Durham Trevor McPherson, Mississauga Board of Trade Oscar Rodriguez, City of Brampton resident Darrel Shipp, City of Mississauga resident
<b>Resource Members:</b>	Suzanne Acton-Gervais, NACC James Antler, Ministry of Tourism Jeffrey Pereira, Ministry of Transportation Christopher Brodtkin, Manager/Senior Policy Advisor, Transport Canada Amanda Chum, Transport Canada Bram Westfall, Ministry of Transportation
<b>Resource Members Absent:</b>	Paul Aldunate, City of Brampton Alessandra Bianchi, Ministry of Transportation Harold Dremin, City of Mississauga Walter Garrison, City of Mississauga (alternate) Caroline Polgrabia, Ministry of Tourism
<b>Also in Attendance</b>	Ingrid Pringle, Management Assistant, GTAA Robyn Connelly, Director, Sustainability and Social Impact, GTAA Michael Mendel, Manager, Government Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, GTAA Atul Sharma, Manager, Government Affairs Stakeholder Relations, GTAA Fares Khouri, Coordinator, Public Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, GTAA Amanda Da Costa, EA, Councillor Crisanti, City of Toronto Asli Mumin, Director of Constituency Affairs, Councillor Morley, City of Toronto Ivan Battye, Durham Region resident

Item	Details
<b>1.0</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY ITEMS</b>
<b>1.1</b>	Welcome and roll call conducted by Ingrid Pringle.
<b>1.2</b>	Review and Approval of December 6, 2022 agenda – moved B. Shamim, seconded J. Wheatle.
<b>1.3</b>	Review and Approval of September 13, 2022 minutes – moved J. Wheatle, seconded B. Shamim.
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – September 13, 2022.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Copy of GTAA’s submission to the Prime Minister’s task force to improve government services to be circulated to CC members</li><li>• Copy of David Paterson’s Toronto Star Article to be circulated to CC members</li><li>• Information on Toronto Pearson’s upcoming job fair to be circulated to committee members<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All above information was sent to CC members on September 14, 2022</li></ul></li><li>• Survey requesting input on format of future meetings to be sent to committee members.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due to municipal election and possible changes to the committee members, survey will be sent to members after the first meeting of 2023</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>REGULAR ITEMS</b>
<b>2.1</b>	<b>GTAA Information Update.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GTAA Information Update was provided to members by email prior to the meeting.</li><li>• Update can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Update on GTAA Operations and Future Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Michael Mendel, Manager, Government Affairs and Stakeholder Relations and Atul Sharma, Manager, Government Affairs, Stakeholder Relations, GTAA will provide an update on December Holiday Plans – Creating Efficiency at Toronto Pearson.</li><li>• The presentation can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li></ul>
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Airport Jobs – RAIC-Ready Pool of Workers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robyn Connelly, Director, Sustainability and Social Impact will share a presentation on Airport Jobs, RAIC Ready Pool of Workers.</li><li>• The presentation can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li></ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>MEMBERS UPDATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Brampton Board of Trade – Badar Shamim</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Brampton Board of Trade surveyed their members on their priorities and challenges are still being faced as they recover from COVID related shutdowns. Businesses continue to list supply chain hurdles, inflation, and labour shortages as their main issues. BBOT is engaging with the newly elected council and hope to have a council representative named to this committee soon. Transit continues to be a burning issue along with making sure the right orientation/accommodation infrastructure is in place for international students arriving in Canada. BBOT is hosting its first in person networking event on Thursday, December 8, 2022</li></ul></li></ul>

bringing together local, international trade-related businesses and inviting counsel generals and trade commissioners from both developed and developing markets.

- **Halton Region – John Davidson**

- Halton Region is holding its inaugural council meeting tomorrow, December 7, 2022 with four or five new members including new mayor for the Town of Halton Hills, Anne Lawlor. Halton Region has signed on to a three-year agreement with Toronto Global for foreign direct investment attraction. A lot of work is being done in response to Bill 23, which represents some significant changes to the structure of municipal planning responsibilities, a reduction in development charges, which will affect our municipal coffers. Halton wants to ensure that we can produce housing quickly as per the provincial government requirements. The budget for the Region will be presented in January and we are looking at a 3% increase, not including police services.

- **ACTA – Avery Campbell**

- ACTA held a successful series of tourism summits across the country. Travel agencies and travel agents have and are experiencing a significant amount of recovery over the last year. Recovery is now showing signs of leveling off. As one of the hardest hit sectors in the travel and tourism industry, it is struggling with deep labour shortages and significant challenges in tackling those issues. These issues were noted as critical in our federal pre-budget submission and our submission to the federal tourism growth strategy. ACTA is also focusing on potential debt relief programs for travel businesses that continue to face significant struggles and are not experiencing the rate of recovery that some others have experienced.

- **Labour Council – Steven Tufts**

- The TAWC and the unions at Pearson are pleased that the Federal Labour Code has come into effect. This will give all federally regulated workers 10 paid sick days per year. The unions have been made aware of the RAIC- Ready project and are supportive of the project. Labour shortages are still affecting a lot of industries and vendors related to Pearson, so a project that can fill jobs quickly is something that is appreciated by the unions. The one reservation that the unions have is the possibility of the system slowing down the processing of RAICs for workers who are already working and haven't received their permanent RAICs. It is a slow process and was quite slow during the labour shortage. We are happy to see the rebate program and the ability to educate newcomer workers on union labour rights at the entry level position.

- **City of Toronto – Councillor Crisanti**

- The City of Toronto has several new faces on council, and it is looking forward to welcoming and working with all the new councillors. The City is facing comparable challenges that everyone else is facing, and we look forward to working closely with the airport and the GTAA to do what we can to support giving the best possible experience for travellers at the airport. We have a lot of exciting things happening on developments close to the airport. The Woodbine Entertainment Complex sits on 750 acres and includes a new casino, two five-star hotels, and an entertainment venue opening before the end of 2023. The City is working very hard on the transit connection, extension of the current LRT and working together with the GTAA on getting the Finch West LRT to the airport.
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- **City of Toronto – Councillor Morley**
    - The City of Toronto is also dealing with the issues around Bill 23 and with our planning staff we are working to ensure that we can maintain mechanisms for growth, and to pay for that growth. This will be the focus of discussion at our next meeting of City Council on December 14, 2022.
  - **Toronto Region Board of Trade – Aylin Lusi**
    - Toronto Region Board of Trade are hosting two large events that may be of interest to the committee. The Business Competitiveness Gateway to Growth Summit will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> [Drafting Note: event was rescheduled to March 6]. This will be a full day in person event discussing how to maintain Toronto’s global competitiveness in a newly digitized age. There will also be a segment on the vision for the Pearson Economic Zone. Expected attendance to be approximately 400. The TRBOT Annual dinner will be held March 23. The transportation infrastructure committee is currently reaching out to members to finalize their agenda for 2023.
  - **York Region – Jonathan Wheatle**
    - York Regional Council has six new members from the recent municipal election. York Region has also signed a three-year agreement with Toronto Global and looking forward to working together. In early November, York Region attended the web summit in Portugal in collaboration with the City of Toronto, Toronto Global, Markham, Vaughan, and several other GTA stakeholders. York also has similar concerns as Halton Region, with Bill 23 and the uncertainty around it. We continue to hear from businesses in York Region that the talent challenge is top of mind. Acquisition, development and retention of talent is very competitive right now. York Region along with the Cities of Toronto and Markham attended the Elevate Ontario Festival in October showcasing talent opportunities, giving companies the opportunity to speak about what they are doing to be more visible to the right talent.
  - **Seneca College – Savik Ramkay**
    - We are back at the college next semester and will follow up on the RIAC-Ready Pool initiative.
  - **GTAA – Lorrie McKee**
    - The GTAA is working hard to put together the next 10-year strategic plan for the airport. Management is looking at what that means in terms of priorities for us and how we build back and grow the airport to meet travel demand. This includes determining what investments are required, and the potential to get the Government of Canada to agree to reinvest rent back into airport infrastructure. Specifics on our vision will start to roll out early next year. As part of our growth strategy, better transit connections to Pearson are going to be needed as we grow back to 50 million passengers. Funding for studies of the Eglinton Crosstown West has been confirmed by both the federal and provincial governments so that work is advancing. Next step would be moving towards capital funding for a connection from Renforth Station to the airport. We will continue to advance the work and talk about the need for better transit connections to Pearson.
  - **National Airlines Council of Canada – Susan Acton-Gervais**
    - NACC shares the joint goal of ensuring all travellers have a seamless travel experience and the objective is to ensure a safe, accessible, environmentally sustainable, expeditious and
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efficient travel experience for all travellers. NACC 's three key priority areas align with what was presented earlier by GTAA staff. Cross-border travel needs to be improved. Our views were shared with the Minister of Transport last week at the Air Sector Recovery Summit. An effective and full resolution is needed with the United States on Nexus. The program needs to be fully restored. The trusted traveller pilot programs must also be rolled out in all airports across the country. Government of Canada regulations need to keep pace with the changing technology for screening process. The Government of Canada needs to conduct a review of all fees and service charges, including reinvesting in Canada's airports and aviation system infrastructure. With the number of fees and service charges imposed on air travel in Canada, it makes Canada one of the most expensive countries from which to travel with by air. NACC is keen to work with airports and other stakeholders to implement climate change strategies as outlined in NACC's Climate Action Plan.

- **Durham Region Resident – Ivan Battye**

- My issue is the ongoing concern that I have expressed to you about the relationship of Oshawa and Pickering. Pickering has said publicly in their paperwork that a new Pickering airport is going to be built in 2036. Based on that information, Oshawa staff have dutifully gone forward to the Minister of Transport with two reports. One of them is a carve out and breakup the Oshawa airport, largely based upon their \$10 million debt. And the other one is to continue to operate and implement a set of noise restrictions at the Oshawa Airport, not dissimilar to those that Pearson has, however, they have no noise.

In reviewing the paperwork that the GTAA put out, 2036 is a canard. However, Johan van 't Hof, is a director of your operation and he partakes in an annual review with Durham Region of what's going on at your place. I know you know all about it. You have attended it. On June 6th, 2018, he said we have no concerns about an airport constructed in Pickering and on June the 4th, 2019, he said in response to a direct question about Pearson's 6th runway – "No. I confirm we have no plans for new runways".

Now both of those relate to Article 44 of Toronto Pearson's Ground Lease, which states:

'If the tenant is continuously and actively meeting any capacity and demand requirements for an airport and aviation service at the Airport, the landlord will not, construct and operate, during the term, an airport as a major International Airport within 75 kilometers from the point of perimeter of the lands.'

Pickering is within the 75 kilometers and there have been a large variety of statements of capacity. However, the current situation at Toronto Pearson and quoting directly from Pearson's airside system master plan, page 41, the six runway was approved as part of an assessment and has not been built. We will continue to monitor demands and later it says we will continue to protect for a 6th runway.

So, the basic question is, do you continue to protect for a 6th runway and the second question, is Article 44 up for being blown off? If you can pardon me for that. Are you standing by Article 44? Because I understand that Article 44 is basically a mode protection for your bondholders and debt holders which currently amounts to \$7 billion. Notwithstanding that Article 44 is in all ground leases for Canadian airport authorities and the combined debt has recently been reported as over \$15 billion. So, I cannot see that you can support that but I'm willing to listen to anything you have to say and as to plans for the 6th runway, I'd also like to know what your position is.

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**GTAA - Lorrie McKee**

- In terms of our master plan, you're right, it does contain a protection for a 6<sup>th</sup> runway and we, at this point, have no plans to build that six runway but it continues to exist in our master plan and that's what master plans do. They set forward a plan for the future. The current plan extends to 2037. That is a plan that we're required, through our ground lease, to review and update at least every 10 years. There are no active plans right now to build a 6<sup>th</sup> runway.
- To answer your other question, a lot has changed over the course of the pandemic. Aviation demand and our traffic has changed significantly, and you know as well as we do it's not the decision of the GTAA if an airport's built in Pickering. That is the decision of Transport Canada. I don't know if Transport Canada, Amanda, if you would like to tackle the Article 44 question on behalf of the Government of Canada in terms of what the leases mean.

**Transport Canada – Amanda Chum**

- The Pickering one isn't under my file, but I don't have any updates on the Pickering Lands this point.

**Ivan Battye**

- I understand perfectly well about the Minister's decision, but I cannot understand why any board member would make a comment like that. They're off the wall and they're unprofessional and there are ethics issues and I think that you should, and this committee should be taking that up with the board.

**GTAA - Lorrie McKee**

- We will make sure your comments are noted in our meeting minutes.

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**5.0 ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned – Next meeting – To be confirmed**

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