

# 2009 CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES - UPDATE

GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

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## Passenger Traffic and Aircraft Movement

May is usually considered the kickoff for the summer season because it's when traffic levels peak. However, due to the current economic slowdown and the H1N1 virus outbreak, traffic in May declined by 12 per cent compared to last year. This brings the decline in traffic to 7.6 per cent for the year.

Domestic traffic declined by 11 per cent in April and by 9.8 per cent for the year to date. Transborder passenger levels were lower by 15.8 per cent in May and by 11.5 per cent for the year. The international sector had a traffic reduction of 9.8 per cent, which brought the year to date decline to -0.7 per cent.

Aircraft activity, as measured by landings and takeoffs, was 6.3 per cent lower in May 2009 and 5.5 per cent lower for the year to date. These numbers are representative of seat capacity adjustments. If passenger traffic continues to be significantly lower than the seat reduction, the low load factors will pressure carriers to further decrease aircraft movement levels.

Early estimates of June passenger traffic indicate a decline of -10 per cent, which is a slight improvement over May, but remains well below annual expected levels.

## Air Services

Turkish Airlines started non-stop service to Istanbul, Turkey on July 11, providing three weekly direct flights to Toronto Pearson. The flights will be operated by a combination A330 and A340 aircraft

providing more than 1,600 seats a week in the market.

Air Canada plans to increase its China service this winter (2009-10) with increased frequencies to Beijing (from three to five weekly flights) and Shanghai (from four to five weekly flights). Air Canada will operate their B777 aircraft on both routes.

Starting August 14, 2009, Korean Air will further increase its service between Toronto and Seoul, South Korea with daily B777 service. This complements Korean Air's recent increase earlier this summer to five weekly flights.

WestJet Airlines announced major expansion to the US and International markets for the winter season, resulting in a significant increase in capacity on routes. Effective November 2, Westjet increases flights from Toronto-Bridgetown/Barbados to five weekly flights. Additionally, new Westjet routes include:

Toronto-Miami daily service (eff Oct. 21)

Toronto-Atlantic City daily service (eff Oct. 22)

Toronto-St. Maarten 3 weekly (eff Nov. 1)

Toronto-Varadero 3 weekly (eff Nov. 1)

Toronto-Freeport 2 weekly (eff Nov. 2)

Toronto-Holguin 2 weekly (eff Nov. 2)

Toronto-Cayo Coco 2 weekly (eff Nov. 4)

Toronto-Providenciales 2 weekly (eff Nov. 4)

Toronto-Cozumel 2 weekly (eff Dec. 10)

### **Automated People Mover Back in Service**

The Automated People Mover (APM), which provides transportation between the terminals and the reduced rate parking lot, is now back in service after scheduled maintenance work in May and June.

### **Community Environment and Noise Advisory Committee (CENAC)**

At the June 17 meeting, the GTAA gave a presentation about its night flight restriction program. Residents from various communities continue to express concerns about flight noise.

### **Consultative Committee (CC)**

At the Consultative Committee meeting on June 3, 2009, the GTAA gave a presentation on our benchmarking process—both internal and external—against other airports. Toby Lennox also gave a presentation on land use in the vicinity of airports to explain how airport operating areas have evolved and how the GTAA interacts with municipalities with respect to planning compatible land use.

### **Environment**

During Environment Week, June 1–5, GTAA employees attended various presentations—some given by Partners in Project Green—and participated in contests about Toronto's plastic bag bylaw, locally grown food, clean air day, Rivers to Oceans week and World Environment day.

During Clean Air Commute Week, June 22–26, GTAA employees carpooled, took transit, did their part to commute "greenly", and consequently helped save more than 350 tonnes of pollutants being emitted in the Greater Toronto Area.

### **Corporate Social Responsibility**

On June 13, 2009, the GTAA hosted the 2009 Runway Run on Runway 24L/6R. More than 2,000 people participated in a 5 km run or 2 km walk, and raised over \$100,000 for the Credit Valley

Hospital Foundation. An event of this magnitude does not happen without volunteers. The GTAA would like to thank nearly 100 airport employees, air cadets, Georgian College students and members of the local community who volunteered. Thanks to their enthusiasm and dedication, the 2009 Runway Run was a great success.

### **Art and Culture**

Gallery 120, across from Gate 120 in the Domestic Departures area of Terminal 1, has become home to two hundred and thirty-eight beavers; that is, model Beaver aircrafts. Ottawa artist Frank Shebageget, a member of the Ojibway nation and originally from northern Ontario, has created numerous installations of these basswood models of the deHavilland Beaver float plane at galleries across Canada. Curtain of Beavers was created specifically for Terminal 1. The conceptual background on this installation is a combination of references to Canada's aviation history, the colonial policies on northern Aboriginal development, and the personal and community narratives from Native communities. This conceptual framework speaks to both the historical and contemporary relevance of these planes to both Native and non-Native identity in Canada.

A new exhibition in three exhibition spaces in U.S. Departures and International Departures brings together innovative Canadian examples of socially responsible design, by both student and professional designers. Socially responsible design, whether focused on the individual or wider society, moves beyond economic and consumerist considerations to embrace ethical, emotional and humanitarian values. Highlights of the show include the beautiful and functional CISTA rainwater collector, Boomerang recycled paint, and the MISTING low flow tap.