



Airport Community Liaison Committee (A.C.L.C.) Minutes

Monday, June 14th, 2021 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Skype Meeting (virtual)

Present: Stephen Wilcox, Laura Moebs, Andy Armstrong, Alice Keenan, Diane Mash, Manny Rosario

Regrets: None

Meeting called to order at 2:10 PM

1. Review the previous meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve May 17, 2021 minutes approved.
2. Review the agenda
 - Motion to approve agenda – moved by Manny and second by Andy.
3. Discussion
 - Staff overviewed the status of all airport related business.
 - There was discussion regarding filling the vacancies on the A.C.L.C. committee. Staff will follow-up with Clerks before the next meeting to determine the next steps for filling the two Committee vacancies.
 - Staff explained that the commenting period has been closed and that the report that went to Committee on June 7th that recommended Council endorse the draft 2021-2022 Oshawa Executive Airport Plan will go to Council on June 21st. No changes were made by the Committee and it should be endorsed by Council.
 - There was a question regarding where the City stands with Transport Canada. Staff clarified that the City will be sending a letter to Transport Canada to make them aware that the City does not support a 3rd flight school and that we have increased flight traffic and the City continues to monitor the airport.
 - Staff indicated that the Mayor is writing a similar letter to the new Transport Minister to support new noise abatement procedures and to indicate that the City is looking for assistance. This letter should be sent out at the end of June 2021.
 - There was a question regarding if the Committee can write a letter to Transport Canada to comment on whatever letter the City decides to send out. Staff indicated that as individuals, committee members can submit whatever they wish but as a Committee, it wouldn't be appropriate. Committee members indicated that the City should have consulted with the Committee and would have liked to have been sent the letter at the same time as Transport Canada. It was clarified that as a user of the airport, anyone can send a letter on behalf of an individual.
4. Other Business
 - There was a discussion about the noise and air quality monitoring units. Staff indicated that the air quality monitoring units sound like a vacuum cleaner running (as it has a fan

in it). Staff met with some community members but some people didn't want the air quality units in their backyard because they were loud. The noise monitoring units are smaller and quieter and more people are willing to have these.

- There was a discussion on the proposed location of these units and it was indicated that they will be installed around July 1st.
- There was a question on how the City plans to control the units from a security perspective if located in a public park. Staff indicated that the units located in a park will have a fence around them to protect them from the public. Staff also explained that the units will run for 1 day on and then 1 day off due to provincial standards/requirements.
- There was a question about the cost of all the studies that have been completed to date on the airport. Staff do not have one comprehensive list of all the studies that have been completed. The airport website contains information on the various studies that have been completed, as well as the information would be contained in a variety of staff reports that have been prepared over the years. It was suggested that members look at the airport website and the staff reports for information and then follow-up with staff if committee members have specific questions.
- There was a question regarding what the plan is if the air and noise quality study comes back indicating that there is a noise issue at the airport. Staff indicated that specifically for air quality, we have a baseline for air quality from 2019, where the air quality fell below Provincial standards for everything. For noise, the City wants to understand the decibel levels, which will help staff understand details and to build a case to Transport Canada. There are no Provincial standards for noise. It was also clarified that the units are not monitoring number of movements but only the noise and air quality, which will then be correlated with the traffic data that is submitted by NAV Canada. The movements help to tell the whole story.
- There was a discussion regarding fire training and the potential impact to the study. Staff confirmed that any fire training conducted near the airport will be 100% propane.
- There was a discussion on the role of the consultant hired for the study. Staff clarified that a consultant was required to complete the research and requirements needed to accommodate the advisory circular process. At this point the City has not yet gone to Transport Canada but after Council, staff will consult with the public and then go back to Council, before submitting recommendations to Transport Canada.
- There was a question regarding if the consultant will be looking at the economic impact to homes in the area of the airport due to the noise issues. Staff clarified that the consultant will be looking at all of the economic impacts. There was an additional discussion about property values and noise.
- There was a discussion about scheduled passenger service at the airport. Staff clarified that Porter hasn't been in touch with the Oshawa airport. Staff clarified that the City has direction from previous Councils that if the City was approached by a company looking for scheduled passenger flights, the City would prepare noise/economic impact studies, etc. The City has not been approached within the last year regarding passenger flights.
- There was a discussion regarding putting in another small taxiway on a specific runway (12-30) to allow planes to take-off and land more quickly / as a means of improving traffic flow. This would cost a lot of money and has never been recommended before but staff could consider this.
- There was a question about a private piece of land at the airport but staff indicated that private land sales are confidential and staff are unable to comment.

- There was a discussion regarding the status of the newly built hangar. The hangar portion is complete but the office space is not.
 - Some members indicated that they do not support the air quality and noise monitoring study.
 - The next meeting is anticipated to be held in late September.
5. Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.