



## **Airport Community Liaison Committee (A.C.L.C.) - Minutes**

Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Location:** Skype Meeting (virtual)

**Present:** Warren Munro, Tom Goodeve, Stephen Wilcox, Laura Moebs, Andy Armstrong, Alice Keenan, Diane Mash, Manny Rosario

**Regrets:** None

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
  - Alice was nominated and approved as Chair of the Committee – moved by Diane and second by Manny.
  - Andy was nominated and approved as Vice Chair of the Committee – moved by Andy and second by Manny.
2. Review the previous meeting minutes
  - Motion to approve Feb 25, 2020 minutes approved - moved by Andy and second by Manny.
3. Presentation: Draft Proposed 2021-2022 Oshawa Executive Airport Action Plan
  - Tom Goodeve, Director of Planning Services presented the Draft Proposed 2021-2022 Oshawa Executive Airport Action Plan.
4. Discussion: Draft Proposed 2021-2022 Oshawa Executive Airport Action Plan
  - There was a question regarding whether or not the initiative for Transport Canada was reviewed by the Committee or the Airport Business Plan Working Group. Staff clarified that it went through the Development Services Committee and Council.
  - There was discussion regarding the number of flight schools in Oshawa and about the flight school air traffic in general. It was clarified that there are only two flight schools operating out of the Oshawa Executive Airport.
  - There was a discussion on air quality and noise monitoring, including concerns about external noises impacting the results of the monitoring.
  - There was a discussion about pre-COVID-19 air traffic compared to current air traffic. It was confirmed that air traffic numbers are higher in 2021 compared to pre-COVID-19.
  - Staff clarified that the City/Airport does not have the authority to control the number of flights taking off every day, as this falls under the jurisdiction of Transport Canada. However, the City is currently going through the Advisory Circular process with Transport Canada to try to reduce the number of flights. There was further discussion related to Transport Canada.
  - There was discussion regarding the meaning of an “executive airport.”

- There were questions and discussion related to the cost of the Airport Business Plan and the studies currently being conducted.
- It was mentioned that if the numbers drop in aircraft movements, there is a risk of losing the NAV Canada control tower.
- Staff confirmed that City Council has committed to operating the airport as per the 1997 Airport Operating Agreement until 2033.
- Staff clarified that the only permitted flights between 10:30 pm and 6:30 am are police, medical, or flights related to industrial emergencies, as well as anyone who has a hangar at Oshawa and needs to land (but they are not permitted to take off after 10:30 pm). Although this is a voluntary process, there has been no one who knowingly violated the voluntary flight time restrictions.
- Committee members indicated that the Oshawa Airport needs more formalized practices and standards, beyond what is already there.
- There was a discussion regarding the survey on the Draft Proposed 2021-2022 Oshawa Executive Airport. Some committee members felt that the survey was biased and/or skewed.
- There was a discussion on whether or not the fire department's fire training would impact the air quality monitoring. Staff clarified that it would not impact the monitoring.
- Committee members indicated that the main focus of the airport needs to be reducing the volume of air traffic.
- There was a discussion regarding airport complaint tracking.
- There were questions related to and a discussion regarding runway extensions.
- One of the flight school representatives asked that the City provide the flight schools with the tools needed to address the noise complaints and achieve a better balance between the airport and the residents.
- One of the flight school representatives mentioned that they are willing to work with the City to limit the number of flights, but only if all flight schools commit to reducing their flight traffic.
- There is no consensus from the Committee regarding the Draft Proposed 2021-2022 Oshawa Executive Airport. Some of the Committee members are in support of the Action Plan, while other Committee members do not support the Action Plan.

## 5. Other Business

- There was a discussion regarding the ongoing legal proceedings between the City and Canadian Flight Academy. However, nothing was discussed beyond what is already public information.
- There was a discussion regarding filling the vacant positions on the Committee. The Airport Manager will email Clerks advising them of the 2 vacancies on the Committee (and will copy the Commissioner of Development Services).
- The next meeting of the A.C.L.C. is scheduled for June 14 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

## 6. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.