

MINUTES

Airport Community Consultative Committee (ACCC)

2025, Q4 Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: Virtual (MS Teams)

Attendees: David Deere, Ian Giesbrecht, Andrew Kettle, Mia Leung, Molly Millan-Smyth, Civic Debra McIsaac, Jill McNichil, Shawneen Muscoby, Kimberley Nelson, Zahra Nurani, Fiaz – Monterey Park, Josie Rempfer, Megan Roche, Gabriela Soto, Natalie Tomczak, John Townsley, Ronald Waters, Eva Weckle

ITEM	PRESENTER
1. WELCOME (10 MINS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Land Acknowledgement b. YYC Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. YYC – Airport of The Year ii. West Runway Re-opening iii. New Washrooms iv. Centralized Security Screening Information Sessions v. New Guest Amenities 	Gabriela Soto, Calgary Airports
PASSENGER UPDATE (5 MINS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Record passenger numbers d. Partnerships and future events e. Surprise and Delight program f. Holiday music program 	Josie Rempfer, Calgary Airports

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<p>CENTRALIZED PASSENGER SCREENING (10 MINS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Phase One launched at 4 a.m. on December 10, consolidating A, B, C checkpoints for domestic travellers h. Accessibility queue for apparent and non-apparent disabilities i. Explained how travellers can keep their permitted liquids and devices in their carry-on j. Phase Two starting immediately which will add two more lanes for a total of nine k. International travellers can use Centralized Screening to proceed to Con D for their flights 	<p>Jill McNichol, Calgary Airports</p>
<p>NAV CANADA (10 MINS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> l. Operational benefits of the West Runway opening, returning to optimal operations, while reducing noise complaints m. Winter weather challenges can cause delays, unusual flight patterns and increased complexity for controllers impacting both local and national operations n. Winter weather can alter noise patterns; community concerns are addressed through pre-winter briefings and on-going communication o. Nav Canada coordinates with airlines and airports nationwide during significant weather events, building in operational buffers and communicating anticipated delays to maintain efficiency 	<p>Ian Giesbrecht, NAV Canada</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENT (10 MINS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> p. Noise Propagation and Monitoring: cold, dense air increases noise propagation, while snow can insulate sound q. Noise Statistics and Trends: recent data shows consistent noise levels across most monitoring sites, with some increases in specific areas 	<p>Megan Roche, Calgary Airports</p>

<p>possibly due to equipment issues; the airport is investigating these anomalies and will share updated findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> r. Runway Usage and Community Concerns: due to the West Runway closure, there was increased use of the east runway, leading to more noise events in southern and eastern communities; a heat map of concerns and runway usage statistics were shared with attendees s. Noise Abatement Procedure Updates: The airport plans to revisit and update noise abatement procedures in 2026, following a return to normal operations, with community consultation and data collection as key components t. NMT Equipment Review Project: A project to review the placement and settings of all NMTs, delayed due to staffing issues, will proceed in 2026 with the help of a noise and vibration specialist to ensure accurate monitoring 	
<p>SPECIAL GUEST (15 MINS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> u. Airport Connectivity and Growth: YYC serves over 19 million passengers annually, with 108 direct destinations, and is approaching the passenger volumes of larger Canadian cities due to strong population growth and strategic airline partnerships. v. Catchment Area and Demand: The airport's catchment area extends beyond Calgary to include much of Alberta, parts of Saskatchewan, and even British Columbia and Manitoba, drawing travelers for both domestic and international flights. w. Direct Flight Strategy: Calgarians show a strong preference for direct flights, with new non-stop routes significantly increasing load factors and 	<p>Ignacio Otati, Calgary Airports</p>

<p>stimulating demand; successful examples include Narita, Dublin, and Barcelona.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x. Load Factors and Airline Engagement: European and Asian routes are operating at high load factors (often above 90%), prompting ongoing negotiations with airlines to increase frequencies and add new destinations, though route development typically takes several years. y. Economic Impact: each new long-haul carrier brings an estimated \$15-30 million per year in economic benefit to the city and province, reinforcing the importance of air service development for regional growth. 	
<p>ROUNDTABLE (15 MINS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> z. Questions about strategies for efficient airport access, collaboration with the Hangar Museum, and noted suggestions for improved bike rack signage, indicating ongoing efforts to enhance the traveler experience. aa. Feedback form would be distributed to gather input on meeting format, content preferences, and scheduling for future ACCC meetings. 	All