

Airport Community Consultative Committee (ACCC)

MEETING MINUTES

Jan. 20, 2021

6 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

SLIDES ATTACHED

Participants:

Carmelle Hunka - The Calgary Airport Authority
Harris Switzman – The Calgary Airport Authority
Ken Stewart – The Calgary Airport Authority
Laura Sturtevant – The Calgary Airport Authority
Lori DeLuca – The Calgary Airport Authority
Stephanie Harris – The Calgary Airport Authority
Chris Csatos – NAV CANADA
Gregory Konrad – NAV CANADA
Brian Vasseur – Crossroads, Mayland Heights, Vista Heights
Carlos Arce-Abrego– Marlborough Community Association
David Hartwick – Northern Hills Community Association
Eva Weckl – Renfrew Community Association
Mary Grace – Renfrew Community Association
Michelle Jack – Urban Planner Federation of Calgary Communities
Shawneen Muscoby – City of Calgary
Patrick Saunders – Greenview Community Association
Marjorie Roy – Pineridge Community Association
Greg Standin – Inglewood Community Association
Troy Sedgwick – Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association
Linda Poetz – Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association
Mel Foat - Chestermere Community Association

Regrets:

Air Canada
Albert Park-Radisson Heights Community Association
City of Airdrie
Evanston Creekside Community Association
Martindale Community Association
Monterey Park Community Association
National Airlines Council of Canada
Riverbend Community Association
Rundle Community Association
Sandstone MacEwan Community Association
Signal Hill Community Association
Strathcona, Christie Park, Aspen Woods Community Association
Temple Community Association
Transport Canada
WestJet
Whitehorn Community Association

WELCOME, INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, AND REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

1. Airport operations and passenger statistics – Carmelle Hunka, The Calgary Airport Authority (see slides)

- Reviewed terminal and airfield operations related to extreme cold, snow removal, staffing, new travel requirements and impact of omicron.

2. Flights and Noise Profile – Harris Switzman, The Calgary Airport Authority (see slides)

- Provided an update on runway usage in 2021, air traffic stats, rates of noise concerns, and navigation performance monitoring.

3. Communications and Engagement Activities - Lori DeLuca, The Calgary Airport Authority

- Provided a verbal update about priorities for the Authority's communications team in the first half of 2022.
- Welcomed Stephanie Harris as the new administrator for the committee and the communications specialist working on a broader noise strategy for YYC.
- 2022 focus:
 - Will be redeveloping our website, relaunching our newsletter and how best to use our social media channels. Website will include resources and information related to noise. We may engage this group for feedback.
 - Looking at better ways to inform Calgarians about the Committee's existence, responsibilities and how to get involved.
- Contact lorid@yyc.com or stephanieha@yyc.com to discuss.

4. Jet Turn Trial Update – Chris Csatlos, NAV CANADA

- Provided an overview of the jet turn trial, including the benefits, the flight tracks, and plans for public consultation starting on Jan. 24 (see slides)

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE RESOURCES

The information below can be shared with residents to raise awareness about the consultation among your communities.

NAV CANADA is currently conducting a trial of alternate headings for aircraft departing in a southerly direction at Calgary International Airport (YYC). Through increased overflight of non-residential land, the trial is anticipated to reduce the cumulative community noise exposure for many communities south of the airport, while ensuring a safe and efficient operation.

As part of the trial, NAV CANADA is hosting public consultations from January 24 to March 11. Two online information sessions have been scheduled in February and March to ensure communities near the airport have the opportunity to learn more about the trial and provide input before any change is made permanent.

Learn more about what the proposal by reviewing materials online and joining an upcoming online information session. You may also fill out the feedback form online: <https://www.navcanada.ca/en/air-traffic/airspace-reviews/calgary-alternate-departure-heading-trial.aspx>

QUESTION & ANSWER

Q: Would it be possible to modify the flight path in a way to have planes fly over industrial areas longer rather than over residential areas?

A: The distance between two parallel runways means flights need to fly along that path. Changes to that specific flight path are not considered as part of this trial but could potentially be considered in future trials.

Q: How can community associations help inform residents about the NAV CANADA consultation?

A: NAV CANADA is leading the communications and awareness. There are no expectations of people on this call to educate anyone on the trial. NAV is targeting communities directly south of the airport as this trial affects those communities but passing to as many communities south of the airport as possible.

Q: Will this be shared with city councillors?

- NAV CANADA reached out to elected officials at all three levels of government.
- Federation of Calgary Communities offered to add trial details in their bi-weekly newsletters to connect to more communities.

Q: Is there a map of flight movement statistics similar to the passenger statistics?

A: The number of movements also dropped significantly in 2020 and 2021.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

ACTION ITEM REGISTER

Action	Status
YYC will investigate if this is feasible for our internal communications team to provide a noise consultation update to community newsletters.	Ongoing
Graph of flight movements historically and for 2021	Next meeting
Review terms of reference	Next meeting
Report on NAV CANADA trial feedback results	Next meeting