

# MEETING MINUTES

## Q1 2024 AIRPORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (ACCC)

**Date:** March 21, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 PM

**Location:** TEAMS Meeting

### ATTENDEES

YYC	NAV Canada	Associations
Megan Roche Laura Samson Zahra Nurani Parker Hoeppe Adam Brown Gord Falk Cathy Gray	Ian Giesbrecht Charles (Tony) Rushton	Andrew Kettle - Temple Anthony - Bridgeland-Riverside Carlos Carceabrego - Marlborough David Hartwick – North Hills Eva Weckl - Renfrew Greg - Inglewood JS Jette - Haysboro Marjorie Roy - Pineridge Ron Waters – Signal Hill Brian Vasseur – Crossroads Shawneen Muscoby – City of Calgary David Deere – Airline Pilots Association James Elian - Air Sprint

### AGENDA REVIEW

#### YYC Executive Leadership Update:

- Jennifer Pon has joined The Authority as Chief Financial Officer. She brings a wealth of experience from the telecommunications and aviation sectors.
- Rob Bachart has joined The Authority as Chief Real Estate Officer. He previously worked at the Winnipeg Airport Authority in a similar role, and will be managing and leveraging The Authority’s real estate assets.

Parker Hoeppe, YYC

### **YYC Operational Update:**

- YYC reached a new passenger capacity record in 2023, totaling 18.5 million passengers travelling through the airport. Passenger numbers over the last 6 months have remained high.
- A question was raised about the number of aircraft at YYC. NAV CANADA responded that, using unofficial data, there were 208,600 aircraft movements in 2023 at YYC.

### **West Runway Update:**

- The West Runway Rehabilitation project would begin in 11 days, on April 1, 2024. Runway 17R/35L will be closed starting April 1. The east runway and runway 11/29 will be used more frequently over the construction seasons but will return to regular operations in the winters.
- 4 public engagement sessions were held in regions of the city that will experience the most change in aircraft noise during construction periods in 2024 and 2025.
- Additional materials on the project and its impacts are being added to the project webpage ([yyc.com/westrunway](http://yyc.com/westrunway)).
- Community members requested that information be sent to community associations monthly that they can share with residents.

### **NAV CANADA update:**

- Discussed the Calgary Alternate Jet Heading Post-Implementation Review, including neighbourhood impact pre-trial and post-implementation. There were generally either decreases in noise, or negligible differences. The next steps for the review are the translation and publication of the document on the NAV CANADA website.
- A question was raised about having fewer planes fly over Haysboro, and to potentially divert them to less populated areas. NAV CANADA responded that there are no plans to change arrival flight paths at this time. However, it was noted that NAV CANADA is working over the next 5 years to allow aircraft to idle their engines on decent to reduce noise levels.

### **Environment, Sustainability & Governance Update:**

- Runway usage data on the website is having some trouble, it is being looked into and will hopefully be resolved soon.
- Reviewed the number of households submitting noise concerns. It was noted that there is an anomaly in Inglewood that is being investigated.
- Addressed concerns about the number of flights over Marlborough. With increased passenger numbers, it means an extended flight schedule over these areas.
- Community members requested more information on the locations of The Authority's noise monitoring systems that are deployed in communities. The website for this information is [here](#), and live noise tracking can be viewed [here](#).

### **Update on Development of The Authority's Next Master Plan:**

- Master Plan update:
  - Objective is to have this update done by the end of 2024.
  - Mentioned prioritizing strategic gating to accommodate significant growth in the existing facility.
  - A centralized pre-board screening project is being developed for the Domestic Terminal Building.
  - Public transit to YYC Calgary International Airport is being considered, as the City of Calgary is conducting a feasibility study.
  - Next steps in the plan development include engagement with key stakeholders once the consultation draft is prepared, and further updates at future ACCC meetings.

### **James Elian (Air Sprint)**

- Provided an overview of Air Sprint, including that they are addressing a gap in the airline market in Canada by providing greater private travel service (26% of all Canadian registered private jet flights). They currently own 36 aircraft, including 15 midsize jets and 21 light jets.
- Mentioned how the fractional ownership model works compared to charter, commercial and private ownership.
- Air Sprint operates out of YYC, and has 3 facilities located at the southern end of the airfield along McKnight Blvd NE.

### **Group Discussion:**

- Discussion on the passenger experience at YYC Calgary International Airport.