

GTAA

PICKERING PROJECT

Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Fact Sheet

The GTAA is a not for profit corporation without share capital, which was incorporated in March 1993. The Authority was recognized as a Canadian Airport Authority by the federal government in November 1994, in accordance with the terms of the National Airport Policy. On December 2, 1996, the GTAA assumed operational responsibility for Toronto Pearson International Airport by way of a 60 year ground lease.

The GTAA is governed by a Board of Directors, which is structured to ensure a balance of the required knowledge and skills from across the Greater Toronto Area. Directors are drawn from federal, provincial and municipal governments, as well as relevant business and industry groups.

The GTAA's mandate is to develop and operate Toronto Pearson International Airport and other airports within an airport system that contributes aggressively to economic development. The GTAA's mission is implemented by building on the following four cornerstones:

- safety and security**
- customer service**
- environmental sensitivity**
- financial responsibility**

Accountability

The GTAA conducts its business according to clearly defined Public Accountability Principles as set out by the Government of Canada; these principles are formally reflected in the GTAA by-laws.

Economic Impact

Toronto Pearson is a fundamental economic asset to the GTA and the Province of Ontario and Canada. The airport and its associated operations have a profoundly positive impact on the businesses in the region. As such, Toronto Pearson is a vital contributor to the local economy.

Environment

After taking over management of Toronto Pearson in 1996, the GTAA developed an Environmental Policy that commits the Authority to operate in an environmentally responsible manner.

The Authority made history in 1999 by becoming the first airport in North America to receive ISO 14001 certification. The GTAA obtained this prestigious certification by creating an Environmental Management System that





boasts a commitment to continual improvement. This includes the regular monitoring of significant environmental aspects, as well as the development and promotion of environmental standards applicable to day-to-day operations.

In the past few years, this has translated into fixing the problems of past decades, while continuing to operate Canada's busiest airport with the interest of future generations in mind. An extensive amount of work has been undertaken to ensure Toronto Pearson is managed in an environmentally responsible way, including:

- the investment of \$120 million into the construction of a sophisticated stormwater management system, which features four new facilities designed to improve and control stormwater quantity and quality

- a proactive approach to reduce air pollution, which is achieved by way of vigorous fuel consumption reduction targets

- a state-of-the-art deicing

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facility that protects the surrounding environment and water quality from glycol contamination

- the creation of a 5-year plan for the rehabilitation of the Etobicoke and Spring Creeks, which include items such as bank stabilization, fish habitat improvements and tree planting within the valley corridor.

These measures and many more have demonstrated the GTAA's commitment to go beyond simple compliance with government regulation and achieve the highest possible standards, in planning, implementation and operation. The Authority is also preparing to widen its thrust in environmental responsibility by working toward a policy promoting

sustainable development. This discipline is a holistic approach, including environmental, social and financial responsibility.

System of Airports

Consistent with its mandate to support a system of airports, the GTAA has been asked by the federal government to conduct the planning for a possible regional, reliever airport on the Pickering lands. In 2001, the GTAA entered into an agreement with Buttonville airport to ensure its continued operation for up to ten years. This agreement will ensure that the aviation needs of the GTA can be met until a final decision is made regarding an airport in Pickering.

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