

Welcome to the GTAA's Pickering Bulletin

As part of the GTAA's ongoing communications strategy, we have developed this publication to provide timely information regarding our planning process. The bulletin will also serve to notify you of opportunities where you can provide comments and input. This will be a bi-monthly publication. In addition to this bulletin you will continue to receive the GTAA Update.

Consulting with the Community

In the fall of 2002, the GTAA hosted seven public information sessions in the communities surrounding the Pickering lands. The purpose of these sessions was to update community members on the planning process. A few hundred people attended the sessions where they provided GTAA staff with their ideas and comments and reviewed display materials, including maps of the lands.

The GTAA regularly hosts consultation meetings with the Pickering Advisory Committee (PAC) and its two advisory panels, the Community Consultation Working Group and the Government Affairs Working Group. These committees will continue to be an integral part of the GTAA's planning process.



Chris Gray, Program and Office Coordinator for the GTAA answers a resident's question at a recent information session hosted by the GTAA.

2003 Work Plan

The GTAA currently is undertaking a number of technical studies in preparation of a draft master plan. The plan, expected to be completed by the end of 2003, will result in a project description, which will then be evaluated by a federal environmental assessment process.

The GTAA will continue to hold meetings and public sessions where the public can get information about planning and give the GTAA input on our progress. In 2003, we plan to host workshops for those interested in learning more about the various components of the planning process. In order to allow for small-group dialogue, the workshops will be limited to 30 people per session. They will be held at the GTAA's Pickering Site Office. Potential topics include: runway siting criteria, master plan development, and ground transportation. Watch for registration notices in future bulletins and in your local papers.

Looking Ahead

This will be a very lengthy planning process. If the federal government decides to proceed with an airport, the earliest that a general aviation facility could be operational is projected to be 2012.

The GTAA remains committed to a fully transparent planning process. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our Pickering Site Office.

For more information about the Pickering lands project, including a map of the site, please go to www.gtaa.com

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) is the private, not-for-profit organization that has been asked by the Government of Canada to plan for a possible regional, reliever airport on the Pickering lands.