

Bentley-Gibson House *Award winning restoration*

The preservation of an important community landmark has earned the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) recognition from the City of Pickering.

The GTAA was awarded the Urban Design Award from the City for its restoration of the Bentley-Gibson House in Brougham, which is now the location of the GTAA's Pickering site office. The award, given at Pickering City Council Jan. 27, is given for significant contribution to architecture, urban design or parks and open space design within the City.

The GTAA leased the Bentley-Gibson House from the Government of Canada after determining that despite 30 years of neglect, the building could be brought back to its original glory. Working closely with a consulting restoration architect and the Pickering Heritage community, the GTAA began construction on the house in



From the left, GTAA Architect Tony Margiotta, GTAA Executive Manager Lorrie McKee, Councillor David Pickles, GTAA Project Manager Ian Nicoll and Mayor Wayne Authurs.

the fall of 2001.

"The Greater Toronto Airports Authority...completed
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Technical studies lead the way towards draft master plan

In preparation for the release of a draft Master Plan, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) will be conducting a number of detailed technical studies throughout 2003 on the Federal airport lands in Pickering.

The draft Master Plan, scheduled to be completed sometime early in 2004, will result in the develop-

ment of a project description for a future airport. Upon its completion, the GTAA will make the plan available to the public for input and comment.

In early 2004, the project that will be defined through the development of a master plan is scheduled to begin evaluation through an environmental

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Pickering Timeline



Learning more about airport planning

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) is encouraging area residents to learn more about airport planning.

A series of workshops, relating to the interim planning work being undertaken by the GTAA for the Federal airport lands in Pickering, will be hosted by the Authority in the spring of 2003.

The workshops, which include a presentation from the GTAA and a question period, provide an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about airport planning. They are limited to 30 registered participants; however, if there is sufficient demand, additional workshops can be scheduled.

The GTAA hosted the first workshop on February 18th

on Aviation Forecasting. Aviation forecasting is the estimation of future demand for aviation services. For airport facility planning purposes, aviation demand forecasts are generally prepared for passenger volumes and aircraft movements, and for annual, peak-day and peak-hour periods.

The next workshops are:

- ➔ Airports & Communities
Wednesday, April 2, 2003 - full
Tuesday, April 29, 2003 - space available
- ➔ Criteria for Siting a Runway
Wednesday, May 14, 2003 - full
Tuesday, June 3, 2003 - space available

Anyone interested is asked to register by calling (905) 619-4822.

Heritage house restored to original glory

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extensive renovations to ensure that this important part of our heritage was properly preserved," said Pickering Mayor Wayne Authurs during the award presentation.

Work on the house included the installation of a new

cedar shingle roof, reminiscent of the original 1850's construction, and rebuilt chimneys and shutters based on photographs provided by a former owner of the house. The front porch also underwent considerable work to reclaim its original look. An exterior ramp was constructed to provide barrier free access to the south side of the house.

On the inside, the original ballroom that had been subdivided to create a bedroom and study was restored. It now serves as the main boardroom and meeting room.

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assessment, which will take up to several years to complete, and involve significant community involvement.

If after this process the federal government decides an airport is necessary, it is estimated that 2012 would be the earliest that a General Aviation facility - an airport that would support air traffic similar to that of Buttonville and Oshawa - could be operational.