

Airport Planning Committee

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Date: July 18, 1979

Place: Council Chambers Gander, Nfld.

Present:	Name	Representing
	Lloyd Mercer (Mayor)	Town of Gander
	H.L. Deyarmond	Transport Canada
	C.R. Rowsell	G.H.C.
	Ed Blackmore	Nfld. Gov't
	Wayne Tucker	C of C
	B.G. Jones	E.P.A.
	J.P. Vaillancourt	Transport Canada
	Ron Lane	Transport Canada
	J.D. James	Transport Canada
	D. MacIntyre	Air Canada
	Col. Hayes	D.N.D. Gander
	Ron Jones	Cara Caterers
	D.B. Sheppard	Town of Gander

Introduction:

Mayor Mercer opened the meeting with a welcome to the members of the committee, press and observers present. He extended best wishes to Mr. Vaillancourt on his recent appointment as Regional Administrator, Atlantic Transport Canada, and thanked him and his staff members for attending the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Paving Road A.T.C. Centre. Mr. Ron Lane advised the meeting that present plans did not include paving the approximately 500 feet of roadway adjacent to Memorial Drive as Transport Canada officials did not realize that this portion of road belonged to Transport Canada. In view of possible dust complications for A.T.C. computers, Transport Canada will review the committee's request and endeavour to fit the road paving into the A.T.C. paving program.
- (2) Opening road A.T.C. to Airport. Mr. Jack James, Airport General Manager, reviewed the origin and historical background of this road and advised that the road was closed some years ago, following a fatal rail - auto accident and a survey indicating lack of traffic on the road. He indicated that the road is not essential to Transport Canada or employees of A.T.C. Centre.

Mr. Vaillancourt advised that present policy regarding fiscal restraints, appears to prohibit the re-opening of this road in the foreseeable future.

- (3) Burner Hill Lighting
The chairman advised that some years ago the Nfld. Safety Council had strongly recommended that this Airport street be provided with adequate lighting in its entirety. Mr. James advised that recommendation to pave and light this road are still in the system but have been temporarily held in obedience pending the decision regarding the proposed arterial road. He suggested that Provincial Highways Department should upgrade the Trans Canada Highway adjacent to Burner Hill Road before Transport Canada implements any action plan to upgrade and light Burner Hill Road.

- (4) C.N. Property (Airport)
The chairman stated that the condition of C.N. property adjacent to the Airport is in a deplorable condition and immediate improvements should be requested from C.N. General Management. He requested the support of the C of C, Transport Canada, and the Town in having C.N. upgrade their property.

Mr. Vaillancourt advised that he would be willing to write the C.N. Regional Manager requesting C.N.'s co-operation in upgrading the appearance of their facilities on the Airport.

- (5) Airport Terminal Renovations.
Mr. Ron Lane advised that phase 2 renovations to the terminal and a Flygt Kitchen had been initially approved. However, under the new Federal Government policy both projects had been temporarily frozen but he expected both projects to proceed as soon as the freeze is lifted. The Flygt Kitchen project has now been approved and cleared by Air Administration, Moncton. Regional officials are anxious to see the Flygt Kitchen project started before winter because of the seasonal problems with such a project.

- (6) Pave road to E.P.A.
Mr. James advised that this project is still in the pipeline system for approval. Meanwhile, Transport Canada are endeavouring to maintain this road until approval and funding for upgrading is available.

Mr. Lane advised that the road will be paved but it was not presently considered a top

priority project in the Atlantic Region as a whole.

Mr. B.G. Jones re-iterated the hazard to life of this road in its present condition. He indicated that patching has improved the road but it is still far from adequate.

Wayne Tucker advised that this road is used extensively by C.M., D.N.D., E.P.A., sealand, Gander Aviation, and Gander businessmen, and therefore should be given a higher priority.

Mr. C. Rowsell suggested that Transport Canada give highest priority to upgrading the road from Transport Canada garage to E.P.A. as balance of this road may be included for upgrading under the proposed Arterial Road - Industrial Park Dree Agreement.

In reviewing the impact of the proposed arterial road on other feeder roads in the Airport area, Mr. James indicated that the access road to the Airport (Burner Hill) may eventually be moved west of D.N.D. property if proposed D.N.D. expansion proceeds.

Mr. Rowsell suggested that G.D.C. and Town Council continue to work in close co-operation with Transport Canada and Provincial Highways regarding possible alternative to Skipper Drive.

Mr. Lane indicated that in view of the impact of the proposed arterial road on feeder roads, Transport Canada would be prepared to raise its priority on the section of road from the Transport Canada garage to E.P.A.

Mayor Mercer in concluding discussion on the road problems, suggested it is in the best interests of all members of the Planning Committee to pursue the proposed arterial road project.

(7) I.L.S. 13-31

Mr. Deyarmond advised the committee that it was initially anticipated to have the new I.L.S. system officially commissioned during the 3rd. week of July, however, because of some minor problems, flight checking will now start on July 30th. He also indicated that a definite answer re the need for a back course and the continuation of P.A.R. will not be available until flight checking has concluded.

Mr. C. Rowsell advised that he is very concerned regarding improvements to back course and P.A.R. as this system is very important to most foreign carriers. Mr. Deyarmond accepted Mr. Rowsell's concerned remarks and advised the committee that his Department will do everything within their budget and technical skill to correct any deficiencies in the landing aid systems.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Transport Canada - Town Water negotiations
Mr. James advised the Committee that the water purchase contract had been submitted to Treasury Board for their approval. Mr. Vaillancourt advised that a review of the contract indicated that Transport Canada should effect a saving by purchasing water from the Town supply. Target date for implementations of the new water agreement is September, 1979.

Mr. Jones, Cara Caterers expressed concern re quality of water available from the Town system. He indicated that good quality ice-cubes are essential for his airline clients.

It was suggested by the chairman that an investigation be initiated by Transport Canada and Town officials to determine if there is any real difference in the two water supplies.

In concluding the meeting, the Mayor expressed thanks to Mr. Vaillancourt and his officials for their co-operation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Chairman: Lloyd Mercer

Secretary: Councillor D.B. Sheppard