



**VANCOUVER AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Aeronautical Noise Management Committee (ANMC)**

Thursday 17 March 2022 - 1:00PM

Online – Via Microsoft Teams

**In Attendance:**

<b>Chair:</b>	Marion Town	Director, Climate and Environment – YVRAA
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Rachel Min-Brown	Environmental Analyst – YVRAA
<b>Participants:</b>	Arvind Sharma Gary Abrams Kevin Eng Meg Brown Alena Straka Paula Kolisnek Hugh Campbell Terry Hiebert Don McLeay Heather Pablico Mary Point Jennifer Aldcroft Mark Cheng	Citizen Representative – City of Richmond Citizen Representative – City of Richmond Staff Representative – City of Richmond Citizen Representative – City of Vancouver Staff Representative – City of Vancouver Staff Representative – City of Delta Staff Representative – City of Surrey Float Plane Operators Association National Airlines Council of Canada Manager, Airside Operations - YVRAA Manager, Indigenous Relations - YVRAA Manager, Climate and Environment – YVRAA Supervisor, Noise Abatement & Air Quality – YVRAA
<b>Guests:</b>	Jason Jung Vince Chiu Tatsuki Taylor Wendy Avis	Manager, Air Service Development – YVRAA Aviation Marketing Analyst – YVRAA Senior Analyst, Airside Operations - YVRAA Manager, Climate and Environment – YVRAA

## 1.0 WELCOME AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Marion Town welcomed attendees and guests and reviewed the agenda. Gary Abrams returned as a citizen representative for the City of Richmond, and Kevin Eng (Senior Planner) joins as the new City of Richmond staff representative.

## 2.0 AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT (ASD) UPDATES

Jason Jung and Vince Chiu from the YVR ASD team provided a review of 2021 aircraft and passenger trends and information on the current outlook for traffic in 2022.

In 2021, 7.1 million passengers travelled through YVR, which is a 2.9% decrease compared to 2020 and a 73% decrease compared to 2019. With the decline in COVID cases and relaxation of travel restrictions, air travel demand is trending upwards, and YVR is anticipating increased traffic over the spring break and summer seasons. One route from YVR is affected by the conflict in Ukraine – this flight is still operating with a longer route travelled to avoid Russian airspace. The ASD team is closely monitoring the situation and will provide an update if there are further impacts.

## 3.0 SUMMER AIRFIELD PROJECTS

Heather Pablico provided information on the major airfield constructions planned for the summer and discussed associated impacts on runway and taxiway usage.

Due to the impacts to the north runway instrument landing systems from the ongoing north runway Runway End Safety Area (RESA) project, the north runway may be used for departures during low visibility conditions as discussed at the December ANMC meeting. A community advisory is also posted on the [YVR website](#). ANMC members posed questions related to runway operations post-RESA construction. The Airport Authority staff will collect project information and report back.

## 4.0 YVR STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2024

Marion Town provided a high level overview of the [YVR 2022-2024 Strategic Plan](#).

The 2022-2024 Plan continues to advance on six focus areas identified in the 2021 Plan, which include staying ahead of COVID, strengthening the core, purpose through people, financial sustainability, climate, and gateway to the new economy, while filtering our work and decisions through four lenses - digital, climate, financial sustainability, and reconciliation.

## 5.0 NOISE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS – NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mark Cheng provided a review of the process used to create the current 2019-2023 Noise Management Plan and discussed the work planned for 2022 to map out a process to develop the next Plan.

The Noise Management Plan, a requirement under the ground lease with Transport Canada, documents the structure of the noise management program and identifies actions. The process of creating the current Plan included work to better understand underlying factors of community concerns and industry trends in noise management practices, and to

solicit input from stakeholders and general public. Activities in 2022 will focus on developing a process for creating the next Plan as well as collecting supporting information. ANMC members were asked to contact Mark and Rachel Min-Brown to provide input on the work process by identifying any supporting studies or information needed.

## 6.0 YVR SUSTAINABILITY REPORT AND NOISE MANAGEMENT KPI

Mark provided information on additional noise management key performance indicators (KPI) for future annual reporting.

Currently, two metrics are reported on the YVR Annual Sustainability Report: number of concerns per 10,000 aircraft movements and community survey on percentage of respondents annoyed by aircraft noise. Additional KPIs will be included in the 2022 report to include number of violations to Noise Abatement Procedures. Data and metrics can also be found in the Annual Noise Report.

## 7.0 2021 YEAR END REVIEW

Rachel provided a review of 2021 aircraft operations and noise concern stats. In 2021, air traffic at YVR remained much reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels. A total of 2,044 noise concerns were received from 115 individuals related to YVR aircraft operations.

## 8.0 QUARTERLY REPORT SUMMARY

Rachel presented a summary of operations data and noise complaints between January and February 2022. During this period, a total of 151 concerns were received from 11 individuals. 93% of the total concerns were registered by two individuals.

## 9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

### a) Vancouver Airspace Modernization Project

NAV CANADA's work continues on this project. The ANMC will be provided with further information once a new project timeline is developed.

### b) Canadian Airports Council (CAC) Noise Working Group Meeting

This working group will be meeting with Transport Canada and NAV CANADA in the spring to discuss national and international noise issues. Any relevant information from the meeting will be shared with the ANMC.

### c) ANMC SharePoint

ANMC members were reminded to set up their access to the ANMC SharePoint if they had not done so. Feedback on the SharePoint site will be collected in the future.

### d) 2022 Council Updates

The meeting dates for 2022 council updates have not been scheduled yet. The ANMC will be advised of the dates when they are confirmed.

## MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Marion thanked members for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

**Next Regular ANMC Meeting: September 15, 2022**