



Aviation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

March 12, 2025
6:00 PM

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Location: Pilot Lounge @ Pearson Airport, 101 East Reserve Street.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Community Communications - Public Comment

No Action. The public is invited to speak. The AAC makes no decisions during this period. Each speaker is requested to fill out a pre-printed testimony card (provided at the meeting entrance) with their name and matter to be discussed and asked to state their full name for the audio recording. Please limit all comments to 3 minutes.

Action Items / Tasks

I. ***Approval of Minutes for February 12th, 2025.**

II. ***Approval -Transient Overnight Fee**

III. **Follow up on AAC Recommendation Regarding Maximum Building Height Concerns**

Communications

I. **Airport Manager's Report**

-Construction Report

Aviation Advisory Committee

MEMBERS

Shon Lindley, **Chair**
Brittany Sulitzer, **Vice Chair**

Laura Krueger
Kevin Lux
Joe Ong
Austin Merle
Sara Baker
Peggy Keith

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pearson-field-airport/](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/pearson-field-airport/)

II. Committee Members

-Aero Maintenance Scholarship Offer

-Recommendations on next meeting topics/comments
& concerns

Adjournment

Community Forum Instructions

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Aviation Advisory Committee

Airport Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2025 **Time:** 6:00 PM **Location:** Pilot Lounge @ Pearson Airport, 101 East Reserve Street

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson Barney Levie at 6:00 PM.
- Committee Members Present: Vice Chair-Barney Levie, Sarah Baker, Joe Ong, Brittany Sulitzer, Laura Krueger, Kevin Lux and Shon Lindley
- Committee Members Absent: Chair-Peggy Keith, Austin Merle
- City Staff present: Airport Manager Meredith Fox, Public Works Director Steve Worley, Senior Support Specialist Angie McBurney

II. Workshop – Draft AAC Recommendation Regarding Maximum Building Height Concerns

- Discussion on the draft AAC recommendation regarding maximum building height concerns.
- Key points:
 - Consensus to remove redundant statements and condense content for clarity.
 - Emphasis on summarizing the main points using bullet points.
 - Agreement on the importance of clear and concise communication.
 - Discussion on omitting noise concerns as building designs can mitigate noise issues.
 - Consideration of emphasizing limited emergency landing options due to terrain and the river.

III. Special Meeting 6:42pm

- **Roll Call – Same as above**
- **Community Communications- Public Comment**

- No further comments from the community.
- **Action Items/Tasks**
 - Motion by Sara Baker, seconded by Brittany Sulitzer and carried unanimously to approve the final version of the Formal Recommendation RE: Vancouver Waterfront Building Heights and Flight Safety document as discussed and revised during the Workshop session. The final copy will be provided to the airport manager to submit to other City Staff at the City of Vancouver as requested and on behalf of the AAC.
 - Approval of Minutes – Motion by Shon, seconded by Laura and carried unanimously to adopt minutes for December 11th, 2024, and January 8th, 2025

V. Communications

- **Airport Manager's Report**
 - Key points discussed:
 1. Approval for terminal renovation project design and bid by City Council.
 2. Pre-construction meeting with Century West, R&W Engineering, and the National Park Service.
 3. Runway closure schedule from February 24th to April 4th 2025, to be communicated via NOTAMs and email blasts on any possible changes.
 4. Emphasis on no nighttime flying due to no lighting during the project duration.
 5. Tom Flagg received the Master Pilots award; a ceremony was held at Pearson Airport, with FAA presenting the award.
 6. Recruitment process for the AAC opens on March 3rd, with terms expiring on May 15th. Members need to submit a letter if they wish to continue.
- **Committee Members**
 - Recommendations on next meeting topics, comments, and concerns.
 - *Action Item:* Approval of Office

Barney Levie announced his immediate departure from the AAC as Vice-Chair delegation. Discussion on the need for an election due to members stepping down and availability.

- Motion by Laura Krueger, seconded by Kevin Lux and carried unanimously to move the May AAC Officer Elections to this meeting and vote again in May as outlined in the AAC Bylaws.
- Shon Lindley self-nominated for AAC Chair. Motion by Brittany Sulitzer, seconded by Sara Baker and carried unanimously to appoint Shon Lindley as AAC Chair effective immediately.
- Brittany Sulitzer self-nominated for AAC Vice-Chair.
- Motion by Sara Baker, seconded by Laura Krueger and carried unanimously to appoint Brittany Sulitzer as AAC Vice-Chair effective immediately.

- **Adjournment** - Motion by Shon Lindley and seconded by Barney Levie to adjourn meeting at 6:56PM



March 10, 2025

City of Vancouver Response to Aviation Advisory Committee Letter on Downtown Building Heights & Pearson Field Airspace

Dear Members of the Aviation Advisory Committee,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding downtown development and its potential impact on Pearson Field's airspace. We genuinely appreciate your input and want you to know that your voice is important to us. We take your feedback very seriously and are committed to addressing your concerns with the utmost care and attention. Your perspectives help the City improve and ensure that we are providing the best solution for all effectively.

The City of Vancouver values Pearson Field as an important community asset with a long history in our region. We recognize its contributions to aviation training, emergency response, and historical preservation. That said, as the City works to shape the future of Vancouver, we must ensure that our policies, decisions, and investments align with the core priorities established by the City Council: **Climate, Equity, and Safety**.

- **Climate** – The City is committed to advancing sustainability and reducing our carbon footprint. From a development perspective, this commitment entails leveraging existing investments in infrastructure by promoting new development that increases density near multi-modal transportation and existing services. The City's recent infrastructure investments in the downtown core, including the Waterfront, along with expansion of C-TRAN Vine service downtown, necessitate ongoing development to maximize the impact of these public investments on mobility, access and quality of life. While aviation is an essential industry, it does not directly align with our climate goals in the same way that dense, urban-centered, transit-oriented development does.

- **Equity** – Vancouver is working to build an inclusive and equitable city that serves all residents, particularly historically underserved communities. Central to this work is ensuring that all our residents have access to safe and affordable housing. To achieve our affordable housing goals, Vancouver’s downtown must continue to add significant new housing to serve people at all income levels and must maximize the number of housing units on each downtown parcel. Underbuilding development parcels increases the cost of new housing and shifts the burden of producing new housing to parts of the city without adequate infrastructure and access to services essential to residents. While we are committed to serving Pearson’s stakeholders and customers, this commitment must be balanced against the substantial needs of the broader community and the need for quality housing and other essential services for all members of our community.
- **Safety** – The safety of all Vancouver residents—including pilots, passengers, and the public—is a top priority. We take seriously the concerns raised about flight safety and potential airspace obstructions, and we are committed to evaluating development proposals through that lens. However, we must also consider safety in a broader urban context, ensuring that our built environment supports a thriving, livable city.

As we move forward, we are committed to working collaboratively with the aviation community to find solutions that support Pearson Field’s operations while also ensuring that Vancouver’s downtown continues to grow in a way that aligns with the City’s long-term goals. We welcome continued discussions on how to balance aviation safety with the City’s priorities, and we appreciate the AAC’s engagement in this important dialogue.

We look forward to continuing this conversation at your next meeting on March 12 and will work to provide a thoughtful and balanced response to the concerns you have raised.

Sincerely,



Steve M. Worley, P.E.
Public Works Director



Pearson Airfield Flight Training Scholarship

Overview

Aero Maintenance Flight Center has offered to donate funds to the AAC to create a flight training scholarship.

Objectives

Scholarship Purpose

- Target applicant
- Who are we trying to help?

- How many scholarships
 - One big scholarship
 - Several smaller scholarships

Additional Donors

- City of Vancouver / Pearson Field
- Businesses
- Tenants

Project Timeline

- Development
- Fundraising
- Advertising
- Evaluating
- Awarding

Application Process

- How will they apply
- What is the application process
- What are the prerequisites/terms

Marketing of Scholarship

- EAA
- AOPA
- 99's
- Local Newspaper
- Washington Pilots Association
- Women in Aviation




Applicant Selection Process

- Selection criteria
- Panel Interview

Roles

| Role | Name |
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| Owners |  Person |
| Approvers |  Person  Person |
| Contributors |  Person  Person  Person |
| Informed |  Person  Person |


Timeline


| Date | Milestone | Description | Expected outcome |
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|  Date | Development | | |
|  Date | Fundraising | | |
|  Date | Advertising | | |
|  Date | Evaluating | | |
|  Date | Awarding | | |

Open questions

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| Sara Baker | Will there be a request for the city to match funding? |

| Name | Open question |
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