



VANCOUVER 2010 WINTER GAMES AVIATION PLANNING COMMUNIQUE # 2

Winter 2007

FEDERAL PLANNING CONTINUES

December 5, 2007 – The Federal Government partners are continuing their work on the integrated plan for modifications to existing airspace, including the safety and security requirements for Games-time. The plan will outline the security requirements and enhancements to existing airspace structure, operating rules and procedures and air operator and airport security requirements. All security planning and subsequent procedures will be based on threat-risk assessment.

Since the last meeting with the 2010 Aviation Committee, the planners are now focusing on the detailed procedures for operating in the vicinity of Vancouver and Whistler. Included in this activity is the Safety Risk Assessment of the Sea-To-Sky Corridor to determine whether Air Traffic Services will be required in this rugged area.

Procedures for air operations throughout the Lower Mainland are under review to determine how daily operations will be conducted during the period of the Games. Planners are committed to minimizing disruptions while ensuring the effective security enhancements are activated during the Games.

As planning continues, the Federal Aviation Technical Working Group (FATWG) will continue to consult with industry members on an ad hoc basis on specific subject matter. This was effective during the Fall and has proven to be successful in gaining feedback on specific issues.

NEW FASC MEMBER

With the estimated volume of spectators, athletes, IOC Family Members, media and other dignitaries who will be visiting Vancouver and Whistler areas now completed, Canada Border Services Agency has joined the Federal Aviation Steering Committee (FASC) to represent this vital area of the planning process. The Committee welcomes Craig Robinson, the CBSA Director of 2010 Olympic and Paralympic to the FASC Committee.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Team Leader for the Safety Risk Assessment, Deb Martin, met with industry members to solicit input to the Sea-To-Sky operations. Approximately 10 representatives attended the session and we thank them for their input to this key component of the planning process.

Chuck McDonald, Dave Nowzek and Deb Martin accepted an invitation to speak at ATAC's Annual General Meeting in Halifax last month. Presentations were given to the Air Cargo and Flight Operations Committees – with about 80 people in attendance between the two meetings. The participants were briefed on a condensed version of the information shared at the Aviation Committee meeting held in August. Thank you to ATAC for this opportunity.

In Ottawa, Jean Barrette, Director, Security Operations delivered an update on Olympic Planning to the Advisory Group on Aviation Security (AGAS) on November 21st. The group is composed of industry representatives and Transport Canada representatives. The briefing was similar in content to that provide by Dave Nowzek in Halifax.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Inspector Barry Nickerson of the 2010 ISU has joined Dave Nowzek of Transport Canada, Civil Aviation as Co-Chair of the Federal Aviation Steering Committee. Inspector Nickerson is the ISU's lead for all transportation modal planning. Staff Sergeant Chuck McDonald, former Co-Chair of this Committee, continues with internal duties within the ISU.

Corporal Cam Kowalski, of the ISU has taken over as Chair of the Federal Aviation Technical Working Group, replacing Inspector Nickerson.

NEXT STEPS

A meeting with the 2010 Aviation Committee will be convened in the first quarter of 2008.



WHO'S WHO

Six agencies are planning security for aviation transportation:

- The Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit, led by the RCMP
- Transport Canada
- Canadian Forces
- North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD)
- NAV CANADA
- Canadian Border Services

The aviation technical planning partnership includes:

- The Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit, led by the RCMP
- Transport Canada Safety and Security
- Canadian Forces
- NORAD
- NAV CANADA
- Canadian Border Services Agency
- Canadian Air Transport Security Authority
- US Federal Aviation Administration

The 2010 Aviation Committee Members are:

- Air Transportation Association of Canada (National)
- YVR
- Resort Municipality of Whistler
- Transport Canada
- Canada Border Services Agency
- BC Air Ambulance Service
- NAV Canada
- Lower Mainland Airports Working Group
- Air Transportation Association of Canada (Regional)
- BCAC
- Helicopter Association of Canada
- Canadian Owners & Pilots Association
- Canadian Business Aviation Association
- Department of National Defence
- NORAD