

Canada's Airports and the CTA Review

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About the CAC

- Established in 1992, since 2012 a division of ACI-North America for Canadian policy and regulatory files
- 50 airport members, including all privately operated National Airports System airports
- Leadership (Until July)
 - John Gibson, Prince George (Chair)
 - Howard Eng, GTAA (Vice Chair)
 - Craig Richmond, Vancouver, Chair, Large Airports Caucus
 - Sam Samaddar, Kelowna, Chair, Small Airports Caucus

CAC Engagement in CTA

- Connecting Canada: An Aviation Policy Agenda for Global Competitiveness and Economic Prosperity
- Multiple submissions, including a primary submission of 20 recommendations
- Supplemental submissions on screening and the Airports Capital Assistance Program



Airport Mandates

“Both the large airport authorities and Nav Canada have successfully fulfilled their mandates to develop or renew infrastructure through capital investment, while remaining self-sufficient. However, the smaller airports within the National Airports System, as well as those in remote markets, have found it difficult to do the same, given limited traffic volumes and business opportunities.”

- Pathways (page 186)

User Pay Policy/Cost of Air Transport

“Canada cannot become a world-leader in terms of cost competitiveness of air transport without heavy subsidization of the sector...Such subsidized models are unsustainable and not recommended. Nevertheless, the gap must be narrowed, such that air infrastructure and services are cost competitive with those jurisdictions in which infrastructure and services are generally self-sufficient, such as Australia, the United Kingdom and others in Europe.”

- Pathways (page 191)

Areas of Broad Support

- Domestic Air Carrier Competition and Foreign Ownership
- International Air Carrier Competition and International Air Policy
- Consumer Protection of Airline Passengers
- World-Class Air Sector Regulation and Certification

National Airports Policy Ownership and Governance

“With the introduction of the National Airports Policy, Canada achieved its objective of reducing the administrative and financial burden on government of managing, operating and developing airports. A network of efficiently run airports spans the country and, since divestiture the airport authorities have invested \$19 billion in new, upgraded and badly needed infrastructure.”

- Pathways (page 192)

Airport Security Screening: Governance and Performance

“...the Review has heard near-universal condemnation of the existing state of security screening services at Canadian airports. While stakeholders accept that [CATSA] and Transport Canada have fulfilled their security mandate, the service and operational failings of the existing oversight and regulatory model were consistently cited, and observed first-hand.”

- Pathways (page 201)

What's the Point?

“The recommended measures have been crafted to work together to advance the ultimate objective of reduced cost, increased connectivity and improved service for Canadian travelers and shippers.”

– Pathways (pg 185)