

## Transportation and Logistics Committee

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### Mandate

Calgary's enormous growth puts increasing pressure on its public transportation and road systems. A key project for this committee is an assessment of the costs to business in lost markets, efficiencies, employees and profits from Calgary's growing transportation and infrastructure 'deficit'. From there, the committee aims to develop and facilitate solutions to specific elements of the problems Calgary faces.

### 2008 – 2009 Committee Focus Areas

- New transportation vision - land use and mobility in the Calgary Region
- Security, efficiency, and access of Calgary's Airport

### Summary of Previous Year's Work

During the 2008–2009 Committee season, the Transportation & Logistics Committee established itself as an authority on regional development in Calgary. Early in the season, the Committee heard from several speakers on issues related to Plan It Calgary, the City's new land-use and mobility plan. Through learnings from these presentations, as well as their combined expertise, Committee members gave their recommendations to the City by way of Chamber representation on the City's Plan It Calgary Key Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Later in the year, the Committee was engaged by the Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) to give advice on the CRP's Regional Transit Plan. This led to the Chamber collaborating with the CRP to host an Open Forum on its Draft Regional Development Plan.

The Committee was also very active with regards to open skies legislation in Canada. In February, the Chamber, in partnership with the Van Horne Institute, hosted an Open Skies Panel, which brought together prominent speakers Dr. David Gillen, UBC, Stephan Poirier, Calgary Airport Authority, and Peter McCart, Edmonton Regional Airports Authority, and Lorne Mackenzie, WestJet Airlines to discuss open skies regulation in Canada. The Committee furthered offered support for open skies agreements in a letter to Canada's Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and recommended implementation of the proposal from the Governments of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan to expand existing Air Service Agreements by granting foreign carriers landing rights in airports in Western Canada, where market assessments and traffic volumes warrant such action.

Lastly, Committee members advocated for a roll-back on City short-term parking rates. This call was later taken up by one Calgary Alderman, with the issue revisited by Council.

## Committee Meeting Guest Speakers

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
September 2008	Byron Miller, University of Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Transit Systems</li> </ul>
October 2008	Dave Colquhoun – City of Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Transit</li> </ul>
November 2008	Dennis Little, Canadian Homebuilders' Association – Calgary Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHBA Position on Plan It Calgary</li> </ul>
December 2008	John Hubbell, General Manager Transportation & Alderman Joe Ceci, City of Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goods Movement in Calgary</li> </ul>
February 2009	Don Mulligan, City of Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Calgary Transportation Infrastructure Investment Plan</li> </ul>
March 2009	Colleen Shepherd, Calgary Regional Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Transit Network</li> </ul>
May 2008	Maggie Schofield, Calgary Downtown Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking &amp; Vibrant Downtown Business Community</li> </ul>