



**An allocution by the
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of the
Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier
International Airport Authority**

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Président et chef de la direction
de
l'Administration de l'aéroport international
Macdonald-Cartier d'Ottawa**

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Merci Jim. Bonjour tout le monde.

I would like to start by welcoming all of you, and to say what a pleasure it is to have you here.

As Jim mentioned, we are ready to proceed with the next step in another important project for the Ottawa International Airport and for the National Capital Region.

Work on Phase II of the Airport Expansion Program actually started just after we opened the new terminal.

The Project Definition Document, which had served as the benchmark for Phase I of the expansion program, was updated by Arup/NAPA in 2003/2004, and formed the basis for the next steps.

Si vous vous souvenez bien, en mai dernier, nous avons annoncé que nous commencerions à concevoir un projet d'expansion à l'extrémité sud de l'aérogare, en réponse à la pression croissante provoquée par l'augmentation record du nombre de passagers.

Dès que l'annonce a été publiée, les travaux ont très bien avancé à plusieurs égards.

Early in the summer of 2005, the team of McFarlane Green

Architects, led by Michael Green, and JLRichards led by Dale Craig, in association with Genivar led by Jacques Sauvé, were hired to prepare the detailed drawings and tender documents for the extension.

Shortly after, firms were hired to prepare the detailed design and contract documents for the civil works and the demolition activities associated with Phase II.

Et finalement, nous avons embauché un gestionnaire de construction pour réaliser les travaux préparatoires nécessaires avant le début de l'excavation.

After consideration of the finances associated with the expansion and careful monitoring of the market conditions, and with the approval of the Airport Authority's Board of Directors we will issue the call for tenders within the next two weeks.

Tenders will cover four aspects of the project, namely:

- The building;**
- The apron and civil works;**
- Parking; and**
- Demolition.**

Once the tenders are evaluated and awarded, we expect the work to start in August of this year, and as Jim mentioned, it will wrap up in 2008.

Let me tell you about a few of the details that have been worked into the design so far:

- **The extension will be built directly in front of the old terminal, straight out the south end of the new terminal;**
- **There will be a total of 12 new gates;**
- **We will have 7 new passenger bridges;**
- **There will be more than 7,000 square metres of holdroom space;**
- **Many of the same architectural elements and finishes will be used to ensure continuity;**
- **The apron will be built right around the extension to provide optimal use of the holdroom and gates, and to reduce walking distances; and**
- **Air Canada has committed to building a 600 square metre Maple Leaf lounge on level 3 of the expanded space, which will have a spectacular view of the airfield.**

En parlant de ressources, les contribuables canadiens n'auront rien à déboursier pour ce projet de construction – il sera entièrement financé par les frais d'amélioration aéroportuaire.

Let me repeat, no taxpayer dollars will be used for this project – it will be financed entirely by the Airport Improvement Fee.

And, we have no plans at this time to raise the Airport Improvement Fee, which will be welcome news for our clients. As was mentioned last year, we are pleased to note that there are no plans to increase our landing fees as a result of this project either.

So, it's good news all around.

A number of our project partners are here today, and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support, and that we are looking forward to working with you and your respective teams.

La réussite d'un tel projet repose entièrement sur le travail d'équipe et j'aimerais souligner, au nom de toute l'Administration de l'aéroport, à quel point nous sommes heureux de travailler en collaboration avec les organisations mentionnées, de même qu'avec les proposants qui seront retenus au terme des appels d'offres à venir.

We expect that as a team, we can and will achieve the same success that we experienced with Phase I.

We have received a lot of positive feedback since opening the new terminal.

I would like to share a comment that was received just last week, and I quote:

“I am an Ottawa citizen who loves this Ottawa terminal.

Compared to the older this one is night and day. It finally gives a sense of pride to the nation's capital.

I am very proud of what all of you have accomplished at the airport.

Flights are up, service is smooth and reliable.

The space is large, spacious, but not too massive that you'll get lost.

Keep up the great work!

On another note, I have a question.

I remember reading sometime ago about another expansion to the airport.

That is a great idea!

Can you tell me if that is simply a proposal or an actual end result?” end quote.

This comment certainly confirms that the community supports what we have done in the past, and what we will do in the future.

We won't let them down.

Maintenant, j'inviterais Jim à se joindre à moi pour vous offrir un aperçu de l'avenir à l'Aéroport international d'Ottawa.