



City of Toronto

Mayor Rob Ford

Date: April 22, 2013
To: Executive Committee
CC: City Clerk

Subject: Request from Porter Airlines

As you know, Porter Airlines recently announced its conditional acquisition of Bombardier CS-100 "Whisper" Jets and plans to operate these aircraft from Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (BBTCA). Doing so would require the City to consent to amendments to the Tripartite Agreement that governs the airport. Signatories to this agreement include: the City of Toronto, Government of Canada, and Toronto Port Authority.

Attached is a letter received today from Porter Airlines requesting the City to consent to an amendment of the Tripartite Agreement. Specifically, Porter is seeking amendments to the Agreement that would permit:

1. Operation of Bombardier CS-100 jet aircraft from BBTCA, despite the Agreement's current prohibition on the use of jet aircraft, and
2. An extension of the runway.

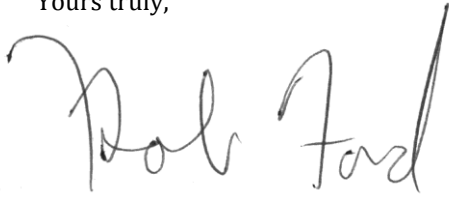
Given the extensive public interest in this issue and the fact it may take City Staff some time to investigate and provide fact-based advice, I feel it is important to start the reporting process as quickly as possible. Therefore, I am requesting Executive Committee add this item to its agenda for April 23, 2013 solely for the purpose of requesting a report, on this issue, from the City Manager in July.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the City Manager report back to Executive Committee at its July 3, 2013 meeting with advice on Porter's request to amend the Tripartite Agreement governing the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, and specifically:
 - a. The approval process required to amend the Tripartite Agreement;
 - b. Whether it is possible to remove the exclusion of jet aircraft from the airport while maintaining the current noise limitations and, if so, whether Porter's recommended approach to specifically exempt the CS-100 aircraft type from the current limitation is better than simply removing the ban on jet propulsion technology while continuing to enforce the noise and other limitations;
 - c. The potential economic impact/opportunity associated with the request;

- d. Whether recent or anticipated changes to Transport Canada regulations regarding Runway End Safety Areas may require changes to runway lengths at BBTCA and how Porter's request would be impacted by those regulations; and
- e. Other factors that should be considered by Committee and Council.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Ford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rob" and the last name "Ford" clearly distinguishable.

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Enclosure – Letter from Porter Airlines 22 April 2013