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**City Council**

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**Motion without Notice**

<b>MM11.18</b>	<b>ACTION</b>			Ward:9
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**Request the Federal Government to grant the Canadian Air and Space Museum (CASM) a long-term reprieve and provide assurances of its preservation on the Downsview lands - by Councillor Maria Augimeri, seconded by Councillor David Shiner.**

*\*This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\*This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*

*\*This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Maria Augimeri, seconded by Councillor David Shiner, recommends that:

1. City Council call on the Federal Government to recognize the contributions of Canadian aerospace and aviation innovation; grant the Canadian Air and Space Museum (CASM) located on the site of the former military base in Downsview, a long-term reprieve and provide assurances of its preservation on the Downsview lands.

**Summary**

CASM is an aviation museum featuring artefacts and exhibits which illustrate a century of Canadian aviation heritage and achievements. The museum is situated within Parc Downsview Park (PDP), and is housed in what was the original factory for the deHavilland Aircraft Company of Canada. It contains a full-sized replica of the famous Avro Arrow – one of Canada's finest achievements in cold war-era aircraft technology. It is the oldest surviving aircraft factory building in Canada. The institution is run by volunteers and has the goal of educating its visitors on the Canadian aerospace industry and technology. The museum is a registered non-profit organization with a charitable registration number. In 2010, City Council recognized the museum as a cultural asset and granted it tax exemption as a non-profit exposition hall. The museum has been an excellent community partner in Ward 9 and provides a valuable education service by preserving Canadian aerospace and aviation history.

On September 20, 2011 PDP evicted CASM without warning forcing volunteers to begin moving the artefacts and materials unceremoniously into the street. The full-sized Avro Arrow replica was pushed into the parking lot.

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