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To the Executive Committee (re agenda item #EX 33.18)

I am Braz Menezes, a member of the Planning Committee of York Quay Neighbourhood Association (YQNA).

We remain adamantly against jets and thus any changes to the Tripartite Agreement in relation to BBTCA.

Over the last two weekends the Waterfront received thousands of visitors from all over the GTA during the Waterfront BIA-Redpath Tall Ships Festival, and the Canada Day celebrations at Harbourfront. Clearly the existing BBTCA is an aberration in relation to a viable waterfront.

Having reviewed the detailed materials from Staff for this meeting, YQNA wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Increase the Study Area for the **Planning Consultant (Urban Strategies Inc.)** to include Ontario Place and the Exhibition Lands, as the traffic generated from these two developments will have to be factored into the Transportation study (below).

- Last year the Province announced a major plan for the redevelopment of Ontario Place and only last week confirmed the start of phase One. What is/will the impact of the airport on this plan?
- Similarly, we heard the recent discussions in Council about proposals for expansion of the Exhibition Site into a combined Mega-Conference facility (minus casino). How will these plans be affected?

2. Revise the scope and coverage of the [Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport and Eireann Quay Strategic Transportation Study](#). This study was started as an emergency response to the chaos around Bathurst Street, in 2012. Its scope is too limited, and may lead to temporary ad-hoc solutions.

3. Extend the Planning Consultant's contract to include work on this study. The Transportation Study team will benefit from having an independent consultant on board. At the moment the parties involved are the City's Transportation

Department, the TDSB, TPA (Proponent) and Build Toronto. We understand that Build Toronto is institutional stressed as all the Board members resigned recently.

4. The report of the Planning Consultant should include the preparation of Terms of Reference for further studies to identify more detailed impacts and mitigative measures be undertaken by TPA (proponent) in accordance with the current Official Plan for the City of Toronto (2006): Policy 3.4.21

5. There must be **formal consultations** with the Province as there is a current Provincial Policy Statement (2005) that governs land use in the vicinity of airports. The Province is also a 1/3 investor in Waterfront Toronto, and is financing the Union-Pearson Express.

Mr. Mayor and Councillors, only a few days ago, the Council approved a consultant's study of garbage treatment and disposal that will take two years to complete. The proposal to expand the BBTCA should be studied for at least that long. There may be no way of reversing wrong decisions that are made in a hurry.

If you care about Toronto's waterfront, our lake and the Toronto Islands, you can decide now to stop this absurd waste of our taxpayer's money, all at the request of just one man and his private company, and concentrate in collecting back taxes (PILT) from the TPA for the provision of city services.

Thank you.

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