



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Request to Amend the Tripartite Agreement for Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

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| Date: | January 30, 2014 |
| To: | Executive Committee |
| From: | Deputy City Manager, Cluster B |
| Wards: | All |
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SUMMARY

This report provides a further update on the review of the request by Porter Airlines for an exemption to the commercial jet-powered aircraft ban at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (BBTCA) and related runway extensions. This request would require amending the 1983 Tripartite Agreement between the City of Toronto, Toronto Port Authority (TPA) and Government of Canada.

Staff provided a final report on this request to the December 5, 2013 Executive Committee meeting. Executive Committee deferred consideration and public presentations to the February 4, 2014 Executive Committee meeting, or to a special meeting at the call of the Chair. Staff were unable to schedule a special meeting in January 2014.

Since December, in response to the final staff report, consultant reports and public consultations, the Toronto Port Authority has provided new information. Staff also held an additional public consultation meeting. In order to review and assess the new information that has been provided and the additional public input received, staff are recommending that consideration of this matter be deferred to a special meeting of Executive Committee in March, at the call of the Chair.

RECOMMENDATION

The Deputy City Manager, Cluster B recommends that:

1. Executive Committee defer the item to a special meeting of Executive Committee in March, at the call of the Chair.

Financial Impact

The recommendation contained in this report has no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

On December 5, 2013, City staff provided a final report to Executive Committee describing the history, staff and consultant team findings and the public consultation process on this matter, providing a series of recommendations. The Executive Committee deferred consideration and public presentations to the February 4, 2014 Executive Committee meeting, or to a special meeting at the call of the Chair.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-64318.pdf>

On December 9, 2013, the Medical Officer of Health provided a final report to the Toronto Board of Health on the health impact assessment conducted respecting the proposed BBTCA expansion. The Board of Health adopted the recommendations in that report, and in addition recommended that the proposed BBTCA expansion be rejected, the strategic transportation study previously initiated for Eireann Quay be completed, and that Toronto Water inspect BBTCA's ethylene glycol containment and stormwater run-off systems to ensure compliance with City by-laws.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.HL27.3>

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Executive Committee on additional information received from the Toronto Port Authority following the December 2013 deferral, and to recommend deferring this matter to March.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

This report provides an update to Executive Committee on additional information received from the Toronto Port Authority on existing and proposed operations at BBTCA, in support of Porter Airlines' April 2013 request to amend the Tripartite Agreement to permit jets and extend runways. Porter Airlines' request has been given a

comprehensive, expedited review by City staff, supported by consultants, and has been the subject of five public consultation meetings.

COMMENTS

Subsequent to the December 5, 2013 Executive Committee deferral of this matter, the Toronto Port Authority, supported by their consultants and Porter Airlines staff, engaged City staff in discussions on matters raised in the City's staff report as well as supporting consultant work and public consultations.

The Toronto Port Authority has submitted new information as outlined in the attached correspondence. This includes:

- a description of the TPA's commitments to the City in the event that the Porter Airlines proposal is approved;
- a \$100 million funding request by the TPA to the Federal and Provincial governments to support groundside improvements adjacent to BBTCA;
- peak hour passenger forecasts;
- revisions to the Airport Master Plan initially provided to City staff in December 2013, and an accompanying memo describing proposed further future revisions;
- a review of the BA Group transportation assessment, completed as part of the City's BBTCA review in fall 2013;
- a proposed transportation infrastructure improvements chart; and
- a summary of the matters raised throughout the fall review and public consultation process.

In addition, City staff held a public meeting on January 27, 2014 in City Hall Council Chambers that was attended by approximately 600 people, 85 of whom registered to speak.

In order to review and assess the new information that has been provided and the additional public input received, staff are recommending that consideration of the request for an exemption to the commercial jet-powered aircraft ban at BBTCA and related runway extensions be deferred to a special meeting of Executive Committee in March, at the call of the Chair.

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APPENDICES

1. Letter from Gene Cabral, Toronto Port Authority Executive Vice President, to Chris Dunn, Project Manager, Waterfront Secretariat (January 23, 2014)
2. Letter from Geoffrey Wilson, Toronto Port Authority President & Chief Executive Officer, to John Livey, Deputy City Manager, Cluster B (January 24, 2014)