

January 31, 2014

City Clerk and Executive Committee

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

In advance of the City of Toronto Executive Committee meeting on February 4, 2014, as its Chair, I want to inform Toronto residents and members of the public that we will be moving to consider item EX 38.1 separately at a special meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on March 25, 2014.

This request is based on City staff recommendations that will allow the Executive Committee further time to review and assess the new information that has been provided by the TPA, technical data, consultants, and the additional public input of January 27.

As we continue to grow and expand as a competitive urban centre and as the largest city in Canada, we must plan our growth carefully in order to manage and protect our most valuable city assets with care. Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is one of those assets and, when managed properly, it has the capacity to continue to bring significant economic benefits and prosperity to the City of Toronto.

As the world grows more fiercely competitive, we must work with our Federal and Provincial partners to allow for the modernization of the Tripartite Agreement to secure conditions that will manage the growth of the airport. We must also address the mainland issues resulting from its success. Considered together, this will allow the city to compete on the international stage and, in the future, bid to host major global events such as the Olympics, the Fifa World Cup or the World Expo.

This special meeting will permit the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B, and city staff the time to continue to gather information and bring forward a complete report that will allow the members of the Executive Committee to have a fulsome and thoughtful discussion on the future of the airport and the growth of our city.

Sincerely,

Norm Kelly, Deputy Mayor