

Written Deputation in Support of Expo 2025

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- For more than a century, PortsToronto – owner and operator of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Marine Terminals 51 and 52 within the Port of Toronto, and the Outer Harbour Marina – has worked with residents and businesses along Toronto's waterfront on our common goal of establishing and maintaining a vibrant waterfront.
- PortsToronto is a firm believer in promoting the waterfront as one of Toronto's greatest assets and investing in the initiatives, services and infrastructure that help maintain Toronto as a world-class city.
- That is why PortsToronto has invested more than \$8 million since 2009 in community initiatives, charitable organizations and environmental programmes that benefit the waterfront.
- That is why just last year PortsToronto invested more than \$32 million in waterfront infrastructure, including the completion of the airport's new, award-winning pedestrian tunnel.
- That is also why, should city council wish to pursue the possibility of hosting Expo 2025, PortsToronto is prepared to offer its full support.
- PortsToronto understands the value world events like Expo 2025 bring to the cities and countries in which they are hosted.
- Given that current estimates indicate that Expo 2025 would attract 40 million visitors over the six-month event, there is no doubt that hosting the Expo is an important way to showcase Toronto – particularly the city's incredible waterfront.
- It is also presents a unique opportunity to develop the Port Lands, invest in infrastructure and build to a deadline. We saw what could be accomplished with the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games last summer, and the new promise of investment and development in much-needed infrastructure is indeed appealing.
- PortsToronto has the unique infrastructure, inter-modality and connectivity to help make the event a success and would support development efforts.
- From its world-class airport to its active port, PortsToronto is prepared to leverage its many assets to help showcase Toronto through this fair.

- Through Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, which welcomes 2.5 million passengers each year, PortsToronto can help bring people directly into the heart of the city and the Expo itself.
- With the new pedestrian tunnel opened at the airport last July, visitors are provided with unmatched convenience to access the city and are more connected than ever before to the waterfront and broader GTA area.
- PortsToronto can also help coordinate the movement of visitors locally using marine shuttle services opportunities.
- Through the Port, PortsToronto can help bring not only people into the city, but also goods and materials needed to support the event.
- In addition, PortsToronto can help coordinate the shipping and harbour logistics of its active port with Expo activities.
- It can also provide access to the waterways under its jurisdiction, such as the Ship Channel, to allow for Expo activities – including the currently proposed idea of using floating rafts and barges on which to host exhibits.
- Again, as part of its commitment to strengthening and promoting Toronto's fantastic waterfront, PortsToronto is prepared to leverage all of its assets to help make Expo 2025 a success.
- PortsToronto will continue to work in partnership with Waterfront Toronto, the Toronto Port Lands Company and the City on the Expo, should city council wish to pursue this opportunity.