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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: **Toronto Official Plan Review
Comments from Greater Toronto Airports Authority ("Toronto Pearson")**

We would like to thank Toronto City Planning for the opportunity to share our comments on updates to the City's Official Plan review process (Municipal Comprehensive Review and Growth Plan conformity exercise). The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) supports Toronto's long-term vision and policies for key areas like land development, economic growth, major transit station areas (MTSAs), the environment and protection of employment areas.

The GTAA looks forward to building on the strong working relationship that exists between our two organizations to advance files of mutual interest like transit and economic development/commercial development opportunities.

Following is a list of our comments on the updated chapters of the proposed new Official Plan:

Chapter 1: Making Choices

No comments



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Chapter 2: Shaping the City

2.2 – Integrating Land Use and Transportation

- The GTAA continues to be supportive of better transit connections to Toronto Pearson including connections of the Eglinton and Finch West LRTs and the Kitchener GO line.
- We are pleased to see all levels of government continue to invest in regional transit, particularly the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension (ECWE) connection to Toronto Pearson.

2.2.4 – Employment Areas

- We support the City's stand on preserving employment lands, especially those identified as part of Provincially Significant Employment Zones.
- We support the definition of sensitive land uses and the separation of sensitive land uses from Employment Areas that are within the Airport Operating Area.

2.4 – Transportation Change

- Goods movement – Toronto Pearson is located within the second largest employment zone in the country. The airport is also a major cargo hub and therefore the efficient movement of freight and goods is essential and serving the local and provincial economy.

Chapter 3: Building a Successful City

3.2.1 – Housing

- We support the proposed policies aimed at providing new and maintaining the existing stock of a full range of housing, particularly affordable housing.

3.4 – The Natural Environment

- Section 21: We support the policy statement with regards to airports and the separation of uses to prevent adverse affects from noise, and to protect safety.

3.5.1 – Creating a Strong and Diverse Civic Economy

- The retention of Employment Areas exclusively as stable places of business and economic activities is integral to the success of Toronto Pearson as well as to the economic health and development of the surrounding region.



Chapter 4: Land Use Designations

4.6 – Employment Areas

- The GTAA supports the new designations and definitions of both *Core Employment Areas* and *General Employment Areas*.

Chapter 5: Implementation: Making Things Happen

5.1.1 – Height and/or Density Incentives

- The GTAA recognizes and understands the need to consider additional height and/or density in certain areas targeted for additional growth by the City. However, under established flight paths height limitations can be further affected by international aviation safety standards and NAV Canada instrument flight procedures that may go beyond what is set by Transport Canada's Airport Zoning Regulations. It is essential that planning staff and proponents consult on locations potentially affected by airport operations in order to fully understand all possible impacts.

Chapter 6: Secondary Plans

No comments

Chapter 7: Site and Area Specific Policies

- Policy 29 - Lester B. Pearson International Airport Operating Area:
The preservation and continuation of this policy section is extremely important to Toronto Pearson in order to protect for the safety and economic vitality of the airport both now and for the long term.

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Thank you,

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