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WATERFRONT FOR ALL

October 7, 2024

Re: Council Meeting October 9 – 11, 2024 EX 17.5 Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport - Runway End Safety Areas (RESA)

The safety of Torontonians comes first! Vote to accept the recommendations in City Staff Report of October 27, 2024.

Get RESA 1 approved now in response to the new safety requirements so the deadline on July 14, 2027 can be met.

Ports Toronto and Nieuport and their lobbyists have been meeting for months with Councillors, demanding that the City agree now to a lot of other options NOT relating to safety. They want to immediately expand the airport and extend the Tripartite Agreement without any study or public consultation.

Even if you love the airport, that makes no sense. City staff's report says its unworkable and unfair to the public not to study the airport and examine what's good or bad before making key decisions. The City hasn't studied it since 2014.

Ports Toronto claims it doesn't have the money to build RESA 1 and its other capital projects. City staff considered this issue in depth. At pages 28 and 29 of the Staff Report, they conclude Ports Toronto has the fiscal capacity and tools sufficient to build RESA and carry on with its other projects. The City's Chief Financial Officer agrees.

Follow staff's recommendations. Focus on safety for now. Torontonians are entitled to the benefit of study and public consultation on the airport before big decisions shaping the future for decades are made. This not just a waterfront issue, it affects the whole city.