Toronto 416 Federal Liberal Caucus



September 27, 2024

Her Worship Olivia Chow City Hall, 2nd Floor 100 Queen St. W. Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Chow:

I am writing on behalf of members of the Toronto 416 Federal Liberal Caucus to share our support for Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. We wish to add our voices to the many other political, business and community leaders who have also expressed their collective support for the long-term future of the airport.

Billy Bishop Airport plays a vital role in the City of Toronto, facilitating travel, creating economic growth, supporting life-saving medical access and connecting communities. Its strategic location not only provides convenient access to the city's financial, business, visitor and cultural districts, but also serves as a gateway for regional and international travel. It is a critical, reliable and efficient transportation hub for the region.

The airport's unique proximity to key economic centres and its efficient operations contribute significantly to the competitiveness and productivity of Toronto, the province and the businesses that operate here and their employees contribute to the local economy.

The time is now for all orders of government to come together and the tripartite agreement should be renewed at the earliest opportunity to ensure this vital asset can continue to provide its crucial services. This not only benefits communities and local economy but the certainty will assist with the process for the Runway End Safety Access, mandated by Transport Canada by 2027. We would like to underline that this is not a runway extension but a mandated safety requirement.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

With kind regards,

The Hon. John McKay, P.C., M.P., Scarborough-Guildwood

Toronto 416 Caucus Chair