

Securing the Long-Term Future of Billy Bishop Airport

We have come together through this open letter to express our collective support for the long-term future of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. Recognizing the critical role that Billy Bishop Airport plays in facilitating travel, supporting economic growth, supporting life-saving medical access and connecting communities, we believe it is essential to advocate for its sustained operation and development.

Billy Bishop Airport is a vital asset for businesses and travelers. Its strategic location in downtown Toronto 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. The airport's unique proximity to key economic centers and its efficient operations contribute significantly to the competitiveness and productivity of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the businesses that operate here and their employees.

Representing a diverse range of industries, sectors, and communities, the importance of this reliable and efficient transportation hub cannot be understated. The time is now for all orders of government to collaborate and agree to a long-term future for Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

82%

of Torontonians believe Billy Bishop Airport is a good use of land.

\$2.1B

growing to \$5.3 Billion in annual economic output.

87%

of Torontonians believe it makes sense for the city to have an airport downtown.

20

direct connections and 80+ indirect.

9th

busiest airport in Canada, 5th busiest Canada-US air crossing and future home of US preclearance.

85

years connecting people where they want to be & the medical services they require.

Signed,

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