



To: Mayor Chow, Deputy Mayor Malik, Deputy Mayor Colle, Deputy Mayor McKelvie, Deputy Mayor Morley, Councillor Ainslie, Councillor Carroll, Councillor Fletcher, Councillor Matlow, Councillor Perks

Re: EX17.5 Support for Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport Runway End Safety Areas

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of the Executive Committee

On behalf of the Federation of South Toronto Residents Associations (FoSTRA), we appreciate the opportunity to address you today regarding the critical issue of the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (BBTCA) Runway End Safety Area (RESA). FoSTRA represents 28 residents' associations across downtown Toronto wards 4, 9, 10, 11, and 13. We advocate for responsible development that carefully considers our communities' well-being and our city's long-term vision. We share your interests in this matter: a desire for a vibrant waterfront and a sustainable future for the city.

Earlier this year, FoSTRA conducted a comprehensive survey of our members, receiving over 370 responses. This survey was designed to understand the diverse perspectives on the BBTCA and its impact on our waterfront. It highlighted the complex interplay of public concerns, economic considerations, and land use preferences surrounding the airport. Our objective was to gather these diverse viewpoints, report them in an unbiased and balanced manner, ensuring that our report reflects the complexity of this issue.

We recognize and commend the city's efforts in consulting with residents, business and Indigenous communities, and visitors on this matter. Transparent and inclusive

consultation is essential to gather diverse perspectives, identify potential compromises, and effectively manage public expectations throughout the decision-making process.

While we do not request a delay in the RESA decision, we strongly encourage the Council to:

- Utilize this opportunity to thoughtfully address the concerns and suggestions raised in FoSTRA's BBTCA survey report and the City of Toronto Public Consultation on Runway End Safety Options at the Island Airport.
- Ensure that the public witnesses a transparent and inclusive consultation process that acknowledges the diverse range of perspectives within our communities.
- Prioritize a decision-making process grounded in data-driven analysis, a forward-thinking waterfront vision, and genuine public engagement that fosters trust.

This includes taking the necessary time to thoroughly review and publicly respond to all reports and information gathered from the public consultations, including the forthcoming final Comprehensive Environmental Assessment report at the end of the year.

We believe a well-informed decision will ensure that the chosen RESA option aligns with the city's long-term vision for a sustainable, equitable, and vibrant waterfront. This decision must consider not only the immediate safety requirements but also the broader implications for our communities, environment, and economic future.

FoSTRA is generally supportive of the Staff Report's recommendations. FoSTRA supports either EMAS or staff's recommendation of RESA 1 as a balanced approach that preserves the airport's existing commercial operations (thus maintaining its contribution to the city's economy) while having the lowest possible incremental impacts on livability on Toronto's waterfront.

FoSTRA also believes this approval should be contingent on the ongoing Comprehensive Environment Assessment results and on ensuring the implementation

of any AECOM, City, and TRCA mitigation recommendations that may emerge. The focus of this process is the RESA. As such, FoSTRA recommends that the city limit the scope of any amendment to the Tripartite Agreement at this time to permit limited lake-fill works needed for either EMAS or RESA 1. We strongly recommend the city not consider any amendment and/or extension to the term/duration of the Tripartite Agreement at this time.

Lastly, as representatives of residents' associations surrounding the island airport, we strongly support the staff's recommendation that the city require Ports Toronto to develop construction and traffic management plans that minimize community impacts, including overnight work.

FoSTRA is committed to working collaboratively with the Executive Council and all stakeholders to achieve the best possible outcome for Toronto residents. We urge you to prioritize transparent engagement that fosters public trust, data-driven analysis, and a forward-thinking waterfront vision that reflects the best interests of our entire city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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