

Toronto Board of Health
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: Item HL34.5 - Health Impacts of the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport Expansion and Introduction of Jet Aircraft on Toronto Islands

Dear Chair Moise and Members of the Board of Health,

I write on behalf of the Sherbourne Estates Tenant Association, representing 170 tenants located in Ward 13 Toronto Centre, to register our strong opposition to the proposed expansion of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport and the introduction of jet aircraft, and to request the Board of Health to direct Toronto Public Health to update its 2013 health impact assessment of the airport's expansion.

Our Tenant Association has engaged with this Board of Health before, in support of its February 2026 motion on indoor air quality, and we write now because both issues are connected: outdoor air pollution comes indoors and tenants across the city are among the most impacted. We are concerned that jet exhaust, including PM2.5 fine particulates and Ultrafine Particles, will penetrate building envelopes and affect the health of tenants. These pollutants are known to cause health issues and the body of research on this subject is growing. Residents also need green space for their health and well-being and rely on a healthy waterfront and lake for this.

Toronto Public Health's 2013 [health impact assessment](#) called for a reduction of current and future airport impacts, and the Board of Health recommended that the last proposed expansion be rejected. The current proposal for airport expansion is larger, and we fear that the health impacts on tenants could be worse. Additionally, thirteen years of scientific research on Ultrafine Particles has not been applied to it. Tenants in our communities deserve to know what this expansion means for the air quality in their homes and for the health of their families as soon as possible, since decisions on this topic are being shaped now.

We ask the Board to direct Toronto Public Health to complete the update of its 2013 health impact assessment without delay given the urgency and seriousness of this issue. Thank you for your continued work in protecting the health and quality of life of the tenants of this city.

Sincerely,

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