

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### Investigating the Increased Risk of Heart Disease, Lung Cancer, and Tumours from Bringing Jets to Toronto's Waterfront Communities

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#### SUMMARY:

A government's primary concern must be the health and safety of its citizens. First and foremost because our health is our most valuable personal asset. Second, because a healthy population drives a healthy economy. And third, because increased rates of illness associated with pollution will increase the strain on our healthcare system.

A 2017 Environmental Assessment commissioned by the Toronto Port Authority found that jet pollution would increase the risk of heart disease, lung cancer, and respiratory tract tumours. Despite this, Doug Ford has recklessly said that jets will be permitted at Billy Bishop Airport "one way or another". He has not taken into consideration the risk that the increased volume of higher polluting planes will have on people's health, including the numerous schools and daycares within a few blocks of the airport.

Public health and safety cannot be sacrificed for any other interests or ambition.

Without provincial leadership, it falls to the City to ensure that these risks are thoroughly investigated, that residents are well-informed, and that Doug Ford is forced to confront the potential consequences of his actions.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the Toronto Board of Health to request the Medical Officer of Health to
  - a. collect all available data from studies related to the potential health impacts of introducing jets in close proximity to residential communities, including in the context of Billy Bishop Airport specifically and in other jurisdictions internationally; and
  - b. work with Health Canada to conduct a comprehensive study of the potential health impacts of introducing jets to Billy Bishop Airport, including an assessment of the related costs and burdens to our public healthcare system.