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PH31.5 - Billy Bishop Airport Proposed Expansion: Response to Council Request for Information on Housing and Transportation Impacts

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Dear Councillors,

We represent the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (MLCN) a coalition of local resident associations and dedicated individuals who want to see the Mimico Lakeshore neighborhood enjoy all the benefits that a complete community offers. A large part of a complete community is the pleasures that a neighborhood has to offer, which includes local parks. This neighborhood enjoyment is now at risk because of the proposed Billy Bishop Airport expansion, being pushed ahead by the unilateral decision by Doug Ford's provincial government despite massive objections by the City of Toronto's government and the impacted residents that live in the island airport's increased flight range if the Island Airport Expansion is approved

The Province is part of a Tripartite Agreement, which has been in effect since 1983, and also includes the Federal and City of Toronto governments. **Like all other resident associations in the South Etobicoke neighborhood, MLCN does not support any Island Airport Expansion**, because of the noise, air pollution and negative impacts on housing supply that any expansion would bring. MLCN also objects to the Province removing the City from the Tripartite Agreement as a stakeholder This Tripartite Agreement prohibits runway and landmass extensions, imposes aircraft noise restrictions and impacts new housing opportunities.

Proposed by the federal government is a public consultation, including all stakeholders, to discuss potential changes to the Island Airport and the impacts to Toronto's waterfront. While this consultation does not necessarily result in cancellation of the Province's Island Airport expansion plans, it does make the process more democratic and brings up discussion of issues such as noise mitigation, environment protection, and required community infrastructure. Any such public consultation requires some measure of success. The stakeholders suggestions and vote should have some impact in any final island airport extension

Almost at the same time that plans for the island airport expansion was announced, there was an announcement that Pearson airport will launch Pearson LIFT (Long-term Investment in Facilities and Terminals), which will be one of the largest airport infrastructure programs in Canadian history. Pearson, which hosted 47.3 million travellers in 2025, plans to grow that figure to 65 million a year by the early 2030s. Since Toronto needs two fully operating full sized airports, expansion of the size limited Island Airport does not satisfy that need.

Like all South Etobicoke resident associations, the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (MLCN) is opposed to any Island Airport expansion. because of the negative impacts the island airport expansion will have on the quality of life in South Etobicoke. What MLCN is agreeable to is a public consultation organized by the federal government, which would give all stakeholders a voice and a vote in the expansion decision.

Yours,
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