

June 10, 2026

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

To the Planning and Housing Clerk:

*Please add these comments to the agenda for the June 11, 2026 Planning and Housing Committee meeting **31.5 - Billy Bishop Airport Proposed Expansion: Response to Council Request for Information on Housing***

***We request that these comments be publicly visible on line** and understand that these comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that our name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, we understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and our name may be indexed by search engines like Google.*

TO:

Planning and Housing Committee (please distribute)
Mayor Olivia Chow
Councillor Amber Morley

CC:

Premier Doug Ford
MP James Maloney

Dear Mayor Chow, Councillor Morley, Members of Planning and Housing Committee

On behalf of the **South Etobicoke Community Association (SECA) – New Toronto Initiative**, we are writing to express our opposition to the proposed expansion of Billy Bishop Airport.

The report raises concerns that extend far beyond the downtown waterfront. Directly impacted will be residents of South Etobicoke, in particular the communities of Humber Bay Shores, Mimico, New Toronto and Long Branch that are adjacent to Lake Ontario.

Of particular concern is the impact of expanded airport operations on communities situated along or near the airport's east-west flight corridors. While much public discussion has focused on downtown Toronto, residents in South Etobicoke understand that increased aircraft activity does not stop at the waterfront. More frequent flights, larger aircraft, and increased passenger volumes will inevitably result in greater noise exposure, more frequent overflights, and diminished quality of life for thousands of residents living along the lakeshore.

Families in South Etobicoke already experience aircraft noise associated with Billy Bishop Airport operations. Expanding the airport's capacity and enabling larger jet aircraft raises legitimate concerns regarding:

- Increased aircraft noise affecting homes, schools, parks, and public spaces.
- Reduced enjoyment of Toronto's waterfront and lakeshore trail system.
- Potential air quality impacts from increased aviation and ground transportation activity.

- Cumulative health impacts associated with expanded airport operations.
- Long-term degradation of neighbourhood livability in communities that have welcomed substantial residential growth and revitalization.

The City's report notes that no detailed public business case has been presented to justify expansion on the scale being contemplated. Yet residents are being asked to accept significant environmental, health, and community impacts without a clear demonstration of need, alternatives, or long-term consequences.

South Etobicoke residents have consistently supported responsible waterfront development that prioritizes public access, parks, environmental stewardship, and community well-being. Those values should not be subordinated to airport expansion at the expense of established neighbourhoods and future generations.

We respectfully ask that all plans for expansion of Billy Bishop Airport be paused until a fulsome study on the long- term effects of any expansion can be completed. We also ask that such studies closely examine the impacts to South Etobicoke residents, neighbourhoods and environment.

Sincerely,

Cameron Ley,

South Etobicoke Community Association (SECA) o/a New Toronto Initiative