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**To: All Interested Parties**

**Re: BBTCA – TPA EA for Runway Extensions**

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The purpose of this letter is to clarify the City's position regarding on-going studies related to the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (BBTCA), in particular, the Toronto Port Authority's (TPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) for runway extensions.

City Council's decision on April 1 and 2, 2014 established a direction for moving forward with the evaluation of the introduction of jet-powered aircraft and runway extensions at BBTCA. This direction includes a caps and phasing framework that must be agreed to by the TPA and Transport Canada. Absent an agreement to implement caps and phasing at BBTCA, the City will not proceed with any discussions on amendments to the Tripartite Agreement that govern the airport. This will have the practical effect of extending consideration of the introduction of jet aircraft and runway extensions to an unknown date, assuming the TPA and Transport Canada are prepared to agree on caps and phasing in the future.

City staff have provided assistance to the Toronto Port Authority (TPA) during the consultant selection process for their EA in order to protect the City's interests and ensure that established principles for public and stakeholder consultation on the waterfront are represented and addressed. For example, City staff have encouraged the TPA to take a broad perspective of the issues with the hope that the EA will address the overall impact of airport expansion on the waterfront rather than only narrow technical matters.

Please note that the commencement of an EA is a "condition precedent" of Phase 1 of the Council-adopted caps and phasing framework. The EA will address a number of the airport expansion questions posed, and not yet answered, by members of Council and the public. For example, the EA will supply additional information on topics ranging from the proposed configuration of the expanded runway and related facilities to the potential impact on waterfront revitalization and residential communities. The airport expansion proposal has long suffered from a lack of information. The additional information from the EA process should provide analysis that is required for an informed decision by City Council on potential airport expansion at BBTCA.

To be clear, staff are not negotiating changes to the existing terms of the Tripartite Agreement to facilitate airport expansion until such time as the TPA and Transport Canada agree to a caps and phasing framework for BBTCA. Airport expansion as requested by Porter Airlines cannot happen without City Council's consideration and approval of Tripartite Agreement changes. While the TPA is going ahead with its EA, there have been no City-TPA-Transport Canada discussions on amendments to the Tripartite Agreement.

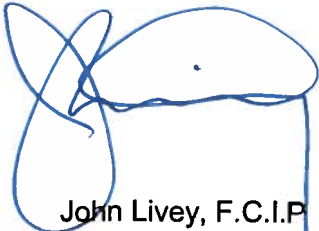
Concurrent with the studies being undertaken by the TPA, City Planning staff have initiated a precinct study for the Bathurst Quay community. This study is expected to set out a vision for the community (including the Canada Malting lands) by developing updated planning policy, public realm, open space and transportation frameworks. This vision will be based on the principles of the

Official Plan and Central Waterfront Secondary Plan and will provide direction for new public and private initiatives, including changes to and/or expansion of BBTCA. In addition, the transportation component of the review will address current issues related to traffic and pedestrian safety and will complete the work initiated by the BBTCA and Eireann Quay Strategic Transportation Study (begun in 2012). Public and Stakeholder consultation for the study is expected to begin in November, 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact David Stonehouse, Director, Waterfront Secretariat (Email: [dstoneh@toronto.ca](mailto:dstoneh@toronto.ca) / Tel: 416-392-8113).

More information on the review of the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport can be found at: [www.toronto.ca/bbtca\\_review/](http://www.toronto.ca/bbtca_review/)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Livey', with a stylized flourish on the left side.

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Deputy City Manager