

October 15, 2013

John Livey
Deputy City Manager
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Mr. Livey,

RE: Porter Airlines Request for Exemption to Commercial Jet Ban

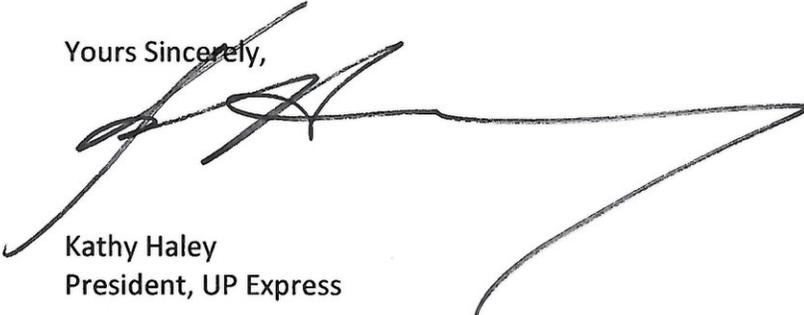
Thank you for your letter of September 30, 2013 to the President & CEO of Metrolinx, Bruce McCuaig requesting Metrolinx's perspective as to whether the Union Pearson Express (UP Express) business case will be adversely affected by Porter Airlines's request for an exemption from the commercial jet ban. I am pleased to respond on behalf of Metrolinx.

Members of our UP Express team met with representatives from the Waterfront Secretariat in June 2013 to discuss the review being conducted by the City in respect of Porter's request. As we noted to your staff at that time, while our current business planning efforts acknowledge Billy Bishop Airport, the overall UP Express business case is not impacted by the operations of Porter Airlines.

An integrated transit system is a priority for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. As a dedicated airport rail link, the UP Express will transform the way we travel to and from the airport and our plan remains to have the UP Express in service by the summer of 2015 in time for the Pan/Parapan Am Games. In so doing, the UP Express service will add to the range of public transportation choices available today, as well as those planned for the future.

Identified in The Big Move, Metrolinx's regional transportation plan, UP Express is a key component of a family of integrated, regional transportation solutions. The UP Express service will help boost economic growth across the region – creating jobs, easing traffic congestion, and it will be a critical enabler of economic growth for businesses in communities across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

Yours Sincerely,


Kathy Haley
President, UP Express

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