# Jets on Our Waterfront?

# Why Scarborough residents should be concerned



#### Overview

- Who is NoJetsTO
- Current Situation
- Why Porter's jet plans are not 'modest'
- How Porter and the TPA want your tax dollars
- How our waterfront revitalization will be impacted
- Other concerns
- Parting thoughts

#### Jets Predicted in 2003



#### Who is NoJetsTO

- Non-partisan citizens coalition that:
  - Strives to protect existing Tripartite Agreement
  - Opposes expansion of the Island Airport
  - Supports the mixed-used vision of Waterfront Toronto
- What we are NOT:
  - Opposed to current Island Airport
  - Opposed to jets per se Porter is more than welcome to fly out of Pearson



#### 11,000+ Petitions Signed Across City



#### **Broad Support from Endorsers**

SCSU | SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION LOCAL 99, CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS





#### LABOUR TORONTO & YORK REGION COUNCIL

Toronto & York Region Labour Council



Former MP for Scarborough Southwest

#### Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment The National Voice of Physicians on Issues of Health and the Environment Join CAPE



David Miller



Paul Bedford



Margaret Atwood



# **Current Situation**

- Passenger growth 26k to 2.3M (2006 2012)
  - Majority of the growth is between 2009 Present (138% since 2009)
    - TPA increased airport slots in 2010
    - 70% passengers come by private vehicle
    - Traffic problems since have not been addressed by the TPA but they did spend \$84M on a tunnel
      - Why not prioritize land side concerns? Mitigate uncontrolled growth of traffic congestion first?
- Can grow to 3.8M passengers now and 4.8M with jets. Equivalent to Ottawa International



# Our Primary Concern Expansion will have a <u>Generational</u> <u>Impact</u>.

What is the vision of this airport? (TPA has none!! Managed Growth is strategy not a vision and clearly the TPA is failing at their own strategy)



#### Waterfront Toronto put it best:

"At what point does the Island Airport stop being and airport in a thriving revitalized waterfront and become an airport overwhelming the waterfront?"



### Proposed Expansion: What "They" Don't want to talk about

- Marine Exclusion Zone impacts
  - Porter uses marketing spin "modest runway extensions"
  - 2 football fields on either end is <u>NOT</u> "modest"



"Essentially the western gap will be closed by the expansion of runway 08-26."



#### What They Don't Want to Talk About









### 5 Reasons to Save Toronto's Waterfront

- 1. Impact on Waterfront vision
- 2. Wasteful Spend of our taxpayer \$\$
- 3. Health Impacts due to expansion
- 4. Safety Concerns are unaddressed
- 5. Environmental Impacts of the expansion

# 1. Impacting Waterfront Vision

- 17 Million people visit Harbourfront every year
- 1.5 Million people visit the Toronto Islands
- 40,000 jobs already created



East Bayfront



Lower Don Lands

Lower Don Lands







#### 2. Wasting Our Tax Dollars



#### **Other Reasons Against Expansion**

- 3. Negative Health Impacts TBOH Says NO!
- 4. Unaddressed Safety Concerns
  - Increased traffic = physical accidents
  - Increased Fuel Transfer and Storage
  - Bird Strikes
- 5. Environmental Impacts
  - Air Pollution: Increased vehicular and air traffic
  - Water Pollution: No Deicing fluid capture and recycling
  - Noise pollution



#### Proposed Expansion: Some Parting Thoughts

"This Tripartite Agreement prohibits the use of jet aircraft, except for emergency and medical evacuations. The TPA has no intention of seeking amendments to the Tripartite Agreement to allow commercial jet aircraft to use the BBTCA, as we believe they are incompatible with a densely populated mixed use community surrounded by recreational and cultural amenities."

Toronto Port Authority – 2009



### Proposed Expansion: Some Parting Thoughts

Mr. Deluce said the risk Porter faces from bird strikes is reduced by the type of aircraft it flies. "We're using turboprops," he said. "They handle bird strikes better than jets."

http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/study-shows-few-bird-strikes-at-island-airport/article1151980/



# Our Ask

- Ask your city councillor to say NO to the island airport expansion
- Support us by:
  - 1. Signing the petition: <u>http://www.NoJetsTO.ca/take-action</u>
  - 2. Order a lawn-sign: <u>http://www.NoJetsTO.ca/get-your-lawn-sign/</u>





# Thank you! Please help us Save Toronto's Waterfront



# 3. Health - TBOH Says NO!

 Toronto Board of Health has said NO to the proposed expansion

Potential Health Risk	Health Impact of BBTCA relative to a baseline of "no airport"	Health Impact of permitting Jets, relative to current conditions
Other Environmenta	il	
Climate change	Negative	Negative
Water quality	Negative	Negative
Economic		
Income	Positive	Positive
Employment	Positive	Positive
Tourism	Negative and positive	Negative and positive
Healthcare costs	Negative	Negative and positive
Property values	Uncertain	Uncertain
Infrastructure	Negative	Negative
Social and Cultural		
Feeling safe in the community	Negative	Negative
Recreation	Negative	Negative
Cultural activities	Negative	Negative
Community services	Negative	Negative
Community Character	Not known	Negative



## 4. Safety Concerns Unaddressed

- Risk of accident/spills (no assessment)
  - 4x the amount jet fuel required
- Significant car traffic between school & park
- 200,000 birds, large migratory birds in area
- Risk of bird strikes increasing (over 206 to-date)
- Jet blasts not being studied in detail
- Emergency (Airport Rescue & Firefighting) facilities are currently inadequate



# **Environmental Concerns**

- 200,000 birds around airport, islands, Leslie Street Spit
- Water Pollution impact not studied in detail
- Endangered fish species in lakefill area
  - Federal Fisheries EA required most likely
- Increase in emissions from increased vehicular traffic & higher emissions/flight



# Open Items from WT, TRCA, City Staff, and NoJetsTO

- TPA Master Plan NOT a master plan (Caps on Passengers, # of slots, # of max peak hour passengers also needed)
- Change mode of transport to airport from Car to Transit as a preliminary step.
- TPA TIPA Dispute on definition of General Aviation and vision for the airport
- Transport Canada has not received a formal application from the Toronto Port Authority to-date)
- Plane Certifications not complete (Expected in 2015 NOW assuming no delays in flight testing)



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- Who is paying for land use considerations (Approximately \$100M-\$500M of known costs).
- Property Value Impacts
- We don't know the flight path over the Portlands (and in general)
- Wildlife Management Strategy
- Changes to Marine Exclusion Zone
- A-Study of Jet Blast
- The Toronto Port Authority wants to tie a 50 year extension of the lease to the Expansion proposal. (Lease Expiration in 2033).

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- Risk to Waterfront Revitalization & Sensory Experiences for recreation on the waterfront at risk
- Existing noise measures and standards may not capture the real impact of the Airport on the waterfront and they should be revisited
- Recommendation by city staff to push more passengers to transit (vs. car)
- The proposed expansion will exacerbate already stressed traffic conditions in the vicinity of Eireann Quay
- Expansion of Current Island Airport Operations not part of Transport Canada Regional Strategy
- Question on Tipping point of Airport dominating waterfront in terms of size and scale
- # of Parking Spots needed (1000-3000 typically needed/1M passengers). Airport only has approx. 500 spot



## **APPENDIX**

#### > Bird Strike Information (as of Mid-August) from CADOR



Bird Strikes Per Annum BBTCA



### **APPENDIX**

#### Size of Plane













### **APPENDIX**

#### > Weight of 2 planes (Current vs. Future)







Images are to scale. Human figure is **1.83** m - **6** ft

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After





