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## **Toronto Port Authority awaits response from Toronto Star on error-filled series**

TORONTO, November 9, 2009 -- As detailed in a press advisory last Friday, a recent series published by The Toronto Star (the "Star") regarding management of the Toronto Port Authority ("TPA") was rife with errors and falsehoods.

Although Star journalist Linda Diebel had information and documents in hand which demonstrated that she was being misled by biased sources, she inexplicably proceeded to publish serious and false accusations in what was promised by the Star to be a three day series titled "Port in a Storm."

The third instalment in the Star's series, advertised to run on Saturday November 7, 2009, did not appear in the newspaper on that day, nor subsequently.

On November 5 and 6, 2009, the TPA wrote to Michael Cooke, the Editor-in-Chief of the Star, requesting that the newspaper publish corrections relating to the many factual errors that had appeared in the first two articles in the series. The TPA also asked that the Star acknowledge the lack of balance in the reporting of the articles.

"The TPA and the Star agree on a wide variety of topics, such as the increased utilization of the Toronto City Centre Airport or the benefits of a pedestrian tunnel to the TCCA," said Mark McQueen, Chairman of the TPA Board of Directors. "Although the TPA welcomes the Star's cancellation of the series, the Star has yet to acknowledge the failings in the series nor has it apologized for the false accusations made in the first two articles."

A listing of the Star's nine errors in the two articles can be viewed along with other supporting documents at:

[http://www.torontoport.com/PortAuthority/media\\_content.asp?id=403](http://www.torontoport.com/PortAuthority/media_content.asp?id=403)

The Toronto Port Authority was incorporated on June 8, 1999, as a government business enterprise under the *Canada Marine Act* as the successor to the Toronto Harbour Commissioners. It is a federal public authority providing transportation, distribution, storage and container services to businesses. The TPA owns and operates the Toronto City Centre Airport, Marine Terminals 51 and 52, and the Outer Harbour Marina. The TPA also provides regulatory controls and public works services to enhance the safety and efficiency of marine navigation and aviation in the port and harbour of Toronto.

Further information about the TPA is available on the TPA website at [www.torontoport.com](http://www.torontoport.com).

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