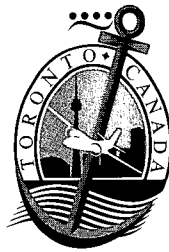


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Dear Councillors:

Re: Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport Marine Exclusion Zone

I wanted to write to you to follow-up on my letter of April 15, 2013 regarding your earlier comments about the Toronto Port Authority (“TPA”) and its Marine Exclusion Zone (“MEZ”) project.

The comments I referred to in the case of Councillor Carroll were:

*“First we need to address that they lied about the dirt previously. So how do we get facts now. #TOpoli #FairyTaleRunway”*

This comment via the Councillor’s Twitter account on April 10, 2013 was in response to a comment by “Dave”: “Is it too much to ask for a reasoned discussion on @porterairlines expansion plans? I want facts. I see pros and cons to be weighed. #TOPoli”.

The comments I referred to in the case of Councillor Perks were<sup>1</sup>:

*“I don't want to accuse them of (lying) until I hear tomorrow what the jets are for,” Perks says. “If it turns out that they have been planning this all along... nobody, whether they're an elected official or a community member, takes it kindly when a federal agency lies to your face.”*

As outlined in our previous letter, we were very disappointed that you both suggested that TPA officials “lied” or may have lied “to your face” regarding the MEZ project. We

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.newstalk1010.com/News/localnews/blogentry.aspx?BlogEntryID=10528395>

have not yet received a reply to our earlier letter, and are concerned that you are not taking our concerns to heart, particularly in light of our most recent MEZ announcement.

On May 7, 2013, Toronto City Council formally requested the assistance of the TPA in support of the City of Toronto's assessment of the April 10, 2013 announcement and application by Porter Airlines for amendments to the Tripartite Agreement that governs the BBTCA.

In light of the potential technical ramifications of the Porter proposal to extend the existing BBTCA 8/26 runway by a total of 168 metres at each end, the TPA decided to defer its May 2012 project to undertake subsurface lakefilling in the MEZ just east of BBTCA pending the assessment of runway extensions that your Council colleagues have requested. This decision was made public on May 21, 2013<sup>2</sup>.

The MEZ proposal, for which TPA conducted a comprehensive environmental assessment in 2012, was designed to act as a physical deterrent to marine vessels. As such, neither the MEZ environmental assessment nor the technical specifications contemplated the use of the new lakefill foundation for any type of runway extension. Therefore, we felt it was prudent to defer the MEZ enhancement project pending the outcome of City Council's review of the April 2013 Porter proposal. In the event that City Council rejects the Porter Proposal, the MEZ project will proceed as previously planned.

You publicly accused TPA officials of using the MEZ as a long-planned first phase of Porter's proposed runway extension, and yet it is *because* of Porter's April 2013 proposal that we made the decision to defer the 2012 MEZ project. Under the circumstances I hope you will agree that it would be appropriate and fair for you to retract your earlier unfounded and defamatory comments.

Respectfully,



Mark McQueen  
Chairman

cc: His Worship Mayor Rob Ford, City of Toronto

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.torontoport.com/About-TPA/Media-Room/Press-Releases/Marine-Exclusion-Zone-Proposal-Deferred.aspx>