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Via E-mail

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Re: Planned Ground Run-up Enclosure at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

Dear Councillor McConnell and Councillor Cressy,

Thank you for your letter dated March 8, 2016, regarding the new Ground Run-up Enclosure planned for Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

As the operator of an airport located near a thriving urban community, PortsToronto works very hard to be responsive to our neighbours. That is why, in recent years, we have implemented a number of noise mitigation measures at Billy Bishop Airport – from complex endeavors, such as the construction of a noise barrier in 2012, to web-based solutions, such as the launch of Webtrax, a program that allows the public to monitor the airspace above their homes.

This new Ground Run-up Enclosure will take our efforts one significant step further by dampening aircraft engine run-up noise and I am very pleased to have your support on the project. As with any major infrastructure project, we will work closely with the City of Toronto to ensure all required public consultation, technical review and approval processes are followed.

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Again, thank you for your support of this very important project. Should you have any questions about the Ground Run-up Enclosure or any other aspect of Billy Bishop Airport's noise management program, please don't hesitate to contact Gene Cabral, Executive Vice President of PortsToronto and Billy Bishop Airport, at 416-203-6942 extension 16.

Sincerely,



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March 8, 2016

Mr. Geoffrey Wilson
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Dear Mr. Wilson,

Re: Planned Ground Run-up Enclosure at the 'Island Airport'

We are writing today to follow-up on the construction of a ground run-up facility at the Island Airport. As you are very well aware, this issue has been raised many times by the community and was formally requested by the City in 2013.

We now understand that conversations are underway related to moving forward with the construction of a ground run-up facility. This is a welcome initiative as the need for further noise abatement has continuously been identified by stakeholders including the local community, City staff, and Toronto City Council.

Given that this structure is to be located on a portion of the Island Airport that is City-owned, we trust that Ports Toronto will undertake a robust public consultation process to ensure that the best possible design is achieved, while seeking to minimize any visual impact this structure may create for local residents along with tourists and visitors enjoying the Waterfront and Toronto Islands.

We understand that City staff will be in communication with you in the near future to confirm a development review and approvals process that provides opportunities for public input (including a public consultation meeting), necessary archaeological studies, and a technical review (circulated to City divisions).

We are both in full support of City staff's approach to this process and look forward to participating in it.

Sincerely,



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