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Dear Deputy Mayor McConnell and Councillor Cressy:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 21, 2015, expressing your support for the Greater Waterfront Coalition and its request for participant funding relating to the Environmental Assessment (EA) to study the possible extension of the runway at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

PortsToronto has met formally and informally with the Greater Waterfront Coalition and we are working towards an approach that will address their request to have resources available in order to validate and assess the work that is being done for the EA.

After conducting research and having discussions on the matter with both the Federal and Provincial agencies, each has confirmed that there is no statutory requirement under either of the environmental assessment acts for PortsToronto to provide funding to individuals, stakeholders or community groups.

That said, we appreciate that the information being gathered and studied is quite technical and it stands to reason that groups such as Greater Waterfront Coalition would benefit from some sort of resource allocation by which to validate the technical information and data being gathered and studied.

The purpose of my letter today is to confirm that PortsToronto is consulting with the Greater Waterfront Coalition and we are working on an approach that will see resources made available. We are not yet certain exactly how this mechanism will be put into place, but we do understand their request and want to provide assistance notwithstanding the fact that there is no requirement to do so.

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We hope to have an approach put forward shortly that will address the needs and concerns of individuals and groups such as the Greater Waterfront Coalition. We agree that the Greater Waterfront Coalition has much to bring to this process and have appreciated the professionalism and constructive dialogue that its leadership has brought to the table to date.

We have communicated the information above to the Greater Waterfront Coalition and to members of the public at our recent January 24, 2015, public open house and will do so again this evening at another such meeting.

Many thanks for your letter and we will most certainly keep you apprised of our progress on this matter.

Yours truly,

PortsToronto



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