

October 12, 2016

Via email

Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West, 2nd floor
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Dear Toronto City Council:

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you that on Saturday, October 15, 2016, PortsToronto will conduct an emergency training exercise at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

This routine full-scale training exercise is mandated by Transport Canada to test airport protocols, procedures, communications and planning for emergency and/or security related incidents. Exercises like this are critical to ensuring that the airport maintains a high level of emergency response preparedness and involve multiple agencies including Toronto Fire, Toronto Police Services (and related Marine Units), Toronto Paramedic Services, Nav Canada, as well as staff and officials from the various agencies, airport stakeholders and airlines that operate out of Billy Bishop Airport.

The scenario that has been developed to test emergency preparedness on October 15, involves an aircraft in distress that has landed on the airfield and the evacuation of passengers. Throughout the morning those visiting or passing by the airport may witness:

- Emergency vehicles and personnel in and around the airport, including the Toronto Police Marine Unit and Toronto Fire boats, fire trucks and the Hazardous Material Response Team;
- An aircraft on one of the runways (not in use that morning) which may appear to be generating smoke, and;
- Volunteer actors from the Fire and Emergency Services Training Institute serving in various roles, including as passengers who appear to be in distress and are being removed, assessed and transported from an aircraft by emergency personnel.

To re-iterate, this is an exercise only. We have taken every measure to ensure minimal impact on our travellers and to alert the community to our activities and the context surrounding what they may witness in and around the airport. We also wanted to make you aware of the exercise in the event that one of your constituents reaches out to you out of concern or a need for information.

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In an effort to inform the public about the exercise we will be issuing a notice to media, sharing information with our stakeholders, posting information to our website and social media channels, and have personnel on-site at the airport the day-of to answer any questions. These emergency exercises are critical to ensuring passenger safety, the top priority for our airport. Should you or your constituents require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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