

An open letter to Toronto residents,

The Toronto Port Authority has been working closely with the City of Toronto, to convene and support a working group to review and make recommendations on the long-term traffic operations of Eireann Quay (located at the foot of Bathurst Street) and surrounding streets that support access to Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

We are pleased to update you on the progress of these collaborative efforts with the City to explore feasible, workable solutions to improve existing and future conditions for those who access Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport and live in the surrounding communities.

Eireann Quay is the gateway to Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport and a shared public road. Traditionally, major airports operate dedicated access roadways to their facilities. The Toronto Port Authority is exploring comprehensive and effective traffic solutions to accommodate the nearly two million passengers who fly into and out of the airport.

The working group partnership includes key resource people who are fully aware of and engaged with the challenges surrounding traffic and transportation in and around the airport. Besides the Toronto Port Authority, the group's membership comprises the local councillor; staff from the City's transportation, park and technical service departments; the Waterfront Secretariat; the Toronto District School Board; and Build Toronto.

This City-led group is tasked with studying and recommending future traffic management protocols for Eireann Quay and surrounding streets.

A number of key initiatives have already been implemented by the Toronto Port Authority to manage traffic on Eireann Quay:

- Increased number of "on-the-street" personnel who follow specific operating procedures to provide traffic control and management by 2-fold;
- The creation of a liaison/outreach committee of community representatives that meets regularly to discuss and address issues associated with the airport;
- Implementation of traffic flows to address the short-term issues of construction for the pedestrian tunnel to the airport;
- Constructing a temporary taxi staging area to seamlessly manage demand and alleviate illegal parking on Eireann Quay; following three years of investigating the availability of alternative locations
- Implementation of parking for school and community use;
- Development of construction plans for pedestrian pathways, including landscaping, to encourage use of public transit, which will be implemented later this year;
- Working with the City's Forestry Department to implement tree planting and landscaping at the Toronto District School Board's ballpark on Eireann Quay;

The group and its steering and technical committees have met several times and will be holding its first public information session announcing the study on Monday, August 27.

We thank the City for its foresight and organization of this endeavor. The Toronto Port Authority is committed to working with all parties to reasonably mitigate temporary construction effects and traffic management for a growing and important gateway to Toronto.



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