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The Honourable Glen Murray, MPP
Minister of Transportation
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Re: Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

Dear Minister:

I write today to follow-up on my letter of March 7, 2013 as well as our recent constructive meeting regarding the designation of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (“BBTCA”) as an airport for the purposes of the municipal *Assessment Act*. This letter is prompted by the City of Toronto’s decision to again review¹ the quantum of Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (“PILTs”) that BBTCA passengers should pay to the City of Toronto.

Whatever the Toronto Port Authority (“TPA”) and Toronto City Council ultimately agree to regarding the quantum of a per passenger BBTCA PILT, both parties still need the Province of Ontario to take the formal step of designating the BBTCA as an airport so that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation will be in a position to substitute a per-passenger PILT for some other land value approach.

The airport is an important asset in the eyes of the vast majority of Torontonians.² We hope that your government will soon be in a position to inform both the TPA and City of Toronto that BBTCA has been formally designated an airport, just as The Province of Ontario has done with such airports as London, Ottawa, Pearson and Thunder Bay, for example.

Please accept my best wishes and appreciation for your efforts.

Respectfully,


Mark McQueen
Chairman

¹ <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.CC39.1>

² <http://www.torontoport.com/About-TPA/Media-Room/Press-Releases/Overwhelming-Number-Of-Billy-Bishop-Airport-Users-.aspx>

cc: The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P.
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