

December 21, 2015

Dear Members of the Agency Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Advisory Committee:

On behalf of my colleagues at PortsToronto please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for your participation in the Agency Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Advisory Committee over the past year. As you know, PortsToronto issued a statement earlier this month confirming that it would not be proceeding with further study or public consultation related to the Porter Proposal to introduce jets at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. As such, the Environmental Assessment, as well as the Preliminary Runway Design and Master Planning Exercise, will not be finished and the peer review process will not continue. However, PortsToronto will make data and information gathered to date available to the City of Toronto in an effort to assist with the Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Plan currently being led by the city in an effort to create a long-term vision for the community.

Our decision comes as a result of the recent announcement by Transport Minister Marc Garneau who confirmed that his government would not amend the Tripartite Agreement to remove the prohibition on jets at Billy Bishop Airport. Given that any change to the Tripartite Agreement would require unanimous support by the three signatory members of the agreement, PortsToronto has chosen not to complete the studies requested by City Council in April 2014 and cease further study and consultation on the matter.

The last year has represented a significant amount of work and consultation in an effort to report on the impacts associated with the introduction of jets and associated extension of the land mass at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. Your input throughout this process was incredibly valuable and benefitted the process from beginning to end.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the City of Toronto and waterfront stakeholders such as yourself to ensure that the airport strikes an appropriate balance along the waterfront while continuing to offer a vital gateway for travellers. We feel confident that this can be achieved by maintaining a managed growth strategy and by working with the federal and municipal governments in the years ahead to ensure a vibrant mixed-use waterfront community.

Once again thank you for your participation on the Agency Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Advisory Committee and your contribution to the Environmental Assessment. PortsToronto and Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport staff and management are committed to keeping an open dialogue with the community and building on the culture of consultation that began with the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) and was strengthened throughout the EA process. If our team can be of any service to you now or in the future, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Happy Holidays and we look forward to work with you in 2016.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gene Cabral".

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