



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Chair and Members of the Planning and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services

DATE: June 7, 2007

RE: Resolution – Toronto Pearson International Airport and proposed Pickering Airport

On April 19, 2007 Regional Council considered Clause No. 14 of Report No. 4 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, headed “Resolution – Toronto Pearson International Airport and Proposed Pickering Airport”. Regional Council referred the item to the May 2, 2007 Planning and Economic Development Committee in order to receive Durham Region’s position on the proposed Pickering Airport.

On May 30, 2007 Durham Region Council adopted a resolution dealing with the Pickering Airport (*see Attachment No. 1*). The resolution is lengthy and complementary to the resolution presented to York Region Council on April 19, 2007 (*see Attachment No. 2*). Two important principles of Durham’s resolution are: Transport Canada being requested to accelerate their review of studies by the GTAA assessing the need for a Regional/ reliever airport, and that the Federal Government remains committed to protecting the Federal Pickering Lands.

No changes to the resolution previously adopted by Planning Committee are being recommended by staff. Planning Committee may now re-confirm its adoption of the resolution set out in *Attachment No. 2*.

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Attachments: 1 - Extract of Minutes of Durham Region Council Meeting of May 30, 2007
2 - Resolution Toronto Pearson International Airport and Proposed Pickering Airport

6. RESOLUTION REFERRED BACK TO PLANNING COMMITTEE PERTAINING TO THE FEDERAL PICKERING LANDS (2007-P-46)

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) THAT Transport Canada be requested to accelerate their comprehensive due diligence review of the studies submitted by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority assessing the need for a Regional/reliever airport on the Federal Pickering Lands, and further to include the public in an independent peer review;
- b) THAT Transport Canada and Environment Canada be requested to include a study of the economic and environmental effects rising fuel prices, peak oil and greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change would have on future Air Transportation and the needs analysis of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority Pickering Airport Plan;
- c) THAT Transport Canada and the Federal Government be requested to initiate a study of alternative land uses to include green energy production as an alternative to fossil fuels, as well as, the contribution the Federal Pickering Lands could make in addressing future food security issues and climate change preparedness in the GTA;
- d) THAT the Federal Government remain committed to protecting the Federal Pickering Lands;
- e) THAT the Regional Council indicate to Transport Canada and to the Greater Toronto Airports Authority that Council fully expects both bodies to protect the aviation industry in Durham Region during the review process for the proposed Pickering Airport by:
 - i) providing financial support to the City of Oshawa for the operation of Oshawa Municipal Airport; and
 - ii) providing full and fair compensation to the citizens of Oshawa for their investment into the Oshawa Municipal Airport; and
- f) THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Transportation; the Federal and Provincial Opposition Parties; MP's and MPP's; the Greater Toronto Airports Authority; and the Area Municipalities.

MOVED by Councillor Gray, SECONDED by Councillor Ryan,

(165) "THAT the recommendations contained in Item 6 of the Seventh Report of the Planning Committee be adopted."

CARRIED

Clause No. 14 in Report No. 4 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, was referred to the May 2, 2007 Planning and Economic Development Committee, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting on April 19, 2007.

14**RESOLUTION
TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND
PROPOSED PICKERING AIRPORT**

(Regional Council at its meeting on April 19, 2007, referred the following Clause to the next Planning and Economic Development Committee on May 2, 2007 in order to receive Durham Region's position on the proposed Pickering Airport.)

The Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends the following:

1. The memorandum from Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, dated April 3, 2007, be received;
2. The following resolution be adopted subject to:
 - (a) replacing the word "dispensation" in paragraph 1a) with "completion" and
 - (b) adding the words "Durham Region local municipalities" following the words "Region of Durham" in paragraph 2;

so the recommendations now read:

1. a) The Federal Government be strongly urged to initiate the Federal Environmental Assessment process for the proposed Pickering Airport to ensure its timely completion; and,
 - b) The Federal Government be advised that York Region supports fair and equitable rents for airports, specifically Pearson International.
2. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Government, Transport Canada, the Greater Toronto Airport Authority, Region of Durham, Durham Region Local Municipalities, York Region Area Municipalities and the Province of Ontario.

WHEREAS on March 30, 2007 the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) made a presentation to York Region Council on the status of airport travel demand to and from Pearson International Airport as well as the need for fair and equitable rents at the airport, and the increasing demand for a Regional Airport System in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA);

AND WHEREAS from 2002 to 2005 the GTAA hosted and facilitated regularly scheduled inter-municipal meetings for the proposed Pickering Airport. Regional staff and local municipal staff from the Town of Markham and Town of Whitchurch –Stouffville participated in the Pickering Advisory Committee, Community Communications Working Group, and Government Affairs Working Group meetings facilitated by the GTAA;

AND WHEREAS Regional Planning staff have reported to Council on the milestone events for the proposed Pickering Airport (Clause 7, Report No. 4 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee 2005, Clause 7, Report No. 7 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee 2003);

AND WHEREAS the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and York Region are experiencing significant population and employment growth that requires additional air transportation capacity and services to meet forecasts set out in the Provincial "*Places to Grow*" Plan;

AND WHEREAS Pearson International Airport has a finite capacity that will be reached between 2008 and 2030 and there is a significant need to enhance airport capacity and service particularly within the GTA east area, specifically the potential development of Pickering Airport;

AND WHEREAS airports and airport services provide significant economic and community benefits by generating jobs, attracting new businesses, and increasing assessment growth;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government is responsible for airport development, regulations and levying fair and equitable rents;

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT:

1. a) The Federal Government be strongly urged to initiate the Federal Environmental Assessment process for the proposed Pickering Airport to ensure its timely dispensation; and,
- b) The Federal Government be advised that York Region supports fair and equitable rents for airports, specifically Pearson International.

2. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Government, Transport Canada, the Greater Toronto Airport Authority, Region of Durham, York Region Area Municipalities and the Province of Ontario.