



MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members - Planning and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services

DATE: April 25, 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” and 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 (*see Attachment No. 1*).

At its meeting of March 28, 2007 Durham Region Council considered two resolutions and associated sets of recommendations from its Planning Committee (*see Attachment No. 2*). The first set of recommendations and resolution entitled “Update on the Greater Toronto Airports Authority” dealt with the need, environmental assessment and protection for the proposed Pickering Airport. It was referred back to Durham Planning Committee and is scheduled to be dealt with on May 15, 2007 and subsequently by Durham Council on May 30, 2007.

The second set of recommendations and resolution entitled Greater Toronto Airports Authority “Let’s Get a Fair Deal” Campaign, dealt with rents at Pearson Airport. Recommendations included supporting the “Let’s get a fair deal” campaign by the GTAA to achieve a rent deal that is fair, and that the Federal Government be requested to reduce rent charges at Toronto Pearson Airport in an amount equivalent to the rent reduction approved for Vancouver Airport. The recommendations were adopted by Durham Council on March 28, 2007.

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Attachments: Clause 14, Report No. 4
Extract of Minutes of Durham Region Council Meeting of March 28, 2007

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**

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.

FOURTH REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION – UPDATE ON THE GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (GTAA)

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL (REFERRED BACK)

- a) THAT Transport Canada be requested to accelerate their comprehensive due diligence review of the studies submitted by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority confirming the need for a Regional/reliever airport on the Federal Pickering Lands;
- b) THAT Transport Canada be urged to initiate the Environmental Assessment process for the construction of a Regional/reliever airport on the Federal Pickering Lands;
- c) THAT the Federal Government remain committed to protecting the Federal Pickering Lands; and
- d) 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; the Greater Toronto Airports Authority; and the Area Municipalities.

2. RESOLUTION – GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY "LET'S GET A FAIR DEAL" CAMPAIGN

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) THAT Durham Region Council support the "Let's get a fair deal" campaign initiated by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority to achieve a rent deal that is fair in comparison to other airports and keeps Toronto competitive with other international airports in North America;
- b) THAT the Federal Government be requested to reduce the rent charges applied to Toronto Pearson International Airport in an amount equivalent to the rent reduction approved for the Vancouver Airport; and
- c) THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime

Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Transport,
Infrastructure and Communities; the Greater Toronto
Airports Authority; and the Area Municipalities.

Planning Committee

MOVED by Councillor Gray, SECONDED by Councillor McMillen,
(90) "THAT the recommendations contained in Items 3 to 11 inclusive of
the Fourth Report of the Planning Committee be adopted."

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Gray, SECONDED by Councillor McMillen,
(91) "THAT the recommendations contained in Item 1 of the Fourth
Report of the Planning Committee be adopted."

REFERRED BACK TO
PLANNING COMMITTEE
(See Following Motions)

MOVED by Councillor Littley, SECONDED by Councillor Shepherd,
(92) "THAT the foregoing motion (110) of Councillors Gray and McMillen
be amended by:

Replacing in part a), the word 'confirming' with the word 'assessing'
and further by adding in part a), the words 'and further to include
the public in an independent peer review' at the end of the clause.

Deleting part b) and replacing with the following new part b):

'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;'

Inserting the following new part c):

'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;'

Re-lettering the original part c) to read d), and

Re-lettering the original part d) to read e), and inserting the words

'MP's and MPP's, after the words 'Opposition Parties'.

So that it reads as follows:

- '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 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 Nicholson, SECONDED by Councillor Neal,
(93) "THAT the foregoing motion (110) of Councillors Gray and McMillen be further amended by adding a new Part e) which reads as follows:

- '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'."

REFERRED BACK TO THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE
(See Following Motion)

MOVED by Councillor Perkins, SECONDED by Councillor Kolodzie,
(94) "THAT the recommendations contained in Item 1 of the Fourth Report of the Planning Committee, and the suggested amendments be referred back to the Planning Committee."

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Gray, SECONDED by Councillor McMillen,
(95) "THAT the recommendations contained in Item 2 of the Fourth Report of the Planning Committee be adopted."

CARRIED