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→ Chair
CFO
L. Russell

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

RE: TORONTO BUTTONVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (5.15.1)

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on October 13, 2009, Town of Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas the Toronto Buttonville Municipal Airport is located in the Town of Markham, Region of York; and,

Whereas the Buttonville Airport supports general aviation, corporate and government jets, and emergency services including air ambulance and police, and is one of the busiest airports in Ontario; and,

Whereas the Buttonville Airport plays a key strategic role in the Provincial and Greater Toronto Area aviation transportation network; and,

Whereas the Buttonville Airport supports a wide range of business and government activities in Markham, York Region and the GTA, and provides significant direct and indirect employment opportunities and economic development benefits; and,

Whereas key economic indicators include 29 private business operations at Buttonville Airport and 4 government and service agencies employing a total of 345 people in full and part time jobs at the airport itself; an estimated total of approximately 1,300 direct and indirect employment opportunities generated by airport related activities; a contribution of approximately \$ 96 million in direct, indirect and induced contributions to gross domestic product; and,

Whereas the Buttonville Airport is privately owned and operated by Toronto Airways Limited, but has historically received financial contributions from government and airport authorities, most recently the Region of York and the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA); and,

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Whereas the funding provided to the Buttonville Airport by the GTAA ceased in April 2009, resulting in the owner / operator of the airport announcing that they may cease operations at the Buttonville location, and that redevelopment options are being considered for the subject lands; and,

Now Therefore be it Resolved as follows:

- 1) That the Town of Markham supports the continued operation of the Buttonville Airport as the airport is a major contributor to the local and regional economy and transportation network; and,
- 2) That the GTAA and the Federal Government be requested to restore it's funding to the Buttonville Airport and that the Region of York be requested to continue it's funding to the Buttonville Airport until a new location for the Airport is found; and further,
- 3) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Toronto Airways Limited, the Greater Toronto Airport Authority, the Region of York, the Region of Durham, the Federal Minister of Transportation, the Premier of Ontario, the Provincial Minister of Transportation, and MPs and MPPs in York and Durham Regions.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services at 905-477-7000 ext. 4875.

Yours sincerely,



Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk