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RESOLUTION

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND PROPOSED PICKERING AIRPORT

(Regional Council at its meeting on April 19, 2007, referred the foregoing 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.
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