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May 28, 2014

**Re: Pickering Airport Lands Status Update**

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed Ajax Town Council at its Meeting held May 26, 2014:

WHEREAS the Federal Government expropriated approximately 18,600 acres of land primarily in the City of Pickering to accommodate a future airport; and

WHEREAS on June 11, 2013, the Federal Government announced that approximately 8,700 acres would be retained for a future airport, approximately 5,000 acres would be transferred to Parks Canada to augment the Rouge National Urban Park, and the "remaining lands" comprising approximately 4,900 acres would be planned for economic development uses which are to be defined at a later date; and

WHEREAS the vast majority of the "remaining lands" are either protected Federal Green Space lands or lands designated by the Province as Oak Ridges Moraine and/or Greenbelt that largely comprise prime agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced that it will replace the current Airport Zoning Regulations (AZRs) that apply to the entire 18,600 acre site, with AZRs applicable to the smaller 8,700 acre future airport site; and

WHEREAS the reduced 8,700 acre future airport site is approximately double the land area of the Toronto Pearson International Airport which suggests that the new site will provide more than enough land to accommodate a major international airport; and

WHEREAS the protection provided by the Federal Green Space lands and the Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt policies is consistent with airport zoning regulations and compatible with possible future airport development; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has indicated that the "remaining lands" and park lands will not be required for airport development, but has yet to prepare a plan for these lands that is consistent with previous Federal undertakings and Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt policies; and

WHEREAS the headwaters and associated tributaries of the West Duffins Creek flow through the Federal land holdings; and

WHEREAS a portion of the West Duffins Creek flows through the Town of Ajax to Lake Ontario thereby contributing to the quality of the Town's shoreline and drinking water; and

WHEREAS Ajax Council supports an open and transparent process offering an opportunity to analyze and share information, and sufficient opportunities for public review and input into decision-making;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government establish an open and transparent process with opportunities to share, analyze and comment on relevant documents and decision-making on the use of the federal lands including the reduced airport site, park lands, and the "remaining lands"; and

THAT any approach/take-off area over the Town of Ajax that may be included in the revised AZRs be thoroughly reviewed to ensure that the Town's residents and natural environment will not be adversely affected; and

THAT any plans to be developed by the Federal Government for the lands beyond any buildings and infrastructure associated with an airport be consistent with previous Federal undertakings and the Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt policies; and

THAT the Federal Government clarify whether the entire airport site is required for airport purposes, or whether other types of land uses may also be permitted; and

THAT the quantity and quality of storm water runoff from development on the Federal lands be appropriately regulated to ensure that the tributaries of West Duffins Creek are not adversely affected; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Glen R. Murray, MPP (Toronto Centre), Minister of Transportation

The Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The Honourable Chris Alexander, MP, Ajax-Pickering

Corneliu Chisu, MP, Pickering-Scarborough East

Joe Dickson, MPP, Ajax-Pickering

The Honourable Tracy MacCharles, MPP, Pickering-Scarborough East

Roger Anderson, Regional Chair and CEO, Region of Durham

Mayor Frank Scarpitti, City of Markham

Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor, Town of Uxbridge

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Heritage, Policy Planning Coordinator, at 905-619-2529 ext 3261 or [kevin.heritage@ajax.ca](mailto:kevin.heritage@ajax.ca)

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Wellsbury". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and a long, sweeping underline.

Nicole Wellsbury  
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: P. Allore, Director of Planning & Development  
K. Heritage, Policy Planning Coordinator