



January 27, 2014

Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor David Pickles

Seconded by Councillor Doug Dickerson

WHEREAS Pickering Council has passed previous motions regarding the federal lands including Resolution 212/98.

WHEREAS the federal lands consists of approximately 18,600 acres in total, with the majority in the City of Pickering.

WHEREAS the June 11, 2013 announcement by the Federal Government identified, that it will designate approximately 8,700 acres for an airport and transfer approximately 5,000 acres to Parks Canada for the creation of the Rouge National Urban Park.

WHEREAS there are 4,900 acres of “remaining lands” (i.e. the lands that are not included in the new airport site, and not part of the transfer to the Rouge). The

announcement in June, 2013 referenced that these lands could be used for “job-creating development”. The majority of these remaining lands are designated by the Province of Ontario as Greenbelt and/or Oak Ridges Moraine, border the Rouge Park, and are largely comprised of prime agricultural lands.

WHEREAS the Federal Government has identified that new Airport Zoning Regulations (AZRs) will need to be established to reflect this new, smaller airport site and land transfer to the park (AZRs are currently in place based on the entire federal ownership being considered an “airport site”).

WHEREAS after the June 11, 2013 announcement, Transport Canada held two public engagement opportunities. People were invited to provide comments through the Transport Canada website. Transport Canada has not yet provided to the City of Pickering or residents a summary of the comments or responses to the open houses.

WHEREAS Pickering Council supports an open and transparent process with an opportunity to analyze and share relevant information as well as appropriate opportunities for public review and input to decision making.

WHEREAS in the early 2000s, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) established a Pickering Advisory Committee to provide advice on the completion of a draft plan and to obtain input on the Airport Zoning Regulations (AZRs) that were being established at that time. The GTAA Committee had representatives from the affected local and regional municipalities (elected officials and staff) as well as representatives from the surrounding affected communities.

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 announced airport in the City of Pickering.

THAT the Federal Government provide a summary of the comments and responses received through the open houses that followed the June 11, 2013 announcement.

THAT on lands falling outside the announced airport site, the Federal Government respect the Federal Green Space Lands Master Plan, and the provincial Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine policies.

THAT the Federal Government clarify whether the entire airport site is needed for airport purposes, or whether other uses might also be introduced and if so what they would be.

THAT the Federal Government prepare/update and make public for review and comment, a business case for use of the federal lands, including the announcement of an airport.

THAT the Federal Government require a comprehensive Federal Environmental Assessment, with appropriate opportunities for review and input by the City of Pickering and the public, for the announced airport. That the Federal Government is to reimburse the City for reasonable expenses to participate in the Environmental Assessment Process.

THAT that the Federal Government continue to involve the City of Pickering on the AZR process.

THAT Transport Canada re-establish a Pickering Advisory Committee to act as a liaison between the Federal Government, the City of Pickering and the community on matters pertaining to the federal lands and announced airport. The Committee members to include Federal Government representatives, City of Pickering staff representatives, the Mayor or designate, a Ward 3 Councillor, 3 community representatives as selected, following a public invitation.

THAT this motion be copied to the following people:

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 Linda Jeffrey, 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, Town of Markham
Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor, Town of Uxbridge
Mayor Steve Parish, Town of Ajax