

NO PICKERING AIRPORT! **NO PAVING OF FOOD LAND!**

Reality Check

- There is NO business case for a Pickering airport.
- NO price tag has been put on the building of this airport.
- Pickering airport will NOT be needed by 2027. The latest Needs Assessment Study merely said that 2027–2037 was the most likely period during which Toronto Pearson would reach capacity. The Study also said that the date could be later, especially if passenger traffic failed to keep up with forecasts. By 2012, Pearson was actually handling about 4 million fewer passengers than forecasted, pushing the date of possible need into the 2030s. *So why this announcement now?*
- Paving over our best farmland for “industrial development” is wildly irresponsible. Factories and offices can be built on any land. They don’t need Class 1 farmland. Food farmers do.
- Farming and food processing are huge job creators and major economic drivers. Within 35 years, the world will have 2 billion more mouths to try to feed. The most secure jobs, in the future, will be in farming and in food production, to meet that growing need.
- Build it and they will NOT come. The USA is riddled with new or expanded airports that are severely under-used, sometimes almost empty. A few examples: MidAmerica (Illinois), Pittsburgh International, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky.... They were built or enlarged at huge expense; they couldn’t keep or attract business; they are drowning in debt or they are failing. Montreal’s Mirabel wasn’t needed and it failed. The industrial areas around such airports never materialized or are emptying out.

What’s at stake?

- The loss of over 13,000 acres of prime farmland, important natural habitat, and the GTA’s healthiest watersheds and freshwater streams.
- The loss of a vital food source on the doorstep of Canada’s largest & fastest growing city.
- The loss of a non-renewable resource. Urban sprawl destroys more Class 1 farmland every day. **We must protect it as if our lives depended on it – which one day they will.**

Get Involved!

- **Contact all levels of government to get this irresponsible federal plan stopped. (PHONE CALLS HAVE THE MOST IMPACT.)**
- **Spread the word. Get others involved.**
- **Show your support with a lawn sign.**
- **Donate to the cause.**
- **Visit our website and social media sites.**
- **Join us and help save these Lands for future generations. You can sign up by e-mailing info@landoverlandings.com or by phoning 905-649-2433. *Thank you!***

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