

NO PICKERING AIRPORT! **NOT ANOTHER MIRABEL!**

Reality Check #2

When did **STOP** and **CAUTION** come to mean **GO**?!

On June 11, 2013, Finance Minister Flaherty said that the decision to proceed with an airport at Pickering was based on the *Needs Assessment Study Report* released in 2011. So what did that Report say? Here's what:

- Airline cooperation was impossible to predict at Pickering, so the airport couldn't count on serving commercial airline traffic.
- No new airport would be needed for corporate jet and general aviation traffic, even if Buttonville closed.
- Cargo airlines would want to stay where the large commercial passenger planes and freighters are (at Pearson and Hamilton), so no all-cargo carrier would likely be interested in relocating to Pickering. And besides, Pearson and Hamilton had enough cargo capacity into the foreseeable future..
- An airport at Pickering would "most likely" handle "low-cost" carriers, but Hamilton and City Centre (Billy Bishop), both serving such carriers now, have suffered significant passenger-volume volatility. And because Canada has so few low-cost carriers, it would be "a challenge" to establish a secondary airport for Toronto on that basis.

So what would Pickering airport be used for? Nothing much, apparently. In fact, the Report makes a strong case for NOT building it.

Why waste billions of dollars to build another Mirabel? When did **STOP** and **CAUTION** come to mean **GO**?!

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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.)**
- **Sign our petition.**
- **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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