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UPDATE #2

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N.B.: The Government of Canada is inviting public input “on the future management and development of the remaining Pickering lands still owned by Transport Canada.” Make sure your voice is heard. Written comments will be accepted only until July 31.

The submission form can be found at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/ontario/pickering-menu-1362.htm>

Presenting Land Over Landings' Executive

Many of you were unable to attend our first Call to Action meeting in Brougham Hall on June 18. So here's your introduction to the people leading Land Over Landings' fight against an unneeded airport and against the irresponsible plan to destroy Class 1 farmland that should be feeding the GTA. (For those who did attend, please note some minor changes to the line-up announced that evening.)

- *Honorary chair:* Lorne Almack (because we owe so much to the work of People or Planes)
- *Chair:* Mary Delaney
- *Vice-Chair:* Pat Valentine
- *General Secretary:* Gabrielle Untermann
- *Finance Committee:* David Masters (Treasurer)
- *Legal Committee:* Joanne Azevedo
- *Communications Committee* (social media, campaign planning, outreach, media interviews, website coordination): Adrienne Calvert, Mary Delaney, Aileen Provan, Isabelle Raué, Pat Valentine
- *Research Committee:* Jim Miller
- *Signage Committee:* Heather Rigby

Anyone out there wishing to step forward for any of these positions before they are confirmed should do so within the next 2 weeks.

WANTED!

- ☞ Experienced people to lead and participate in Events Planning and, above all, Fundraising
- ☞ Finance Committee helpers
- ☞ An archivist
- ☞ Volunteers to distribute flyers and to staff tables/booths at events. Come join us!

If you can take on any of these vital tasks, or if you know someone who can, please contact us at info@landoverlandings.com or at 905-649-2433.

What's Been Happening

- We've been receiving incredible support from individuals and groups all over the province – and outside it, too. Meetings have just begun, but *we are all on the same page*.
- We've met, for instance, with Janet Horner, coordinator of the GTA Agricultural Action Committee; with Planscapes' Margaret Walton, a leading expert in agricultural economics; and with Donna Tranquada, broadcaster and spokesperson for Food & Water First.
- We have just produced a joint flyer with Friends of the Rouge Watershed. Watch for it! We have met with a potential legal team. We continue to meet with members of the media. (And *we aren't calling them. They're calling us!*)
- We'll be taking our Call to Action meetings on the road, to all local communities and beyond, including Ajax, Brooklin, Markham, Stouffville, and Uxbridge. If you know of a suitable local venue that's available free of charge, please let us know!

- Our first on-the-road meeting will be at P'lovers in Port Perry on July 30. See the invitation we've sent along with this issue of UPDATE.
- You feel you've had way too much grass to cut this summer? Think of the team of volunteers who will be mowing Heather Rigby's huge no-fly-zone image, starting this weekend. Watch as her work of art takes shape on the hillside north of Hwy 7 at High Perspectives.
- Land Over Landings will be part of the "Celebrate Food and Water First Event" on August 18 in Honeywood, Dufferin County. A great day, with great local food. Get all the details at <http://www.ndact.com/index.php/events/tickets-for-celebrate-food-and-water-first-aug-18-2013>
- Food & Water First is the new name of the dedicated group who fought and won the battle against the Melancthon mega-quarry last year. As of this week, the prime farmland they saved from destruction has a new owner: investment firm Bonnefield, dedicated to preserving and investing in Canada's farmland and helping those who farm it. They seem to understand the vital importance of the land that feeds us. Too bad our federal government doesn't.
- Carl Cosack, the dynamic farmer who led the Melancthon fight, will be Land Over Landings' guest speaker on October 15. Stay tuned for time and location. This is an event you won't want to miss.

Ways You Can Help

- ☐ Phone, write, or visit your MP. This is of first importance right now. Contact information is at <http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parlinfo/Compilations/HouseofCommons/MemberByPostalCode.aspx?Menu=HOC>. PLEASE give us feedback. E-mail us at info@landoverlandings.com
- ☐ Complete the Comments form (available until July 31) on Transport Canada's website.
- ☐ "Like" and "Share" our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LandOverLandings/>
- ☐ Get your "NO PICKERING AIRPORT" lawn sign TODAY. Our website tells you how.
- ☐ Watch your Inbox for UPDATES. Forward and share them. Want earlier issues? See our

Home page; they're also archived & available on our Facebook page (Scribd App).

- ☐ Watch for our Reality Check flyers, posted on our website and Facebook page.
- ☐ Follow us on Twitter... enjoy and learn! It's amazing what can be said in 140 characters! Just a taste:

"Ontario loses approximately 100 acres of farmland every day, and our best, most productive soils are going the fastest" – OFA president

Aviation experts call it a "dumb idea". Dumb in '72: dumb and dumber in 2013
<http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/>

Hey, Stouffville! Is this what your real estate agent meant by 'City in the Country'? Ah, the warble of a jet engine on a spring morning....

We've said it before, but like successive sowings of greens it's worth repeating: #NOTANOTHERMIRABEL. #NOTANOTHERMIRABEL

Pigs can't fly. Neither will Pickering Airport.

Why are #FlahertysPickeringAirport, #DuffysExpenses & #McKaysF35s like a turkey? Too fat too fly: nvr get off the ground

- ☐ Folks, please volunteer! Join a committee. We're going to win this. Be part of it. Contact info@landoverlandings.com
- ☐ **And please, please, donate if you can.** Help us fund this fight to preserve an irreplaceable asset! We'll be needing legal representation, assessments, expert advice. Every dollar you donate will go directly to the cause. Just click the "Donate" button on our website's Home page. Thank you so much!

A supporter writes:

I was Mayor of Toronto at the time of expropriation. Council was solidly on side with Pickering in its opposition to the airport then and I remain so now. ... I wish POP and Land Over Landings ... all success in your important endeavours.

David Crombie

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