

November 6, 2023

Sent via email

Dear Mr. Hore:

Thank you for your invitation to present at the Waterfront for All Annual General Meeting on November 7, 2023. When PortsToronto accepted the invitation this past summer, it was with the understanding that the presentation would be a high-level overview and update of PortsToronto's businesses and initiatives along the waterfront, and would only involve general updates about Billy Bishop Airport.

However, in light of the whitepaper that was written by you and published on October 24, 2023, on the Waterfront for All website entitled "Do We Need Two Airports," we are concerned that the purpose of the discussion may have changed, and is instead geared towards the Tripartite Agreement and the future of the airport.

PortsToronto is currently developing a formal framework to engage with the public on this important topic and believe any presentations or discussions are better undertaken within the formal parameters of this framework. Further, as you also mention on your website, a city staff report is currently in development and may be presented to Executive Committee in or around December 5, 2023. As such, PortsToronto wants to respect this process and not engage in informal public discussions until such time as the report has been prepared and submitted. We also want to be respectful of Transport Canada's process and ensure that all discussions are coordinated and aligned within an agreed-upon process.

Please be assured that PortsToronto is absolutely committed to a thoughtful, inclusive and robust public consultation process surrounding the Tripartite Agreement and RESA, and welcomes the opportunity to present to Waterfront for All and its member communities in early 2024, once we commence formal public engagement and have information to share.

In the coming months, PortsToronto will undertake many opportunities to engage with community associations, resident groups, Indigenous communities and local stakeholders in the important discussions to be had regarding the airport, and look forward to working with your group.

Sincerely,

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