

Motion from Councillor Lee Dale on the proposed Aerodrome – March 1, 2023

Whereas a final summary report regarding a proposed Aerodrome to be known as the Baldwin East Aerodrome, which is intended to be located at 7818 Old Homestead Rd. and 7486 Old Homestead Rd. in the Town of Georgina (the "Aerodrome") was submitted to the Minister of Transport on March 29, 2022, and was updated on May 30, 2022 in response to comments received by the Proponent from Transport Canada;

And whereas the 30-day period provided for in the Canadian Aviation Regulations for the review of the final summary report has expired, so that the proponent is able to proceed with its plans to develop the Aerodrome;

And whereas the above-mentioned properties are environmentally sensitive and their development as an aerodrome in accordance with the final summary report would not be permitted by Town of Georgina bylaws or provincial legislation;

And whereas on Dec. 15, 2021, Town of Georgina Council expressed its opposition to the Aerodrome based on a number of land use planning and environmental concerns;

And whereas Section 4.32 of the Aeronautics Act enables the Minister of Transport to make an order prohibiting the development or expansion of a given aerodrome or any change to the operation of a given aerodrome, if, in the minister's opinion, the proposed development, expansion or change is likely to adversely affect aviation safety or is not in the public interest;

And whereas many Town of Georgina residents, businesses and organizations have made their opposition to the Aerodrome clear;

Now therefore be it resolved that Town of Georgina staff be directed to prepare and provide submissions to the Minister of Transport requesting that he exercise his powers under Section 4.32 of the Aeronautics Act to prohibit the development of the Aerodrome, and to request whatever support may be available for this purpose from other governmental authorities, including, without limitation, the Regional Municipality of York, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, and the federal and provincial governments.