



GEORGINA

Subject: Request to Federal Government to review and update aerodrome approvals legislation

To: Mayor and Council

From: Shawn Nastke, Director, Strategic Initiatives

Date: April 13, 2022

Briefing:

In accordance with direction provided by Town Council on April 6, 2022, staff have drafted the following resolution for consideration, which requests the Federal Government to review and update their aerodrome approvals legislation. The resolution reads as follows:

**Request to Federal Government to review and update
Aerodrome approvals legislation**

Whereas Sutton Airport Development Inc. has made an application to Transport Canada for the construction of an aerodrome (Baldwin East Aerodrome) at 7818 and 7486 Old Homestead Road in the Town of Georgina;

And Whereas the Baldwin East Aerodrome proposed by Sutton Airport Development Inc. includes two paved, all weather marked and lighted runways, supporting taxiways and aircraft parking apron, aircraft hangar and supporting use development lots and access roads and utilities;

And Whereas the Baldwin East Aerodrome proposed by Sutton Airport Development Inc. is located in close proximity to Lake Simcoe;

And Whereas 7818 and 7486 Old Homestead Road are within a rural area and contain environmentally sensitive lands;

And Whereas Ontario Municipalities are required to review proposed land development within a comprehensive legislative framework governed by the Ontario Planning Act and associated legislation and policies to ensure land use compatibility and environmental protection, including the protection of significant watersheds, like the Lake Simcoe Watershed;

And Whereas Ontario Municipalities are required to put in place comprehensive Official Plans and Zoning By-laws, with extensive public and stakeholder engagement, in order to guide responsible development and to implement a long term vision for the municipality;

And Whereas the Town of Georgina has put in place a comprehensive Official Plan and Zoning By-law, based on extensive public and stakeholder engagement, in order to guide responsible development and to implement a long term vision for the municipality;

And Whereas the current Federal legislation governing aerodrome development precludes Ontario Municipalities from reviewing proposed land development within a comprehensive legislative framework governed by the Ontario Planning Act and associated legislation and policies to ensure land use compatibility and environmental protection, including the protection of significant watersheds, like the Lake Simcoe Watershed, thus leaving Ontario Municipalities with no decision-making authority with respect to proposed land development involving new or expanded aerodromes;

And Whereas the result of the current Federal legislation governing aerodrome development proposals means that such aerodrome development proposals can essentially by-pass all comprehensive Official Plans and Zoning By-laws, and the planning and development review processes involved therein, and can be approved even if such aerodrome development proposals are not in conformity with Provincial and Municipal legislation and policy, rendering as useless the efforts of Ontario Municipalities have made to protect their local environment from adverse impacts;

Now be it resolved that:

1. Town Council requests that the Federal Government review and update its legislation governing aerodrome development for the purpose of permitting Ontario Municipalities to review and make decisions on proposed land development involving aerodromes within the comprehensive legislative framework governed by the Ontario Planning Act and associated legislation and policies to ensure land use compatibility and environmental protection, including the protection of significant watersheds.
2. Town Council requests the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to pass a resolution supporting the above request to the Federal Government.
3. That this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport - omar.alghabra@tc.gc.ca
 - Patrick J. Juneau, P.Eng., Director, Safety Policy and Intelligence -Transport Canada - Patrick.Juneau@tc.gc.ca
 - The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change – ministre-minister@ec.gc.ca
 - Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament (York-Simcoe) - Scot.Davidson@parl.gc.ca
 - Tony Van Bynen, Member of Parliament (Newmarket – Aurora) - Tony.VanBynen@parl.gc.ca
 - Joanne Vanderheyden, FCM President, Mayor, Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc

- Carole Saab, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) - csaab@fcm.ca
- Jamie McGarvey, AMO President, Mayor, Town of Parry Sound
- Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - brosborough@amo.on.ca and Resolutions@amo.on.ca
- Chief Donna Big Canoe, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation - donna.bigcanoe@georginaisland.com
- Hon. Caroline Mulroney (York-Simcoe), Minister of Transportation - caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org
- Hon. David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Park - david.piccini@pc.ola.org
- Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – steve.clark@pc.ola.org
- Chairman Wayne Emmerson, The Regional Municipality of York - regional.chair@york.ca
- Karen Whitney, Director, Community Planning & Development Services, The Regional Municipality of York – Karen.whitney@york.ca
- Rob Baldwin, CAO, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority - R.Baldwin@lsrca.on.ca
- Clerks of all lower tier municipalities in York Region

