

## **Billy Bishop Airport Master Planning Process Takes Off with First Public Meeting Scheduled for February 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Meeting to include topic tables, formal presentation and Q&A**

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**Toronto (January 15, 2018)** – Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (Billy Bishop Airport) will hold its first public meeting in association with updating its Master Plan on February 7, 2018. The planning process for the Billy Bishop Airport 2018 Master Plan will include a robust public consultation process that will include the public, neighbourhood community groups, airport stakeholders, government agencies, and first nations communities.

**The first public meeting is scheduled for:**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**  
**Metro Toronto Convention Centre – North Building**  
**Level 200 – East Meeting Rooms 205 & 206**  
**5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Format:**

- 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. – Open House with topic tables set up for small group discussion and Q&A. Topics will include: master plan process, noise management, wildlife management, ground transportation, emergency services, security and public safety, infrastructure, and environmental sustainability.**
- 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. – Formal Presentation of Master Plan process and objectives**
- 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. – Group Q&A**

**Background:**

The primary purpose of an airport Master Plan is to establish an orderly development concept for the airport that establishes priorities and options for the airport's operation and development over an extended period of time, while at the same time allowing the airport to avail itself of new opportunities to serve the needs of the community and operators. An airport Master Plan is not a regulatory document, but rather a planning tool intended to deliver a long-term strategy for the airport that provides a framework for future planning and development. Master Plans are customary for most airports and are usually updated every five years. The 2018 Master Plan for Billy Bishop Airport will be an update of the 2012 Master Plan.

Public engagement will continue at key milestones throughout the planning process and PortsToronto will provide regular project updates throughout on social media and on the dedicated project website that can be accessed at [www.BillyBishopAirportMasterPlan2018.com](http://www.BillyBishopAirportMasterPlan2018.com). Please visit the website to sign-up for project updates as well as to submit any questions or comments.

**About Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (<https://www.portstoronto.com/airport.aspx>)**

Billy Bishop Airport is Canada's ninth-busiest airport and welcomed 2.8 million business and leisure travellers in 2017. The airport is also Canada's sixth-busiest airport with passenger service into the United States. Offering service to more than 20 cities in Canada and the U.S., with connection opportunities to more than 80 international destinations via our airlines' networks, Billy Bishop Airport is an important international gateway and a key driver to Toronto's economy, accounting for more than \$2.1 billion in economic output each year and supporting 6,500 jobs, including 1,960 directly associated with the airport operations. The airport has recently won a series of passenger-driven awards, including being named one of the top airports in North America in both the Airports Council International's (ACI) 2015 Airport Service Quality Awards and Skytrax 2016 World Airport Awards and was ranked sixth Best International Airport by Condé Nast Traveler.

**About PortsToronto (<https://www.portstoronto.com>)**

For more than 100 years PortsToronto has worked with its partners at the federal, provincial and municipal levels to enhance the economic growth of the City of Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area. PortsToronto owns and operates Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, which welcomed more than 2.8 million passengers in 2017; the Outer Harbour Marina, one of Canada's largest freshwater marinas; and, Terminals 51 and 52, which provide transportation, distribution, storage and container services to businesses at the Port of Toronto. PortsToronto is committed to fostering strong, healthy and sustainable communities and has invested more than \$9 million since 2009 in charitable initiatives and environmental programs that benefit communities along Toronto's waterfront and beyond. PortsToronto operates in accordance with the Canada Marine Act and is guided by a nine-member board with representation from all three levels of government.