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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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June 3, 2026

PETITION: Public Hearings on Any Expansion of the Toronto Island Airport

Dear Prime Minister,

We are residents of Toronto who care deeply about the future of our city. This letter is signed/supported by 28 Torontonians, including 17 members of the Order of Canada and/or the Order of Ontario, three past Chairs of the Board and a former CEO of Waterfront Toronto, the tripartite government agency responsible for overseeing the redevelopment of Toronto's Inner Harbour over the last 25 years.

Our city's Inner Harbour is truly a crown jewel, one of our greatest civic achievements. It is a hugely popular place where millions of people go to be on the edge of one of the largest lakes in the world. This is an ongoing multi-billion dollar, nation-building project. The successful result of half a century of sustained public and private efforts to turn a derelict industrial port into one of North America's most outstanding urban lakefronts. It's an integral part of Toronto's unique identity as a waterfront city.

Large infrastructure decisions shape cities for generations. Once major physical urban transformations occur on the Inner Harbour, they will be impossible to reverse.

The Government of Canada has responsibilities over the Toronto Inner Harbour, the island airport and their future. Your government must decide whether or not to expand the airport and introduce jets. Members of Parliament have a primary responsibility to those who have elected them. That responsibility cannot be surrendered to a provincial government seeking to assert sole control.

As illustrated in the brief *Expanding Toronto Island Airport – Reality Check: Unanswered Questions* and its Executive Summary (copies attached), this proposal raises many serious questions on its consequences for the future of our city. Before any final decision is made to permanently reshape the Inner Harbour, the people of Toronto need answers. There should be no rush to judgement.

We call on your government to ensure that no changes occur on the lands of the island airport nor any change in the Tripartite Agreement governing the airport lands until Torontonians are properly consulted on a detailed evidence-based long-term plan that will be publicly and fully debated, addressing the many essential unanswered questions being raised.

To that end, we call upon your government to support full disclosure, to hold open, fully-informed and unbiased public hearings on any such plan, including the trade-offs, size of expected infrastructure, land requirements, cost-benefits, timelines, and the public uses to be sacrificed.

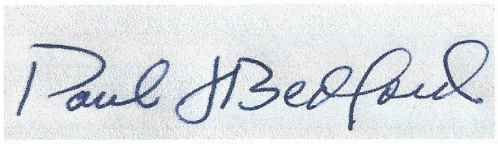
The indisputable common goal must be determining collectively what is best for our city, its citizens and their future.

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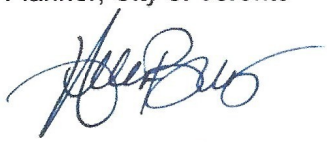
This letter is copied to the Hon. Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport, and to the Hon. Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,



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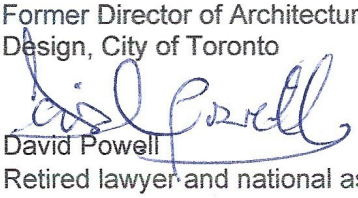
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