

MP LETTER

The Honourable (Fill in your MP here), House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
K1A0A6

- Member of Parliament for (RIDING)
- (ANY MINISTER POSITION, COMMITTEES YOUR MP SITS ON)
- If (MP) is your MP, introduce yourself as a constituent-MPs tend to put much more stock in letters from inside their districts.
- Be brief and respectful.
- Try to ask a specific question.

Dear MP:

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address with postal code]

TRANSPORT MINISTER LETTER

The Honourable Stephen MacKinnon, MP
Minister of Transport House of Commons Ottawa, ON
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- Safety and Security: Responsible for regulating transportation, including aviation safety, marine security, and rail safety.
- Infrastructure Investment: Focuses on improving supply chains and investing in clean port technologies.
- Reports to the Prime Minister

Dear Mr. MacKinnon: Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address with postal code]

PRIME MINISTER LETTER

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada Office of the prime Minister 80 Wellington
Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Sample Letter

Subject: Urgent Action to Protect Toronto's Waterfront

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

I am writing to you as a concerned Canadian regarding the urgent need to uphold the tripartite agreement (TPA) to protect Toronto's Waterfront (and our neighbourhood) from the threat of jets.

While Canada faces many challenges, we must not ignore the financial cost and health and safety risks of Premier Doug Ford's announcement to bring jets to Toronto's Billy Bishop Airport.

- (Insert your point(s) here)

Transport Canada, as signatory to the TPA, requires all parties to agree on any changes to the agreement. With billions of dollars spent on revitalizing Toronto's waterfront and the rapid growth of the surrounding downtown communities ? it is in Canada's best interest to support the financial opportunities that come from a clean, green, waterfront as a natural resource for all to enjoy.

Sincerely, [Your Name]

[Your Address with postal code]

Points you might consider referring to in your letter(s):

Filling the harbour to lengthen the runways. This is a massive project that will be expensive. Lake filling will take a long time (we need current estimates of how long it will take and the cost.) Lake filling will harm the water quality of the harbour. The city has already spent a lot of money trying to improve the water quality. This will damage water quality immeasurably.

Downtown Toronto needs more access to waterfront and green space. The waterfront communities continue to grow in density and access to parkland is in short supply.

Lake filling is a threat to Toronto Island Park, the waterfront and to recreational boating. 18 million people visited the waterfront last year.

A jet airport is much more invasive to the Waterfront than turboprops. Because of the size of the planes and the speed they must fly, the planes have to come in lower and faster than the turboprops. They will fly at low altitudes over the entire Waterfront. Planes coming in from the west will fly very low over Doug Ford's Ontario Place.

The transition of the Waterfront from industrial uses into residential communities has taken over 25 years and it is not completed. Billions of dollars have been spent by private companies & governments to make this transformation happen. The Waterfront now is the home to tens of thousands of people and it is planned to be the home of many more tens of thousands, as the symbol of the new Toronto that values places to live, work & play. All of that will be threatened by jets on the Island. Specifically the housing in the Port Lands and Ookwemin Minising may need to be significantly less to accommodate jet takeoff and landing paths.

Pearson is a modern jet airport that has the capacity to expand. It is the jet airport for Toronto, the GTA and much of Southern Ontario. The UP Express train links downtown to Pearson in 25 minutes. It cost \$453 million to build in 2015.