

Development Services Committee Meeting – January 16, 2012

Go Forward Process Associated with the Proposed Extension of Runway 12-30 at the Oshawa Municipal Airport

That the Development Services Committee reconsider its December 5, 2011 direction to reschedule at a larger site venue the public meeting on the proposed expansion of Runway 12-30 at the Oshawa Municipal Airport and matters related to relocations from Buttonville to Pearson Airports and direct staff to undertake the following process which is intended to provide more opportunity to receive public input, identify and clarify issues and disseminate information:

1. Hold Public Open Houses during three evenings and three afternoons in a “drop-in” format to allow residents the opportunity to speak to Airport staff and the City’s aviation consultants one-on-one at a large off-site venue; and,
2. Schedule and hold a formal public meeting at a large off-site venue during the evening following a typical public meeting format after the issues are identified at the Open Houses and further that the staff report for the public meeting be prepared following the standard format for Public Meetings including a recommendation to refer the matter back to staff for future consideration after hearing the public comments; and,
3. The specific venue and dates for the Open Houses and Public Meeting be established by the Chair of the Development Services Committee and the Commissioner of Development Services based on a variety of considerations including the availability of a venue; and,
4. That with the consent of the Commissioner of Development Services, Report DS-11-392 dated November 30, 2011 be withdrawn from the Development Services Committee and replaced with a fact sheet (including the consultants report) to be posted on the web and made available to interested parties; and,
5. That the Open Houses and Public Meeting be advertised as follows:
 - Mailed notices to all properties bounded by the Whitby/Oshawa border, Conlin Road West, Simcoe Street North and Rossland Road West;
 - Notices to everyone who has submitted a comment or question to staff or who has left their name with Clerk Services on this matter;
 - Notices in each of the Oshawa This Week and Oshawa Express newspapers (2 notices for open houses; two notices for public meeting); and
 - Posting on City website; and,
6. That the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee be requested to comment on the proposal prior to any recommendation to Council; and,

7. That the attraction of a scheduled airline service to the airport not be pursued or promoted and, further, that in the event a scheduled airline service expresses an interest in the future that it be required to specify the proposed nature of its activities (size of planes, frequency and time of flights, noise impacts, etc.) and that the Development Services Committee and Council be required to hold public meetings prior to making any decision on the matter and that such public meetings be held at a large off-site venue and advertised in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 5 above; and,
8. That a budget of \$25,000 be allocated to the revised public participation process including notices/advertisements, venue rental and consultant attendance and, based on the advice of the Treasurer, the cost be accommodated in the 2012 contingency and transferred to the project in the event it is approved.