

SAHRA Information – August 17, 2017

Bill 139

The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Association (FoNTRA) is an umbrella organization representing over 30 residents' associations (including SAHRA) in central Toronto concerned with planning and development issues that affect our member organizations.

FoNTRA's excellent submission to the Provincial Government (Ministry of Municipal Affairs) on the proposed Bill 139 (Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017) is attached. FoNTRA commends the Government for introducing Bill 139 which provides for the creation of a new tribunal (the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) to hear appeals of municipal planning decisions. FoNTRA supports the abolition of de novo hearings and the introduction of hearing procedures that will put residents and property owners on more of an equal footing with developers. FoNTRA also supports the proposed changes that will have the effect of limiting site-specific applications for official plan amendments.

While FoNTRA supports the thrust of the proposed legislation, they have concerns about some of the proposed changes. The attached brief summarizes their **general support** for the bill and specifies **concerns**.

Avenue Road Bridge

The Avenue Road bridge, besides being a highway entrance/exit, connects North York and North Toronto but the current infrastructure is very unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. The City of Toronto's transportation department has included the bridge in their 10-year cycling plan and as such has engaged the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario over the last three years to provide accommodation for cyclists to no avail. Cost in the reason offered by the MTO as it falls within their budget. The bridge is set for reconstruction late 2018 so there is still time to make a change. Cycle Toronto, SAHRA and FoNTRA have joined the lobbying effort to get MTO's attention to the matter by sending email letters of support to MTO and Councillor Carmichael Greb. Their letters are attached.

Councillor Carmichael Greb has taken up the cause and has contacted MTO – they are now willing to further discuss modifying the road plan. The MTO may also be willing to review a new plan from the City. The Councillor's office is coordinating a meeting with the City Transportation Division and Cycle Toronto in order to develop a proposal which her office will then take to MTO.

This appears to be positive movement. Additional support from Ward 16 Residents would be most helpful. Please forward your comments to Councillor Carmichael Greb (councillor_carmichaelgreb@toronto.ca); MPP Mike Colle (mcolle.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org); and Minister Del Duca (sdelduca.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org).

Presentation on Toronto Pearson Airport concentrated Jetpath Noise Issue

Helios, the UK based consulting firm that has been performing an Independent Toronto Airspace review for NavCanada over the past year, will be making their final, and only, Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

presentation to the public on **Monday, September 18, 2017** at the Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel & Suites, 5875 Airport Road, Mississauga. <http://bit.ly/2uNbgqR>

This is a very important presentation regarding our Toronto Pearson Airport concentrated jetpath noise issue.

You must register here to attend <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/independent-toronto-airspace-review-final-presentation-tickets-36459889511>

Here is the text of Helios' invitation:

“Helios, together with Bo Redeborn and Graham Lake, are nearing the end of their Independent Toronto Airspace Review and invite you to attend the final presentation. At the event Nick Boud and Bo Redeborn will present an overview of the recommendations they are making to NAV CANADA to mitigate the impact of aviation noise on the Greater Toronto Area. The event is a public event, open and free to all. We are expecting a large turnout to this event and to be able to make sure the evening runs smoothly we strongly urge you to register your attendance in advance.”