

Correspondence Request Item 2



January 25, 2012

To: The Mayor and Members of City Council of Oshawa
c/o City Clerk Services, 50 Centre Street South
Oshawa, ON, L1H 3Z7

Re: **DS-12-14 – Go Forward Process Associated with the Proposed Extension of Runway 12-30 at the Oshawa Municipal Airport--Oshawa Council Meeting January 30th, 2012**

C.O.R.E. (Citizens Opposed to Runway Expansion) is a group comprised of many taxpaying residents of Oshawa who have legitimate concerns surrounding the proposed runway expansion. The contents of this letter represents the position of this group of citizens.

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify the Oshawa Council of our public opposition to the proposed runway expansion of the Oshawa Municipal Airport as set out in Item DS-11-392.

Item DS-11-392 submitted by city Staff, recommends that Council approve the continuance of funding and plans for a runway expansion but does not include appropriate public consultation and does not address any other obvious issues including (but not limited to) the environmental, health, and safety impacts that are inherent with an increase in airport activity resulting from a runway expansion; especially in regards to an airport that is so closely nested among residential communities and a natural waterway.

The Development Services Committee has recognized that Item DS-11-392 is deficient in the above mentioned regard and has put forth Item DS-12-14 as a "go forward" process to rectify this deficiency. We appreciate and thank the Development Services Committee for creating this document.

Although it is recognized by C.O.R.E. that the "go forward" process as described in DS-12-14 is a step in the right direction, the members of C.O.R.E. can not fully endorse any document that entertains the continuance of any plans or funding related to a runway expansion.

C.O.R.E. has done extensive research on the matter of this runway expansion and we believe that the economic benefits, that may or may not result, must not take precedence over the general health, well-being, and quality of life of the citizens of Oshawa and surrounding areas. Therefore, C.O.R.E. will continue to maintain a position of opposition to a runway expansion.

It is at this time that C.O.R.E. would implore Council to introduce and support a motion to **end any further pursuance of a runway expansion**. Such action would eliminate the need to allocate any more funds toward this controversial endeavour, would allow everyone to expend their time and effort on more practical matters, and it would be a testament to the logic and ethics of this good Council.

Should the motion described above not be pursued, or be voted down, then DS-12-14 would be a necessary alternative to ensure that the entire public is made aware of the negative impacts that would result in a runway expansion.

We ask that this letter be included in the Council meeting agenda of January 30, 2012 and should you require further clarification as to the content of this letter, representatives of C.O.R.E. will be present at this meeting.

Respectfully,

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