

Letter to the Ottawa Airport Authority, January 31 2018  
By email

Re: YOW 2038, International Airport Masterplan Update

Thank you for this invitation to attend the Round 3 Public meeting on January 25. One of our members attended and has reported back to our Board of Directors. We would like to make the following points:

We note with satisfaction that Provincially Significant Wetlands on airport property will be recognized in the land use plan. However, we believe that some PSW parcels are not shown in the land use map you provided at the public meeting. We verified with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and it seems that some PSW areas on airport property have indeed been omitted. We expect that RCVA staff will follow up with you on this omission.

We are also pleased to see the commitment to proceed with a Greenbelt linkage at the southern end of the airport property. We have long advocated for a thickening of the Greenbelt in this area, its narrowest point. The location of the linkage will have clear consequences for commercial development on airport land in this area. We had heard through City of Ottawa sources in the context of the widening and realignment of Leitrim Road that a business park for the area might be in the Master Plan. However, a business park does not appear in the land use plan. Could you confirm that there is no such plan at least through to 2038?

It also appears that no new runway or taxiway will be required over the planning period so that land for operational needs at the southern end of the airport property will remain in reserve, and hopefully undisturbed, throughout this period. Again, we understood that the Leitrim Road realignment was being planned with the assumption that a new runway would be required.

Thank you for the information provided through the public engagement exercise. We would note however that the information is very high level. Fuller disclosure would enable us to engage more effectively on the issues that relate to our area of interest, which is the protection and preservation of greenspace.

Sincerely,

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