



Dear candidate:

Thanks for stepping up and running for Councillor in the upcoming Toronto municipal election. Our democracy is made stronger by your doing so.

We're writing to seek your position on an issue of City-wide importance – the future of the 215 acres of Toronto Islands currently used by the Island (Billy Bishop) Airport.

June 30, 2033 – the date the City's lease of some of the Airport lands expires – is not that far away. It's time now to think about where the public interest lies in deciding the future of those lands, encompassing the views of the Indigenous communities who are the original owners.

The Star's Matt Elliott put it succinctly in his [recent column](#):

... the looming need to make a decision over the future of the airport is a real opportunity to commit to a new vision for something bigger, better and bolder. A vision, dubbed [Parks Not Planes](#), unveiled last year by community advocates opposed to the airport was a welcome start.

We've prepared the attached Briefing Note to assist you in getting up to speed on this issue.

Given the dire need for greenspace in the city, will you support Parks not Planes by signing the Pledge below, and return it to us by September 8?

We'd be pleased to respond to any questions you might have.

We look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Iler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Iler".

Brian Iler, on behalf of Parks not Planes.

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Pledge

To: Parks not Planes

I pledge:

1) to support a transparent and democratic process to decide the future of the Island Airport lands

and

2) if elected, to assemble a working group that includes substantial Indigenous and community representation, to solidify the plan for the creation of the Waterfront Park when the Island Airport lease expires.

Signature

Name

_____, 2022
Date