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PRESENTATION FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE LAKE SIMCOE REGIONAL AIRPORT CONCERNING THE LAKE SIMCOE REGIONAL AIRPORT STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Brent Hill of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Board of Directors provided a presentation concerning the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Strategic Plan.

Mr. Hill introduced Scott Running, George Valentine and Mike Drumm, also with the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport. Mr. Hill discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The Strategic Vision and Mission Statement of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Authority;
- The role that airports play in a modern global economy and with respect to local economic development;
- Why it is important to be considering this Strategy at this point in time;
- The rationale associated with presenting the Strategic Plan at this time;
- The current and future capacity constraints at Pearson International Airport;
- Information associated with the Southern Ontario Airport Network (SOAN);
- Changes to corporate aviation due to constraints, congestion and Toronto-Pearson Airport's strategic direction to become a Mega Hub;
- The future trends in commercial aviation;
- Regional travel demand and information on population, labour force, average household income, vacation spending and business trips by air;
- The importance of connectivity between cities and markets;
- Information concerning the economic contributions detailed in the Strategic Plan;
- The potential consequences of not making any improvements to the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport;
- Information on comparable airports in the Southern Ontario Airport Network (SOAN) area;
- The key elements contained within three phases of the Implementation Strategy, and the associated costs with each phase;
- The possible impacts of not moving ahead with the Strategic Plan; and
- A summary of conclusions in support of the Strategic Plan.

Members of Council asked a number of questions of the presenters and City Staff and received responses.