



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-03416**

BY: **Ms. O'CONNELL (PICKERING-UXBRIDGE)**

DATE: **APRIL 11, 2019**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE MARC GARNEAU**

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Response by the Minister of Transport

SIGNATURE  
Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT  
**Protection of the environment**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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### REPLY

The Government of Canada is taking a balanced approach to the management of the Pickering Lands, ensuring environmental, aviation and economic demands are being met.

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- In 2015, Dr. Gary Polonsky, the Independent Advisor on the Economic Development of the Pickering Lands, was mandated by the Government to conduct targeted stakeholder consultations on the future development of the Pickering Lands, including a potential future airport. The Advisor's report, as well as Transport Canada's response to his recommendations, are publicly available online.

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- In 2018, Transport Canada completed an agricultural lease renewal initiative which provided greater certainty to farmers through longer lease tenures. As of April 1, 2018, all agricultural leases were updated to a 10-year lease term. This agricultural lease model has enabled lease holders to make sound business decisions by providing longer tenures and fixed rental rates.

The timing of any decision concerning the development of a potential airport on the Pickering Lands will be influenced by many market and non-market factors beyond the exclusive consideration of passenger capacities at other airports within the Southern Ontario airports system. Such factors may include, but are not limited to: shifting airline business models, regional population growth and evolving demographics, infrastructure needs and investments, as well as the interests and needs of regional stakeholders.

There are no predetermined decisions based on results from the Aviation Sector Analysis, and no decisions or plans been made to develop an airport on the Pickering Lands. Upon completion of the study phase of the report, Transport Canada will use the Aviation Sector Analysis as one of many inputs into the development of a future recommendation for the Pickering Lands. Any decision on the development of the Pickering Lands will be made based on a sound business case and updated data on aviation demand and capacity.



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DE : **MME O'CONNELL (PICKERING-UXBRIDGE)**

DATE : **LE 11 AVRIL 2019**

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OBJET

**Protection de l'environnement**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

Le gouvernement du Canada adopte une approche équilibrée quant à la gestion des biens-fonds de Pickering, s'assurant que les exigences environnementales, économiques et en matière d'aviation sont respectées.

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Aucune décision prédéterminée n'a été prise sur la base des résultats de l'analyse du secteur de l'aviation, et aucune décision ne sera prise quant à l'aménagement d'un aéroport sur les biens-fonds de Pickering et aucun plan n'est fait à cet égard. Après l'achèvement de l'étape de l'étude du rapport, Transports Canada utilisera l'analyse du secteur de l'aviation comme l'un des nombreux intrants quant à la formulation d'une future recommandation visant les biens-fonds de Pickering. Toute décision quant à l'aménagement des biens-fonds de Pickering sera fondée sur une excellente analyse de rentabilisation et des données à jour sur la demande et la capacité aéroportuaire.



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-03153**

BY: **Ms. O'CONNELL (PICKERING-UXBRIDGE)**

DATE: **JANUARY 31, 2019**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE MARC GARNEAU**

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Response by the Minister of Transport

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**Bouffard, Rachel**

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**From:** Papadatos, Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:21 PM  
**To:** Bouffard, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: INCOMING LETTER - XAL-2019-477680(1).drf - MPP Bethlenfalvy (Pickering-Uxbridge)

There is this, however I do not know whether it relates to the ASA.

Perry

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**From:** Lippi, Crizia  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2019 3:50 PM  
**To:** Papadatos, Perry <perry.papadatos@tc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: INCOMING LETTER - XAL-2019-477680(1).drf - MPP Bethlenfalvy (Pickering-Uxbridge)

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Hi Perry – FYI – draft response to MPP Bethlenfalvy.

**From:** Dolter, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:22 AM  
**To:** Lippi, Crizia <crizia.lippi@tc.gc.ca>; Davis, Mark <mark.davis@tc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Coldrey, Daniel <daniel.coldrey@tc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: INCOMING LETTER - XAL-2019-477680(1).drf  
**Importance:** High

Hi Crizia and Mark,

I have drafted a response to the letter from MPP Bethlenfalvy, Pickering-Uxbridge re: Pickering Lands and the Aviation Sector Analysis. Wor

**Attachments/Pièces jointes:**

- Goto Record 514095 in database 1.ccm (0 KB)
- RDIMS-#15279666-v1-INCOMING\_LETTER\_-\_XAL-2019-477680.TIF (77 KB)
- FYI - XAL-2019-477634 - Letter from MP O'Connell to MP Bethlenfalvy re: Pickering Lands (1.2 MB)
- RDIMS-#15300563-RESPONSE\_TO\_LETTER\_FROM\_MPP\_PETER\_BETHLENFALVY\_RE\_\_PICKE....drf (4 KB)



**Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP**  
Pickering—Uxbridge

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May 1, 2019

The Honourable Marc Garneau, M.P.  
Minister of Transport  
330 Sparks Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Minister,

I am writing you today concerning the Pickering Airport lands in my provincial riding of Pickering—Uxbridge. This letter is sent with the full support of the City of Pickering, Town of Uxbridge, and all Progressive Conservative MPPs in the Durham Region.

As you are aware, the airport lands were expropriated by the federal government under Prime Minister Trudeau in the 1970's. Since then, unfortunately, thousands of acres of land have sat idly by, reserved by the federal government for use as airport lands. No development has taken place since expropriation. In fact, several thousand acres were used for purposes not originally intended for when expropriated.

For more than 40 years, the people of Pickering—Uxbridge, whether using the land for agricultural, commercial or residential purposes, have had to lease the land from the federal government.

Without a decision from the federal government concerning the fate of the land, agriculture cannot benefit from long-term planning, residences are not being considered, and business cannot flourish. This has had severe negative impacts on development and growth in my riding and the surrounding regions. In fact, Durham Region is witnessing increased pressures on economic stability, including jobs, housing, and infrastructure. These lands are key to unlocking more economic potential for the Region.

In short, for nearly half a century, the people of Pickering—Uxbridge, and its surroundings, have been denied the benefit of full ownership and potential of these lands by the federal government. This has left us in a perpetual state of uncertainty concerning future development.

This is an injustice to the people of Pickering—Uxbridge, and all of Durham Region, that needs to be corrected as a matter of priority.

Now that another Trudeau is responsible for the lands, I am calling on the Prime Minister and the federal government to decide. Either:

- Provide certainty around the development of the lands in the near term, and release the KPMG Lands Aviation Sector Analysis first started in 2016; **or**
- Return the lands to the people of Pickering—Uxbridge so that the people can truly benefit from them.

The people of Pickering—Uxbridge deserve an answer from their federal representatives concerning the fate of these lands.

Sincerely,



Peter Bethlenfalvy  
MPP Pickering--Uxbridge

cc:

Premier Doug Ford  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark  
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Rod Phillips  
Minister of Transport, Jeff Yurek  
Minister of Infrastructure, Monte McNaughton  
MPP Lorne Coe, Whitby  
MPP Lindsey Park, Durham  
MPP David Piccini, Northumberland—Peterborough South  
MP Erin O'Toole, Durham  
MP Colin Carrie, Oshawa  
Mayor David Ryan, Mayor of Pickering  
Mayor Dave Barton, Mayor of Uxbridge  
Mayor Shaun Collier, Mayor of Ajax  
Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
MP Jennifer O'Connell, Pickering--Uxbridge  
Toronto Board of Trade  
Ajax—Pickering Board of Trade



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The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP, Pickering-Uxbridge  
1550 Kingston Road, Suite 213  
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Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy,

I am writing to you in response to your letter to the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Marc Garneau, regarding the Pickering Federal Lands.

I was pleased to read about your commitment to ensuring that agriculture on these Lands benefit from long term planning when the federal government makes a decision regarding the future of the lands.

I completely agree, agriculture and business operations on the land cannot thrive on the year to year leases that have become the norm for decades under previous governments. In fact, when Stephen Harper was Prime Minister for almost ten years, farmers were left in limbo year after year, with no certainty about the long term future of the lands they farmed.

With that uncertainty and the need for better long term planning top of mind, Minister Garneau announced the Pickering Agricultural Lease Renewal Strategy. I'm sure you are aware of the details of this historic policy change, but I'm happy to expand on its importance.

This new strategy provided farmers with the option of signing new 10 year leases, instead of on a year to year basis. This change, which took effect April 1, 2018, ensures that farmers on the Pickering Lands can make business decisions with long term certainty, enabling them to potentially install new tile drainage, invest in better equipment or explore other ways to increase their long term profitability.

I also agree with the comment in your letter that *"these lands are key to unlocking more economic potential for the Region."* You may be familiar with the Land over Landings report: *"Economic Impact of Remaining Pickering Federal Lands if Returned to Permanent Agriculture"* conducted by prominent economists. It demonstrated the economic viability of the Lands if returned to permanent agriculture, and I have been happy to share the findings of this report personally with the Minister of Transport and officials at Transport Canada.

In your letter, you call on the Prime Minister to do one of two things, which I am happy to address. In regards to providing certainty around the development of the Lands in the near term, I would point you to the new 10 year leases and the Pickering Agricultural Lease Renewal Strategy that I mentioned above.

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You also call for the release of the KPMG Aviation Sector Analysis. I know that there have been numerous false stories and rumors circulated that the study has been submitted. My understanding is that it is not completed and that while phases one and two have been submitted, the third phase has not. I have recently inquired with the Minister of Transport's office for an update on when the third phase is expected to be submitted.

The purpose of phase one is to update supply and demand forecasts for aviation traffic in Southern Ontario to determine whether a shortfall in aviation capacity is expected in the next 20 years. Phase two develops and evaluates options for the type of airport and its potential role in the Southern Ontario airport system. The third phase will provide an assessment of the revenue-generating potential and economic impact of these options.

Upon completion of all three phases, Transport Canada will use the KPMG Aviation Sector Analysis as part of its considerations and advice to the Minister on the future of the Pickering Lands. The Aviation Sector Analysis is one of many inputs into the development of advice to the Minister.

I remain committed to fighting for the constituents we both have the honour of serving. Thank you for your letter and your engagement on this important issue.

Yours Sincerely,

Jennifer O'Connell



Member of Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge

cc:

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Minister of Transport, Marc Garneau  
MP Mark Holland, Ajax  
MP Erin O'Toole, Durham  
MP Colin Carrie, Oshawa  
Mayor David Ryan, Mayor of Pickering  
Mayor Dave Barton, Mayor of Uxbridge  
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Input from AHPR – Pickering Lands – Response to letter from Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP,  
Pickering-Uxbridge  
Ministerial XAL-2019-477680  
RDIMS #15300563

- I am in receipt of your letter dated May 1, 2019 with respect to the Pickering Lands and the Aviation Sector Analysis.
- Thank you for taking the time to convey your views.
- The Government of Canada continues to take a balanced approach in the management of the Pickering Lands, ensuring that economic, environmental and potential aviation demands are met.
- The vast majority of the Pickering Lands are used for agriculture. Transport Canada leases agricultural land that is operationally feasible/efficient for the department to pursue. Currently, there is essentially zero vacancy of arable land.
- Transport Canada has undertaken an agricultural lease renewal strategy that provides more certainty to farmers through longer lease terms. As of April 1, 2018, all agricultural leases were updated to a 10-year lease term. The updated agricultural lease model provides greater stability for leaseholders to make sound business decisions by providing longer tenures and fixed rental rates.
- Transport Canada is committed to an open and transparent process concerning the future development of the Pickering Lands. At this time, no decision has been made on the development of an airport on the Pickering Lands.
- As you may be aware, Transport Canada is currently undertaking an Aviation Sector Analysis to help inform a future decision concerning the Pickering Lands. Any future decision on the development of the Pickering Lands will be made based on a sound business case and updated data on aviation demand and capacity.
- Thank you for writing and sharing your concerns. Please be assured that your views will be taken into consideration with respect to the future decisions on the management and development of the Pickering Lands.

## Bouffard, Rachel

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**From:** Papadatos, Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** Bouffard, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: Jennifer O'Connell spoke about Petitions in the House

Another, however unsure if anything resulted going to her via the ASA.

This was HQ.

Perry

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**From:** Davis, Mark  
**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2019 9:06 AM  
**To:** Dawson, Dave <dave.dawson@tc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Reble, David <david.reble@tc.gc.ca>; D'Souza, Ludovic <Ludovic.D'Souza@tc.gc.ca>; Cobb, Zoiey <Zoiey.Cobb@tc.gc.ca>; Papadatos, Perry <perry.papadatos@tc.gc.ca>; Quartermain, David <david.quartermain@tc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Jennifer O'Connell spoke about Petitions in the House

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Just FYI ...

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**From:** [alerts@contact.openparliament.ca](mailto:alerts@contact.openparliament.ca) [<mailto:alerts@contact.openparliament.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2019 8:38 AM  
**To:** Davis, Mark <[mark.davis@tc.gc.ca](mailto:mark.davis@tc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Jennifer O'Connell spoke about Petitions in the House

Here's what Jennifer O'Connell had to say in the House of Commons.

January 31st, 10:10 a.m.

Petitions

<http://openparliament.ca/debates/2019/1/31/jennifer-oconnell-1/> <<http://openparliament.ca/debate>

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**From:** Papadatos, Perry  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 11:10 AM  
**To:** Bouffard, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: For your Review - Response to Petition: Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering

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**Flag Status:** Flagged

RE: ATIP and ASA, however no product is attached. Searching RDIMS for it.

Perry

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**From:** Gatti, Maria  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 11:24 AM  
**To:** Smith, Devon <devon.smith@tc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Papadatos, Perry <perry.papadatos@tc.gc.ca>; Canning, Mary Louise <marylouise.canning@tc.gc.ca>; Maginley, Akeem <akeem.maginley@tc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: For your Review - Response to Petition: Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering

Devon,  
Looks good to me.  
Maria

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**From:** Smith, Devon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 8:40 AM  
**To:** Gatti, Maria  
**Cc:** Papadatos, Perry; Canning, Mary Louise; Maginley, Akeem  
**Subject:** RE: For your Review - Response to Petition: Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering  
**Importance:** High

Hi Maria,

I know you're going to be swamped today, but we have a response to a parliamentary petition that is due today. Perry reviewed it yesterday. Would you like me to hold off on sending it until you have had a chance to see it as well?

If it helps with timing, I can walk you through the hard copy. Please let me know.

Thanks,

**Devon Smith**  
A/Strategic Issues and Communications Manager  
Programs Branch  
Transport Canada, Ontario Region  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 11:00 AM  
**To:** Smith, Devon <[devon.smith@tc.gc.ca](mailto:devon.smith@tc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: For your Review - Response to Petition: Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering

Sounds like a plan.. thanks.

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**From:** Smith, Devon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 9:52 AM  
**To:** Papadatos, Perry  
**Cc:** Maginley, Akeem; Canning, Mary Louise; Gatti, Maria  
**Subject:** RE: For your Review - Response to Petition: Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering

Thanks for the input, Perry. To respond to your points below:

1. I'll include both measurements as we did last week.
2. Noted and fixed.
3. Per comment 4, I added something on the Aviation Sector Analysis. It falls just before the word 'concurrently' ... I think the word has value now.
4. As just noted, I added a line on the Aviation Sector Analysis.

Does this work for you?

Thanks,

**Devon Smith**

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**From:** Papadatos, Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 9:34 AM  
**To:** Smith, Devon <[devon.smith@tc.gc.ca](mailto:devon.smith@tc.gc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Maginley, Akeem <[akeem.maginley@tc.gc.ca](mailto:akeem.maginley@tc.gc.ca)>; Canning, Mary Louise <[marylouise.canning@tc.gc.ca](mailto:marylouise.canning@tc.gc.ca)>; Gatti, Maria <[maria.gatti@tc.gc.ca](mailto:maria.gatti@tc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: For your Review - Response to Petition: Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering

Thanks, Devon.

**Four** items that stood out:

1. Acres are mentioned.. are we going metric ?.. similar to the approved product from last week.
2. Missing a comma in the "5200".

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3. Any value with having "Concurrently" inserted. Sentence reads fine without.

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4. Since we are providing a summary of current matters (i.e. Independent Advisor), and MP O'Connell brings up the "business case" argument, have we forgotten to mention the policy / market sounding studies ?

Perry

Perry Papadatos FMA  
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**From:** Smith, Devon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 8:35 AM  
**To:** Papadatos, Perry; Gatti, Maria  
**Cc:** Canning, Mary Louise  
**Subject:** for your Review - Response to Petition: Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering

Good morning Perry, Maria,

MP O'Connell has submitted a petition regarding the Pickering Lands. Please find attached, for your review, a draft response to this petition. For reference, I've included our response to a petition in 2014. I stuck with the same general format and used our updated messaging.

Don't hesitate if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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**From:** Browning, Sarah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 3:48 PM  
**To:** Smith, Devon <[devon.smith@tc.gc.ca](mailto:devon.smith@tc.gc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Wannop, Gail <[gail.wannop@tc.gc.ca](mailto:gail.wannop@tc.gc.ca)>; Rudge, Tamara <[tamara.rudge@tc.gc.ca](mailto:tamara.rudge@tc.gc.ca)>; Mirza, Samia <[samia.mirza@tc.gc.ca](mailto:samia.mirza@tc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Due COB March 30: 421-00128 & 129 Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering

Please have the RD-approved version to me by **COB March 30**. Please use the template attached and ensure that you highlight the updated sections of the response. The RDGO will take care of translation.

I've also attached Parliamentary Affairs' handy-dandy guide to parliamentary petitions – now with awesome clip art! – in case you want an overview of the process.

Thanks,

Sarah

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**From:** Smith, Devon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:54 PM  
**To:** Browning, Sarah <[sarah.browning@tc.gc.ca](mailto:sarah.browning@tc.gc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Wannop, Gail <[gail.wannop@tc.gc.ca](mailto:gail.wannop@tc.gc.ca)>; Rudge, Tamara <[tamara.rudge@tc.gc.ca](mailto:tamara.rudge@tc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: 421-00128 & 129 Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering

Hi Sarah – This will need to be updated, and HQ will want to review. When would you like it by?

Thanks,  
Devon

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**From:** Browning, Sarah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:23 AM  
**To:** Smith, Devon <[devon.smith@tc.gc.ca](mailto:devon.smith@tc.gc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Wannop, Gail <[gail.wannop@tc.gc.ca](mailto:gail.wannop@tc.gc.ca)>; Rudge, Tamara <[tamara.rudge@tc.gc.ca](mailto:tamara.rudge@tc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: 421-00128 & 129 Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering

Hi Devon,

Please review the attached Parliamentary petition and previous response and let me know if it needs to be updated by COB.

Thanks,

Sarah

**From:** Busa, Antonella  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:20 AM  
**To:** Amorim, Melissa <melissa.amorim@tc.gc.ca>; Browning, Sarah <sarah.browning@tc.gc.ca>; Brun, Natacha <natacha.brun@tc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Parliamentary Affairs -Affaires parlementaires <PA-AP@tc.gc.ca>; Brackenridge, Jimmy <Jimmy.Brackenridge@tc.gc.ca>; Busa, Antonella <antonella.busa@tc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** 421-00128 & 129 Ms. O'Connell regarding Protection of the Environment - Federal Lands in Pickering

*Please advise if there are any updates from the previous Petition 412-4248 (see attached).*

*If there are updates since the previous response, please highlight the updated sections in your response for 421-00128 & 129.*

*If there are NO updates, please advise via email.*

**To:** Ontario Region

Please find attached a petition from Ms. O'Connell regarding *Protection of the Environment – Federal Lands in Pickering*

The ADM-approved bilingual response is due to Parliamentary Affairs by April 5 2016.

**Please provide the response and ADM-approval by email.**

The CCM number is 444970

Thanks

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Veillez trouver ci-joint une pétition de Mme. O'Connell sur la *Protection de l'environnement – les biens-fonds de Pickering.*

La réponse bilingue et SMA-approuvé est dû aux affaires parlementaires d'ici le *5 avril 2016.*

**Veillez envoyer la réponse et l'approbation-SMA par courriel.**

Le numéro de CCM est 444970

Merci

**Antonella Busa**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-00128 & 421-00129**

BY: **Ms. O'CONNELL (PICKERING-UXBRIDGE)**

DATE: **MARCH 21, 2016**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE MARC GARNEAU**

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Response by the Minister of Transport

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Protection of the environment**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

The Government of Canada is taking a balanced approach to the management of the Pickering Lands to ensure that economic, environmental and aviation demands are met.

In April 2015, 4,700 acres (1,902 hectares) of the western portion of the Pickering Lands were transferred to the Parks Canada Agency for the creation of the Rouge National Urban Park. In July 2015, a second transfer of 5,200 acres (2,104 hectares) was announced to expand the park. Transport Canada and Parks Canada are working together to expedite this transfer. As a result, approximately 10,000 acres of environmentally sensitive areas of the Pickering Lands will be preserved and protected in perpetuity.

Transport Canada has retained a smaller portion of lands in the southeast quadrant for a potential future airport. At this time, no decisions have been made on the type, role or timing of a potential future airport. Any decision to build an airport on the Pickering Lands will be governed by demand for additional aviation capacity and a solid business case.

A Needs Assessment Study released in 2011 predicted that an additional airport would be needed in the Greater Toronto Area between 2027 and 2037, and confirmed that the Pickering Lands would be an ideal location for a new airport. Transport Canada continues to monitor aviation demand and capacity to inform future decisions.

Concurrently, Transport Canada continues to engage with local stakeholders on the future development of the Pickering Lands. In July 2015, the Government of Canada announced Dr. Gary Polonsky as the Independent Advisor on the Economic Development of the Pickering Lands, with a mandate to conduct targeted stakeholder consultations and provide a summary report that will inform future decision-making on the Pickering Lands.



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## RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

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N<sup>o</sup> DE LA PÉTITION : **421-00128 ET 421-00129**

DE : **MME O'CONNELL (PICKERING-UXBRIDGE)**

DATE : **LE 21 MARS 2016**

INSCRIRE LE NOM DU SIGNATAIRE : **L'HONORABLE MARC GARNEAU**

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Réponse du ministre des Transports

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Protection de l'environnement**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

Le gouvernement du Canada adopte une approche équilibrée en matière de gestion des biens-fonds de Pickering pour s'assurer que les exigences économique, environnementale et aéronautique soient respectées.

En avril 2015, 4 700 acres (1 902 hectares) de la partie ouest des biens-fonds de Pickering ont été transférés à l'Agence Parcs Canada pour la création du parc urbain national de la Rouge. En juillet 2015, un deuxième transfert de 5 200 acres (2 104 hectares) a été annoncé pour agrandir le parc. Transports Canada et Parcs Canada travaillent de concert pour accélérer ce transfert. En conséquence, environ 10 000 acres de zones écologiquement fragiles des biens-fonds de Pickering seront préservés et protégés pour toujours.

Transports Canada a retenu une plus petite partie de terres dans le quadrant sud-est qui accueillera éventuellement un aéroport. Présentement, aucune décision n'a été prise concernant le type, le rôle et le moment de construction d'un aéroport. Toute décision de construction d'un aéroport sur les biens-fonds de Pickering dépendra de la nécessité d'une plus grande capacité aéroportuaire et d'un solide bilan de rentabilité.

Une étude d'évaluation des besoins publiée en 2011 prédisait qu'un aéroport supplémentaire serait nécessaire dans la grande région de Toronto entre 2027 et 2037, et confirmait que les biens-fonds de Pickering seraient un emplacement idéal pour un nouvel aéroport. Transports Canada continue à surveiller le nombre de passagers et la capacité aéroportuaire afin de prendre une décision éclairée quant à la construction d'un aéroport.

En même temps, Transports Canada continue à discuter avec les intéressés locaux du développement des biens-fonds de Pickering. En juillet 2015, le gouvernement du Canada a annoncé que le Dr. Gary Polonsky serait le conseiller indépendant en matière de développement économique des biens-fonds de Pickering et que son mandat serait d'effectuer des consultations ciblées auprès des intéressés et de fournir un rapport sommaire qui permettrait de prendre des décisions éclairées en ce qui a trait aux biens-fonds de Pickering.



## **Bouffard, Rachel**

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**From:** Lippi, Crizia  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2019 2:53 PM  
**To:** Davis, Mark; Dolter, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FYI - XAL-2019-477634 - Letter from MP O'Connell to MP Bethlenfalvy re: Pickering Lands  
**Attachments:** Letter Regarding the Pickering Federal Lands

Hi Elizabeth, Mark,

FYI

Attached is a letter from MP O'Connell (Pickering-Uxbridge) in response to MPP Bethlenfalvy's (Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Pickering-Uxbridge) correspondence regarding the Pickering Lands. I do not have a copy of the incoming MPP's correspondence (I couldn't locate it in a CCM search either). I leave it up to you to share with your respective groups.

Crizia