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Fabio Ovettoni:

This is in regard to your request under the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA), received by Transport Canada on February 26, 2026, for the following information:

"This request is submitted on behalf of the Pearson Accountability Alliance (PAA), a community-based public-interest organization documenting environmental and public-health impacts associated with Toronto Pearson International Airport (CYYZ).

The request seeks records relating to federal consideration, interpretation, and communications concerning jurisdiction, environmental oversight, and provincial applicability of environmental laws at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Timeframe

May 1, 2025, to February 26, 2026.

1. Federal–Provincial Jurisdiction Communications

All records, including but not limited to:

- internal emails
- briefing notes
- memoranda
- legal analyses
- issue notes
- discussion papers
- presentations

relating to:

- jurisdiction over environmental impacts at Toronto Pearson
- applicability of provincial environmental legislation at aerodromes

- interpretation or application of AC 300-009
- provincial enforcement authority at airports
- spill reporting obligations
- environmental monitoring
- noise regulation vs environmental regulation

2. Communications with MECP

All communications between Transport Canada and:

Canada

- Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

- Minister's Office (Ontario)
- Deputy Minister (Ontario)
- senior officials

relating to:

- environmental oversight
- jurisdictional responsibilities
- responses to public inquiries
- correspondence involving Pearson Accountability Alliance
- provincial enforcement at Pearson
- environmental compliance issues

3. Communications with GTAA

All communications between Transport Canada and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) relating to:

- environmental compliance
- spill reporting
- de-icing or runoff
- provincial applicability
- public complaints
- jurisdictional questions
- oversight responsibilities

4. Ministerial and Senior Executive Briefings

All records prepared for or involving:

- Minister of Transport
- Associate Minister
- Deputy Minister
- Assistant Deputy Ministers
- Communications Branch

relating to:

- environmental oversight at Pearson
- jurisdiction disputes
- public or media inquiries
- briefing materials referencing provincial environmental law applicability

5. Legal Opinions or Interpretations

To the extent permitted under the Act, copies of:

- legal opinions
- legal memoranda
- interpretations

concerning:

- applicability of provincial environmental laws at federally regulated airports
- constitutional division of powers relating to airport environmental oversight
- AC 300-009 interpretation

If solicitor-client privilege is claimed, please provide:

- date
- author
- recipient
- general subject matter

as required under the Act."

We have now completed the processing of your request. Please find enclosed a copy of the records. You will note that certain information has been withheld from disclosure pursuant to sections 19 (1), 20 (1) (b) of the ATIA.

Please be advised that you have a right to submit a complaint about the processing of this request within 60 days of receipt of this notice to the Office of Information Commissioner of Canada, 30 Victoria Street, Québec, K1A 1H3.

Should you have any questions, you may contact Stephanie Claros by email at stephanie.claros@tc.gc.ca. Please quote our file number listed above in all correspondence relating to this request.

Sincerely,

Claros,
Stephanie O

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Stephanie Claros
A/Manager, Access to Information and Privacy

Enclosures: *Access to Information Act* Sections
PDF (204 pages)

Access to Information Act / Loi sur l'accès à l'information

Personal information / renseignements personnels

19 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Part that contains personal information. / Sous réserve du paragraphe (2), le responsable d'une institution fédérale est tenu de refuser la communication de documents contenant les renseignements personnels visés à l'article 3 de la Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels.

Third party information / Renseignements de tiers

20 (1) Subject to this section, the head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Part that contains / Le responsable d'une institution fédérale est tenu, sous réserve des autres dispositions du présent article, de refuser la communication de documents contenant:

(b) financial, commercial, scientific or technical information that is confidential information supplied to a government institution by a third party and is treated consistently in a confidential manner by the third party / des renseignements financiers, commerciaux, scientifiques ou techniques fournis à une institution fédérale par un tiers, qui sont de nature confidentielle et qui sont traités comme tels de façon constante par ce tiers