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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2024-P-9
Date: April 2, 2024

Subject:

Re-Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Correspondence to the Regional Chair dated February 29, 2024, from Doug Allingham, Board Chair, Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That Mr. Johan van 't Hof be re-nominated to the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) Board of Directors as Durham Region's municipal representative for a term ending on October 17, 2026; and
 - B) That a copy of Commissioner's Report #2024-P-9 be forwarded to the GTAA.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend that Mr. Johan van 't Hof be re-appointed to serve as Durham Region's municipal representative on the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) Board of Directors.

2. Background

- 2.1 Mr. van 't Hoff was nominated by Regional Council to serve on the Greater Airports Authority in September of 2017. His initial term commenced on October 18, 2017.

His current term on the Board will expire in April 30, 2024.

- 2.2 Correspondence from the GTAA Board Chair indicates that Mr. van 't Hof is eligible for an additional term ending on October 31, 2026, and requests that Mr. van 't Hof be re-nominated to the Board. According to Mr. Allingham's letter, *"Mr. van 't Hof is a strategic thinker and makes significant contributions to the Board and the Corporation as the Chair of the Audit Committee, and as a member of the Planning and Commercial Development Committee, two committees that are critical to the Board's operations and oversight function. Mr. van 't Hof possesses sound judgement and provides strategic insight to the Board and the Corporation. He is an active, informed and engaged participant on the GTAA Board."* (see Attachment 1).
- 2.3 Regional staff have confirmed with Mr. van 't Hof, his willingness and enthusiasm to be re-appointed.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Mr. van 't Hof's original nomination was made through the Planning and Economic Development Commissioner's report 2017-COW-198 which was endorsed by the Committee of the Whole at its meeting on September 6, 2017, and approved by Regional Council on September 27, 2017. In 2020, his reappointment was recommended in Report 2020-P-29 which was considered by the Planning and Economic Development Committee on December 1, 2020, and approved by Regional Council on December 16, 2020.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

Goal 3: Economic Prosperity. To build a strong and resilient economy that maximizes opportunities for business and employment growth, innovation and partnership.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 It is recommended that Mr. Johan van 't Hof be re-nominated by Regional Council to serve as Durham Region's municipal representative on the GTAA Board of Directors for an additional term commencing on May 1, 2024, and ending on October 17, 2026.

6. Attachments

Attachment #1: Letter dated February 29, 2024, from Doug Allingham, Board Chair, GTAA

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Planning and
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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

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Dear Chairman Henry:

Re: Re-Nomination of Mr. Johan van't Hof as a Member on the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (the "GTAA" or "Corporation")

On behalf of the Board of the GTAA, I am writing to request the re-nomination by the Regional Municipality of Durham ("Durham Region" or the "Region") of Mr. Johan van't Hof as the Region's nominee to the GTAA Board for a term ending October 2026. Mr. van't Hof was appointed to the Board in October 2017 and his current term will expire on April 30, 2024.

In reaching its decision to seek the re-nomination of Mr. van't Hof, the Board took into consideration his background, contributions, expertise and abilities. Mr. van't Hof is a strategic thinker and makes significant contributions to the Board and the Corporation as Chair of the Audit Committee, and as a member of the Planning and Commercial Development Committee, two committees that are critical to the Board's operations and oversight function. Mr. van't Hof possesses sound judgement and provides strategic insight to the Board and the Corporation. He is an active, informed and engaged participant on the GTAA Board.

While the Region may elect to submit up to three candidates for the Board's consideration, in seeking Mr. van't Hof's re-nomination, the Board considered the desirability of continuity of membership given Toronto Pearson's continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the GTAA's finances and operations and on the aviation industry at large. Having successfully marshalled the GTAA through a period of great uncertainty, the Board and management's intense focus is now on ensuring resiliency in our operations while revitalizing Toronto Pearson's facilities to meet the growing demands of the traveling public. Our recently announced Transformative Capital Plan, calls for significant investments in our infrastructure in order to position Toronto Pearson as one of the world's most innovative airports, and to achieve our strategic vision of "putting the joy back into travel by making Pearson the chosen place to fly and work."

Due to the complex nature of the GTAA's operations, it takes some time for Board members to become fully familiar with the GTAA's business and role in the community and in the country. Once familiar with the business and operation of the GTAA, Board members can add significant value in subsequent terms. In addition, the Board is mindful of the need for diversity on the Board and ensures that the Board's Skills Matrix and Diversity Policy are taken into consideration. Mr. van't Hof's professional expertise as a CPA, CA and executive in the finance and securities sectors, and significant experience conveying the perspectives of airport users and the public will be invaluable as the GTAA continues its recovery from the unprecedented effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and strives to meet the challenges that lie ahead.



Kindly confirm on or before April 29, 2024 that the Region will proceed with the Board's recommendation to re-nominate Mr. van't Hof as a member of the GTAA Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank Durham Region for its continued support of the GTAA.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allingham", is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

Mr. Doug Allingham, Board Chair

Cc: Mr. Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services/Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham
Ms. Deborah Flint, President and Chief Executive Officer
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