



### **Executive Summary**

Although transportation issues are the most important issues for Toronto residents looking at the next municipal election, Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is not specifically identified by many as an election issue according to the latest survey of 500 Torontonians conducted between March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. The survey also finds that the airport is an important part of Toronto's transportation future and there is significant support for both extending the runway and allowing new jets to use the airport.

- Three of four (76.9%) residents think the airport is an important or somewhat important part of Toronto's transportation future.
- Two of three (65.8%) Torontonians support or somewhat support allowing new jet aircraft, which are no noisier, to land at the airport.
- Six in ten (59.7%) support or somewhat support extending the runway at the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.
- Only 0.4% (two respondents) said, unprompted, that the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is an important issue for the upcoming municipal election.
- The research suggests that there is a significant level of support for jets to be allowed at the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, provided they do not exceed the current noise limits.

# Municipal Issue

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame random telephone survey, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, n=501 Torontonians, accurate 4.4 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

	Total (n=501)
Transportation and public transit	25.7%
Leadership/good governance	22.0%
Taxes	8.3%
Jobs/economy	7.2%
Budget	4.8%
Infrastructure	3.8%
Social services	3.6%
Cost of living	1.4%
Safety/crime	1.4%
Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport	0.4%
Other	7.5%
Unsure	13.7%

**QUESTION** – Thinking of the upcoming Toronto municipal elections, what is the most important issue for you? [Open-ended]

The two most important issues for residents of Toronto are transportation/ public transit (25.7%) and good governance (22.0%). The 0.4% who mentioned Billy Bishop represent two respondents. These are the two comments: "Expanding the Billy Bishop Airport" and "I do not want jets at Billy Bishop Airport." The Airport is not an important, unprompted, issue of concern to respondents for the upcoming municipal election based on the survey completed on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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# Leadership/good governance Jobs/economy Taxes Other Transportation and public transit

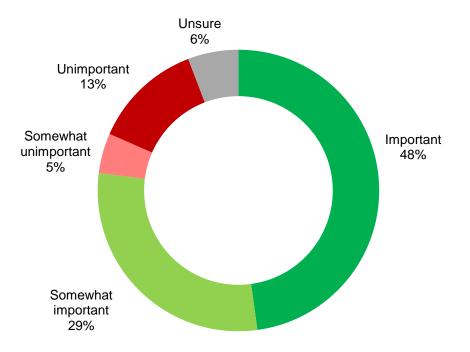
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### **About a Word Cloud**

A word cloud is a visual depiction of opinion where words depicted in larger font were more frequently mentioned.

# Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

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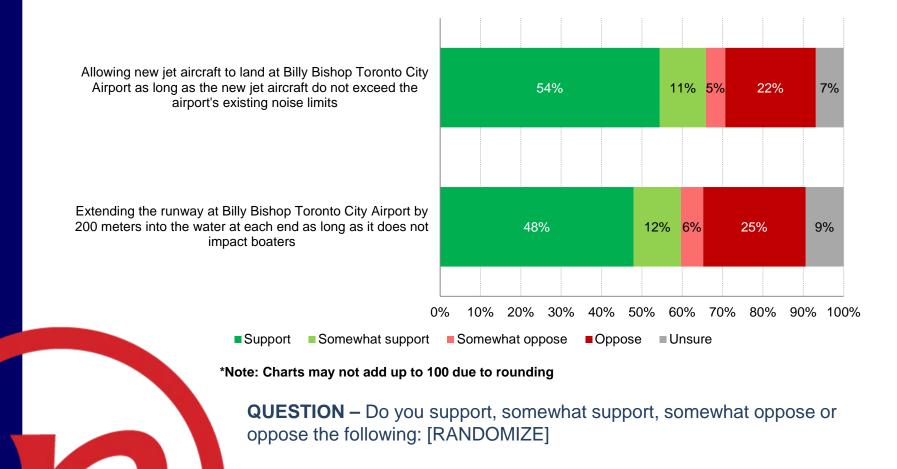
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**QUESTION** – Is the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport downtown an important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or unimportant part of Toronto's transportation future?

# The Billy Bishop airport is an important (47.8%) or somewhat important (29.1%) part of Toronto's transportation future for more than three of four residents.

## Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

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Overall, two of three Toronto residents support (54.4%) or somewhat support (11.4%) allowing new jet aircraft to land at the airport. Likewise, six in ten support (48.0% support and 11.7% somewhat support) extending the runway.





# Methodology

Nanos conducted a stand alone RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) random telephone survey (using live agents) of 501 Torontonians between March  $22^{nd}$  and  $23^{rd}$ , 2014. The sample included both land- and cell-lines. Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling and were called five times. The margin of error for a random survey of 501 Torontonians is ±4.4 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. Readers should note that all of the questions in the study are presented in this report in the order that they were asked. The survey was commissioned by Porter Airlines.

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To follow is the sampling distribution for the five regions within Toronto:

All	Sample Size (n=501)	Margin of Error
Scarborough	125	±8.9
Etobicoke	71	±11.8
East York-York	47	±14.5
North York	113	±9.4
Old Toronto	145	±8.3



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			-	Region				
			Scarborough	Etobicoke	East York-York	North York	Old Toronto	
Question 1 -	-	Count	7	2	2	7	6	24
Thinking of the upcoming Toronto	Budget	% within Region	5.5%	2.8%	4.2%	6.2%	4.2%	4.8%
municipal elections, what is		Count	16	6	2	6	6	36
the most important issue for	Jobs/economy	% within Region	12.6%	8.3%	4.2%	5.3%	4.2%	7.2%
you?	Leadership/good	Count	20	18	10	22	40	110
	governance	% within Region	15.7%	25.0%	20.8%	19.5%	28.0%	21.9%
		Count	6	2	3	7	2	20
	Infrastructure	% within Region	4.7%	2.8%	6.3%	6.2%	1.4%	4.0%
		Count	15	7	4	11	5	42
	Taxes	% within Region	11.8%	9.7%	8.3%	9.7%	3.5%	8.3%
	Transportation and public transit Safety/crime Social services Cost of living	Count	23	16	13	23	54	129
		% within Region	18.1%	22.2%	27.1%	20.4%	37.8%	25.6%
		Count	4	0	0	1	2	7
		% within Region	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	1.4%	1.4%
		Count	6	0	3	4	5	18
		% within Region	4.7%	0.0%	6.3%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%
		Count	1	4	0	2	1	8
		% within Region	0.8%	5.6%	0.0%	1.8%	0.7%	1.6%
		Count	0	1	0	0	1	2
	Island Airport	% within Region	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%
		Count	5	8	6	6	12	37
	Other	% within Region	3.9%	11.1%	12.5%	5.3%	8.4%	7.4%
		Count	24	7	5	24	9	69
	Unsure	% within Region	18.9%	9.7%	10.4%	21.2%	6.3%	13.7%
		Count	127	72	48	113	143	503
Total		% within Region	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



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			Region					
			Toronto 2014-03	Scarborough	Etobicoke	East York-York	North York	Old Toronto
Question 2 – Is the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport downtown an important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant part of Toronto's transportation future?	Total	Unwgt N	501	125	71	47	113	145
	lotal	Wgt N	501	125	72	47	113	145
	Important	%	47.8	49.3	46.2	51.8	50.4	43.9
	Somewhat important	%	29.1	30.3	18.0	30.3	26.4	35.4
	Somewhat unimportant	%	4.6	2.1	9.8	3.5	4.2	5.0
	Unimportant	%	12.6	13.0	19.6	7.1	13.2	10.2
	Unsure	%	5.8	5.3	6.4	7.4	5.8	5.5



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Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE]

			Region					
			Toronto 2014-03	Scarborough	Etobicoke	East York-York	North York	Old Toronto
Question 3– Extending the runway at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport by 200 meters into the water at each end as long as it does not impact boaters.	Total	Unwgt N	501	125	71	47	113	145
		Wgt N	501	125	72	47	113	145
	Support	%	48.0	53.9	41.1	60.8	47.7	42.4
	Somewhat support	%	11.7	10.1	12.7	15.2	7.6	14.5
	Somewhat oppose	%	5.5	5.4	1.6	4.6	8.1	5.8
	Oppose	%	25.4	24.5	32.4	15.8	24.3	26.6
	Unsure	%	9.4	6.1	12.2	3.5	12.2	10.8

			Region					
			Toronto 2014-03	Scarborough	Etobicoke	East York-York	North York	Old Toronto
Question 4 – Allowing new jet aircraft to land at Billy Bishop Toronto	Total	Unwgt N	501	125	71	47	113	145
		Wgt N	501	125	72	47	113	145
City Airport as long as the new jet	Support	%	54.4	57.7	49.8	68.6	56.1	48.0
aircraft do not exceed the airport's existing noise limits.	Somewhat support	%	11.4	13.4	8.6	5.8	11.0	13.3
	Somewhat oppose	%	4.8	3.7	1.3	4.0	9.0	4.5
	Oppose	%	22.4	19.9	30.1	18.1	17.9	25.8
	Unsure	%	6.9	5.2	10.2	3.5	6.1	8.5

Random telephone survey (land- and cell-lines) using live agents of 501 Torontonians 18 years of age and older conducted on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. The margin of error for a random telephone survey of 501 Torontonians is ±4.4 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.