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Its Take Off Time: Toronto needs to fly with Bombardier

Toronto Councillor Michael Walker called today for a renewed effort to attract additional aerospace industry to the Greater Toronto Area.

“The Canadian aerospace sector is solid long-term employment at the 21st century business. Bombardier announced today a \$2 billion order from Delta Airlines for its CRJ commuter jets. This firm order for 94 jets is equal to one year’s output for Bombardier. The option for an additional 406 aircraft is equal to another 4 years of output.”

Councillor Walker, a former pilot, who has spearheaded the push for more aerospace development in Toronto explained: “Now is the time for Toronto and Ontario to make a concerted push for Bombardier to expand its operations at their second Canadian plant at Downsview. This is a window of opportunity to attract the skilled, long-term jobs that Toronto and Ontario desperately need. We want to see more of this long-term high-tech growth here.”

With more than 16,000 people employed today in Toronto’s aerospace industry, we are already one of North America’s top aerospace centres. This sector deserves to be an “A” priority for Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area.

“Our Economic Development team is already at Stage 1 in attracting more aerospace investment to Toronto; the timing is right for a vigorous Stage 2 to attract Bombardier’s expanded commuter jet production to the Greater Toronto Area.”