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Mr. Rob Cohen, CEO

Canadian Air and Space Museum

Parc Downsview Park

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Dear Mr Cohen,

The Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre Board of Directors, volunteers and staff are pleased to provide this letter as an indication of it's support for the Canadian Air and Space Museum. As a cultural organization that understands and appreciates the significant importance and value of heritage preservation to the people of Canada, we are appalled and dismayed at the callous disregard that is being shown to the pioneers and patriots who built and maintain your museum. Many of these individuals are or were veterans which makes the timing of the actions by Downsview Park Corporation so close to Remembrance Day especially disappointing. There can be no justification for the contemptible manner in which your organization, it's people and supporters have been treated. We can only hope that others with more class and a more developed sense of cultural identity and community will intervene to change this egregious decision.

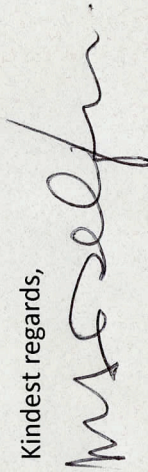
Heritage organizations like the Canadian Air and Space Museum play a critical role in helping to define Canada and Canadians in the global community. Our cultural attractions reveal the respect and admiration we have for the people who built some of our greatest achievements like bushplanes, the Avro Arrow and countless other artifacts your museum preserves and presents. But a museum is more than a mere repository of old things. The people and their stories that are associated with your collection and which you share with people of all ages from all over the world is part of the vast cultural mosaic that is Canada. Of special concern is the loss of such an historic venue and building to young children who need to learn about their roots and the accomplishments of Canadians which is their legacy.

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In closing, as a kindred organization that also faces financial challenges, we stand ready to assist the Canadian Air and Space Museum in any manner you determine meets your needs and that we can provide. We are truly sorry that this turn of events has happened and hope that brighter days are ahead for you and your organization.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Delfre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael A. Delfre

Executive Director

cc. Board of Directors