



Advisory # **2018-A-075**

**Subject: Infield Concourse Activation**

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The Greater Toronto Airports Authority ("GTAA") manages Toronto Pearson to efficiently use the airport's facilities for the benefit of passengers and carriers. As Toronto Pearson continues to grow at unprecedented rates, we anticipate close to 50 million passengers will travel through the airport facilities by the end of this year (~3 million more than 2017). During the winter season, carriers are expected to operate an incremental 1.7 million seats in and out of Toronto Pearson. To support efficient airport operations, hardstand operations will continue from Terminal 1 and the Infield Concourse ("IFC") will serve as an extension of Terminal 3.

With arrivals beginning January 8, 2019 and departures beginning January 9, 2018, the IFC will be used to gate scheduled traffic, including departures from 0330 to 1100hrs, and arrivals from 1700-0100hrs. It is anticipated that the IFC will be in operation for a period of 90 days. The IFC has a total of 11 gates, six of which will be used for the winter operation. Passengers will check-in, proceed through pre-board screening, and can enjoy the amenities within Terminal 3, prior to boarding a bus to the IFC. At the IFC, passengers will have access to two food and beverage outlets, limited Duty Free, a currency exchange (with USD and CAD), and a travel essentials store.

In determining which airline traffic to temporarily gate at the IFC, the GTAA reviewed information relating to the following criteria:

- Time of day, including:

- Flights departing between 0330-1100hrs
- Flights arriving between 1700-0100hrs
- Sectors: domestic and international, excluding the US for regulatory reasons
- OTP: carriers demonstrated ability to arrive and depart at the scheduled time, in the previous winter season
- Aircraft size: the gates at the IFC can accommodate a wide range of aircraft sizes from code C to E, dependent on gating requirements during the day
- Consideration also given to: quantity of connection passengers, PRMs, and baggage volume

Selected carriers will be required to gate at the IFC for a period of 30 days. Around mid-month, the GTAA will re-assess airline information relating to the above criteria and determine which carriers will gate at the IFC from days 31-60, 61-90, and any future periods as determined by the GTAA. In addition, the IFC may also be used at any time for ad hoc operations, as required by the GTAA (for example, inclement weather or irregular operations).

A detailed plan of operations identifying bus routes, timing, and passenger flows will be issued shortly. Operational gates are 522, 523, 524, 525, 527, and 529 as depicted in the graphic below.

