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## GRADE 5 STUDENTS HELP TORONTO PEARSON CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

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**TORONTO**—On Friday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m., grade five students from Dunrankin Drive Public School in Malton will be putting on their gloves and helping Toronto Pearson perform a 20-Minute Makeover. The group will be cleaning up a portion of land that will be used for a new walking and cycling trail running through the airport property. Mississauga Councillor Eve Adams will be leading the children on their clean up project which is as a result of a new partnership between the GTAA and the City of Mississauga.

“We are excited that the city has expanded their 20-Minute Makeover program to include the airport lands. These children will be working on a part of the Etobicoke Creek Trail that will eventually be opened up to the public and will become a part of their community. They can take pride in their role,” said Lloyd McCoomb, President and CEO of the GTAA.

Since the GTAA assumed the operations of Toronto Pearson, efforts have been underway to restore both the Etobicoke Creek and Spring Creek, which are located on airport property. Work has included rebuilding eroding streambanks, removal of barriers to fish migration and planting seedling trees throughout the Spring Creek valley.

As part of the 20 kilometre Etobicoke Creek Trail, which runs from Lake Ontario to Steeles Avenue in Brampton, the GTAA has designated 3.7 kilometres of trail on airport property to be opened to the public in 2009 as a multipurpose recreational trail. The Etobicoke Creek Trail connects to the Waterfront Trail which is part of the TransCanada Trail.

The GTAA takes pride in our expansive environmental program and is committed to reducing the airport’s environmental footprint on the community. Other key parts of the program include stormwater management, monitoring and studying air quality, ecology, and reducing the carbon footprint of the airport. Toronto Pearson was the only airport in North America to participate in last month’s Earth Hour.

The GTAA is the non-share, not for profit authority that operates Toronto Pearson. All revenue generated by the GTAA is reinvested back into the airport. In 2007, 31.5 million passengers travelled through Toronto Pearson.

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