

Developing Air and Land Control at Toronto's Airport

Since the 1930s, the development of Toronto's Lester B. Pearson International Airport has been the product of significant negotiation and collaboration among the federal government, Province of Ontario, municipalities, and the private sector. This paper explores the tensions between these players and how the airport helped catalyze informal regional governance and planning processes in the Toronto area.

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Conclusions:

Pearson's history shows how local conflicts over large-scale infrastructure sites like airports can lead to new forms of multi-jurisdictional cooperation and relationship-building.

Successful collaboration requires shared goals among governments at every level and partners in the private sector to seek out mutually beneficial regional economic growth.

Regional governance can successfully occur through pressure from municipally led coalitions, even without formal mechanisms for trilateral relationships and cooperation.

Context matters. Local officials and advocates need to be prepared to leverage favourable political and economic trends.