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RE: Airport Runway Construction and Changes to Flight Paths

Dear Mr. Eng,

I am writing to you on behalf of Council, in particular Councillor Fonseca, and the residents of Rockwood, Fleetwood and Markland Woods with respect to the construction on Runways 05 and 23 and the resulting change in flight paths.

I have included Councillor Fonseca's April 12 email below as reference. I am told by the Councillor and residents in these communities that they did not receive proper notice or explanation as to why this construction is occurring and the resulting operational changes that are necessary to accommodate the construction. Moreover, there was very little opportunity to engage on these changes, only the December 2016 and February 2017 CENAC meeting where the construction was discussed. However, I'm told that no details were finalized at either meeting and residents were not afforded the opportunity to provide feedback on this project and the resulting flight path changes. Furthermore, the March CENAC meeting was cancelled and there were no specific public meetings about the construction.

I know you will appreciate that due to the changes, these communities are now experiencing many more planes flying overhead at all hours of the day at very low altitudes. The sound is having an effect on their well-being and quality of life.

I understand that Councillor Fonseca attended the April 19 CENAC meeting and provided this feedback. However, as Mayor I want to put on the record that there is a need for greater communication between the City, our residents, and the GTAA on significant matters such as these. As a local government, we are required to consult on many matters. Our residents expect to be consulted on matters that directly affect their lives, such as significant changes in flight paths that result in many more planes flying over their homes at low altitudes. I understand that Phase II of the construction will be completed this month. However, Phase III is expected to begin in the Fall. I therefore request that residents be consulted with well in advance of this work and that they be given as much information as possible as to how the construction will change the flight paths and how long these changes will last.

I understand that you have mailed 20,000 notices to residents in communities around the GTAA, including Mississauga, asking residents to be part of a reference panel. I do not know the selection methodology you will be using, but I strongly encourage you to select a strong cross section of residents from Mississauga, including those from the communities of Rockwood, Fleetwood and Markland Woods. These residents are most directly affected by the operations of the airport and should be part of any future decisions that are made.

The City of Mississauga is supportive of many of the future plans of the airport, including the proposed transit hub. However, given how our decisions affect you and your operations affect the City and our residents, I request that we do more to formalize an agreement that includes among its principles, a commitment to greater consultation and information sharing. In the end, I believe this will benefit both parties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Crombie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bonnie Crombie
Mayor, City of Mississauga

Robert Trewartha

To: Linda Romano
Subject: RE: Displeasure of Air Traffic noise from north south flight path

From: Chris Fonseca
Sent: 2017/04/27 11:30 AM
Subject: RE: Displeasure of Air Traffic noise from north south flight path

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting me regarding airport runway construction.

Construction is being done on Runways 05 and 23 which, unfortunately, is diverting arrivals and departures to other flight paths. Here is a link to the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) regarding the current airport construction [https://www.torontopearson.com/uploadedFiles/Pearson/Content/About Pearson/Noise Management/CENAC/Rwy%2005-23%20Rehabilitation%20Update.pdf](https://www.torontopearson.com/uploadedFiles/Pearson/Content/About%20Pearson/Noise%20Management/CENAC/Rwy%2005-23%20Rehabilitation%20Update.pdf). I have also included a link to the GTAA's Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee's link for information on airport noise and the complaint process <https://www.torontopearson.com/en/cenacpastagendasandminutes/##>.

I had a meeting with a representative of the Greater Toronto Airport Authority's Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee two weeks ago to express the concerns of many residents who have contacted me. I also brought this matter up before Council on April 12th to advise my colleagues of the impact to your neighbourhood.

In addition, I sent the below email to the Representatives of GTAA and NavCan, Minister of Transport Marc Garneau, MP Peter Fonseca, MP Navdeep Bains and Mayor Bonnie Crombie.

*From: Chris Fonseca
Sent: 2017/04/12 2:23 PM
To: 'Marshall, Hillary'; howard.eng@gtaa.com; 'Connelly, Robyn'; kurtis.arnold@navcanada.ca;
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'Navdeep.Bains@parl.gc.ca'; mintc@tc.gc.ca
Cc: Mayor Bonnie Crombie
Subject: Construction at Pearson Airport*

Good Afternoon All,

As Councillor of Ward 3, Mississauga and a Member of GTAA's Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee (CENAC), I am writing on behalf of my residents, many of which reside along the flight path directly under 33L and 33R.

With respect to the construction of Runways 05 and 23, I had only received formal notification on March 31st when in fact, construction had already commenced on March 28th. This lack of communication did not afford me ample opportunity to provide my residents with due notice nor did the GTAA or NavCan directly communicate with the impacted communities.

The Construction Notice indicates, "airfield maintenance and construction that could lead to increased usage of certain runways". I have heard from numerous residents in the Rockwood, Fleetwood and Markland Woods neighbourhoods that are experiencing flights every minute of every day 24/7. This is an unacceptable impact on these communities. In

particular, from 11pm to 3am with a short reprieve until 5:30am, then again from 5:30am to 6:30am. These neighbourhoods are inundated with flights at heights from 350' to 1000' with decibels reaching 77 every minute. This is not sustainable even during a construction period.

After meeting with a representative of the GTAA, I understand that they are now going to roll out a more comprehensive communications program. I respectfully request that this communication be mailed directly to impacted communities.

With respect, I do not believe other operational considerations have been reviewed fully, and I would ask that both the GTAA and NavCan provide a full explanation of the current operations. I respectfully urge the GTAA and NavCan to, at a minimum, implement an operation through the remainder of the construction period that considers the use of the north south runway in nighttime operations so that residents have some reprieve. I would also like an assurance from the GTAA and NavCan that this is not a trial for further airport expansion.

I encourage MP Peter Fonseca and Honourable MP Navdeep Bains to attend the next CENAC meeting on Wednesday, April 19th at 6pm, 3111 Convair Drive, Mississauga wherein I will speak to this matter on the Agenda.

I respectfully request an apology to the community as well as an amended construction plan to take the community's concerns into consideration.

I had also requested MPs Fonseca and Bains attend the next GTAA CENAC meeting on Wednesday, April 19th and I had requested the GTAA to add this item to the April 19th Agenda. At the meeting MPs Peter Fonseca, James Maloney and Borys Wrzesnewskij along with me and many residents attended to voice their objections and concerns regarding the unacceptable operations of the north/south runways.

At this meeting Hillary Marshall from the GTAA did apologize to the community for the lack of communication along with the excessive noise and has confirmed that the increased noise impact to communities is due directly to the construction and that runways 05 and 23 are on schedule to be up and running to full capacity by May 16th. The GTAA has agreed to send out approximately 200,000 letters to affected communities outlining the phases of construction being done at the airport and to ensure communities are kept updated.

During this meeting I spoke on behalf of the residents of Ward 3 regarding the unacceptable use of the north/south runways and the impact to our community. I have requested a night time reprieve from 5pm-6:30am, there was no commitment from the GTAA but they have indicated they will review the request.

As many residents have indicated that there was supposed to be an agreement with the City and the GTAA regarding the use of the North/South runway, I am attaching 2 documents that the City has on file regarding this issue.

1. Letters from Mayor McCallion to Minister of Transport - Dated Dec. 1997
<http://files.constantcontact.com/8a9ded68401/d6758a99-7259-4e48-ab17-c7c680abf4e3.pdf>
2. Memo from City Solicitor and copy of Resolution 7-92 - Dated Feb. 8, 1999
<http://files.constantcontact.com/8a9ded68401/a47bc7d6-b566-4f56-b66c-fbc84a5fa3d6.pdf>

Unfortunately, this documentation shows that no such agreement was entered into between the City and the GTAA. It also advised that the City has no legal control over runway usage and that City Council is not entitled to enforce any of these requirements of its own accord.

The MP's have agreed to meet in May with the GTAA and are committed to requesting Health Canada conduct a study to ensure there are no health impacts to affected communities.

I had a subsequent meeting with the GTAA and will be following up with them again this week regarding Phase II and III. I am also requesting written confirmation that the north/south runways not be used for departures and that any future use beyond the construction should be strictly for extreme weather situations only and under no circumstances an expansion of these runways.

I have received confirmation that Mayor Crombie will also write to the parties listed above to express her concerns on your behalf.

As a follow up, here is a link to a recent article in the Mississauga News <https://www.mississauga.com/news-story/7259791-airplane-traffic-wreaking-havoc-on-mississauga-residents/?S=E>.

Also, here is a link to the GTAA CENAC April 19, 2017 Agenda [https://www.torontopearson.com/uploadedFiles/Pearson/Content/About Pearson/Noise Management/CENAC/April192017-CENACNoiseStatisticsUpdate.pdf](https://www.torontopearson.com/uploadedFiles/Pearson/Content/About%20Pearson/Noise%20Management/CENAC/April192017-CENACNoiseStatisticsUpdate.pdf) including an update [https://www.torontopearson.com/uploadedFiles/Pearson/Content/About Pearson/Noise Management/CENAC/April192017-CENACNoiseStatisticsUpdate.pdf](https://www.torontopearson.com/uploadedFiles/Pearson/Content/About%20Pearson/Noise%20Management/CENAC/April192017-CENACNoiseStatisticsUpdate.pdf) and comments by Hillary, Marshall, Vice President, Stakeholder Relations and Communications [https://www.torontopearson.com/uploadedFiles/Pearson/Content/About Pearson/Noise Management/CENAC/CENACMeetingremarksHillaryMarshall.pdf](https://www.torontopearson.com/uploadedFiles/Pearson/Content/About%20Pearson/Noise%20Management/CENAC/CENACMeetingremarksHillaryMarshall.pdf)

I will continue to work on behalf of the residents of Ward 3 and would be happy to speak to you by phone on this matter if you wish. In the meantime, would you kindly provide me with your home address and phone number for my records.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to inquire if you wish to be added or continue to receive my e-blasts. Due to the new Federal anti-spam By-law, I must receive your consent. By agreeing to have your e-mail added, you will periodically receive notices of upcoming events, Ward related news and special announcements. If you wish to be included, please respond giving your consent or simply click on the button below.

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From: Dan Pilon [mailto:dvpilon@gmail.com]
Sent: 2017/04/26 7:43 PM
To: Chris Fonseca
Subject: Displeasure of Air Traffic noise from north south flight path

Good day Chris,

I have been a long time resident in Mississauga residing on Fieldgate Drive for the past 26 years, i wish to voice my displeasure to high amount of noise in our community due to the flight diversion to the north south runway at Pearson Airport.

We have continual noise from early morning until late evening. Only upon researching on this subject this mornnig that i realize the runway maintenance / construction taking place on the main east west runway. Nav Canada need to improve their communication efforts when such runway maintenance come into play, plus there are two east west runway, are they both close?

As our concillor, please represent our concerns to the powers at be, perhaps your voice will carry further then ours.

below is the article i just read this morning.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/residents-want-answers-at-gtaa-meeting-on-pearson-flight-noise-during-runway-revamp-1.4074442>

thank you for your consideration in this matter,

resident since 1991

Best Regards,

Dan Pilon