NAV CANADA

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President and Chief Executive Officer Président et chef de la direction

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VIA EMAIL

Mr.Richard Slatter Residents' Air Noise Group of Oakville

Dear Mr. Slatter:

RE: Toronto Area Airspace

I wanted to acknowledge the submissions your group has made regarding Toronto-Pearson airport flight paths and to provide an update on NAV CANADA's work in this regard.

Since the implementation of changes to the Toronto-Pearson arrival flight paths in 2012 NAV CANADA has received various suggestions for change to the current airspace structure. There have been several meetings with community groups and elected representatives and formal and informal submissions on a variety of topics. I have attached a copy of a recent response to an earlier submission by David Inch for your information.

Last summer's community roundtables provided an opportunity to discuss potential changes in air traffic operations and many of the items discussed, in one form or another, emanated from items brought forward - such as adjustment to speed restrictions in portions of the flight path and items aimed at increasing the use of constant descent operations during periods of single runway arrival operations.

Thank you for the efforts you have made to participate in the current process and to bring forward your suggestions. I am confident that the measures under consideration will reduce exposure to aircraft noise for many communities, including the communities you represent.

But implementation of the current mitigation initiatives is not the only work underway. NAV CANADA will be contracting an outside party with expertise in airspace design and noise issues to undertake a review of Toronto Airspace with the aim of identifying additional opportunities to reduce community noise exposure. The work to be undertaken will include a study into operations at comparable global hub airports to see if there are practices that could be applied in Toronto that are within NAV CANADA's authority and compliant with Canadian regulations.

We expect to be in a position to identify the company that has been retained for this work in a matter of weeks. It is our intention that as part of their work the company will also liaise with community stakeholder groups in Toronto and the reports and suggestions made over the years will be provided to them for assessment.

I have appointed Rudy Kellar, NAV CANADA's Executive Vice President, Service Delivery to be the corporate focal point for this initiative going forward.

While there are no easy solutions to these issues, by engaging together we will ensure a robust process that remains focussed on identifying practical measures that can be taken.

Sincerely,

Neil R. Wilson
President and CEO
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