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Hi Everyone,

I know that many of you are disappointed in what Helios had to say at the recent public meeting. In particular about their refusal to consider moving traffic out over the lake and your basic desire to move the traffic away altogether. In our consideration of all the factors we should not lose sight of the benefits that could be more easily obtained from continuous descents, with the provision of distance to go estimates to pilots and slightly greater speeds and continuous climb on departure. Distance to go information enables pilots to plan and execute a continuous descent.

Another aspect that Helios appears to be reluctant to support is the use of holding patterns. Appropriately sited holding patterns would reduce the traffic along the lakeshore and would reduce the need for aircraft to be sent out on the current low level, low speed “trombone”, out to the west so far as Oakville is concerned. Holding patterns are not new; they do feature in some Pearson procedures but are rarely used. Their use is fully supported by our RANGO Technical Advisers, Captain David Inch and Captain Richard Umpherson and myself. The actions that we suggest would need some training for both controllers and pilots for them to be effectively implemented.

Eventually it may be that arrival sequencing will be achieved by the use of arrival times and en-route control on a North America wide basis but that is a while off.

Helios will present their “Recommendations to NAV CANADA” at one public meeting at the end of June. Our major consideration should be what happens to those Recommendations. We will have to lobby our MPs and politicians at all levels, to demand that action must be taken and that such action should not be delayed by interminable trials of techniques that have been recommended for many years but which have never been implemented by NAV CANADA.

There is no doubt that the traffic over many of our heads could be reduced, some may suffer an increase, but all traffic should be higher and the noise will then be less intrusive. David Inch has sent Helios a very comprehensive document in response to their request for final comment. I shall be supporting that in a submission of my own. You are encouraged to send your own comments but remember this should be done by 31 March.