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Things are beginning to move along a bit with MPs from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) meeting with Minister Garneau and also the Ontario Premier, Kathleen Wynne and Mayor Tory of Toronto writing to the Minister. The Toronto Aviation Noise Group (TANG) has had a meeting with Arif Virani, MP for Parkdale–High Park. Hugh Boyd and I are to meet with Pam Damoff, MP for Oakville North–Burlington, on Tuesday next, 5th April 2016, when we will put forward our point of view on the whole situation and be briefed on what transpired at the MPs' meetings with the Minister.

Correspondence with the Halton Region GTAA Board Member

I have sent a second letter, dated 16 February 2016 to Mr. Herner, the Halton Region Board Member, again asking for a meeting. There has been no reply so far and I will send a further letter in a day or two repeating my request, with a copy to the Halton Chair as before.

Meeting in the Oakville Town Hall

Residents can meet with representatives of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) at a GTAA
Open House Meeting in the Town Hall at 7pm,
7th April 2016

The following notes on the format of the meeting were provided by the GTAA:

“Our community open houses are much like the open house portion of the CENAC meetings. Community members are welcome to drop in any time between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm. We set up storyboards with information about the airport in general, our noise management program, and our community initiatives. We also set up WebTrak and provide demonstrations on how it works. There is no formal presentation; instead, we talk one-on-one with community members to answer questions and provide information. These open houses are part of our regular community outreach and we’ve found them to be very successful for engaging with community members who have specific questions, as well as those who are less familiar with the airport and want to learn more.”

The GTAA is not responsible for the traffic that affects Oakville, other than having to collect complaints. This meeting however, does provide an opportunity to ask questions on any subject of concern and particularly why the GTAA is not doing more to represent the concerns of residents to the people who are responsible, NAV CANADA. Some possible questions are provided below.



A different slant on the meeting can be found in the Beaver of 10th March 2016 and is also available on our website, go to Recent News and scroll down to "Inside Halton April 07 Open House."

Some suggested questions.

- Where can I find the GTAA Board of Directors meeting schedule, agenda and minutes. As a resident I would like to know what our representatives on the GTAA Board are talking about and what they have to say.
- What is the GTAA doing to represent the concerns of area residents to NAV CANADA?
- The recent Roundtable Meetings were a dismal failure since all the suggestions made have been completely ignored. What is the GTAA doing to ensure that the next consultations, promised for late 2016, will have some meaning and that notice will be taken of the proposals and suggestions of residents?
- When is the GTAA going to provide proper information on the WebTrak display? The caption "General Aviation" is meaningless; the majority of the traffic at Pearson is not General Aviation.
- The filing of a noise complaint is not user friendly. What is the GTAA doing to ensure that it is easier to file a complaint?
- How many noise violation penalties were levied against airlines in 2015?

There are no doubt a large number of other possible questions but, to my mind, the point to concentrate upon is the failure of the GTAA to adequately represent the concerns of area residents to NAV CANADA and to get NAV CANADA to do something about making things better which is well within their control.

Well that is about it, I will get back to you when we see what happens this week.
I look forward to seeing some of you at the Town Hall on Thursday evening.

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