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Hi All,

It has been so long since you were circulated with information that you would be forgiven for thinking that we had disappeared from the scene. Not the case!

I am sure that you are all aware that NAV CANADA intended to organize a review of the Toronto Airspace and to contract an independent outside party to conduct this review.

I have just received information from Mr. Rudy Kellar, Executive Vice President , Service Delivery, NAV CANADA, who is responsible for the organization of the review, saying that a contractor had been selected. The contractor selected is Helios, Bo Redeborn and Graham Lake Consultants. This is the team that carried out the recent Gatwick Arrivals Review. We are very happy about this result. I believe that this intended process came about because of influence of our local Federal MPs and the Town and City Mayors and Councillors within the Greater Toronto Area, together with the direct contact of the Toronto Aviation Noise Group (TANG) and ourselves with Minister Garneau's Staff.

David Inch and myself met with Mr. Kellar on Tuesday of last week with the intent to provide NAV CANADA with an update on our position and views. However, the meeting mainly concerned NAV CANADA and the organization of the review. Mr. Kellar explained that the approach of the upper management of NAV CANADA had undergone a radical change and that they were working their staff to ensure that the change went right through the system. He also covered the selection of the independent party to conduct the review and that an announcement on the selection would be made shortly.

As to the process of the review. The initial part will be for Helios to contact local stakeholders, including municipalities, operators, TANG and RANGO to finalize the scope of the review and discuss work plans and timelines. NAV CANADA itself will not take part in this process. Helios will then again contact the stakeholders to carry out the actual review and develop recommendations. It is intended that this whole process should take nine months.

In the meantime there will not be any changes in procedures or the way in which the traffic is handled. We do not know what effect this will have on the previously announced consultations for the "six ideas" but in reality they will be part of the review and thus all this activity should be held in abeyance.

I think we can acknowledge that real progress is being made.

Richard Slatter  
President, RANGO