



THE CORPORATION OF DELTA

From the office of:

The Mayor,
Lois E. Jackson

June 26, 2008

John Crichton, President and CEO
NAV CANADA
P.O. Box 3411 Station 'D'
Ottawa, ON K1P 5L6

Dear Mr. Crichton:

Re: Aircraft Noise Issues in Delta

At its Regular Meeting on June 16, 2008, Delta Council considered a staff report titled *Aircraft Noise Issues in Delta Post February 14, 2008*, and endorsed the following recommendations contained in the report:

- A. *THAT YVR be requested to track and regularly report on the number of flights over specific geographic areas in order to assess the overall volume of aircraft traffic over Ladner, Tsawwassen and North Delta;*
- B. *THAT NAV CANADA be requested to consult with Delta should any further changes to Vancouver's Airspace be considered;*
- C. *THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities requesting an amendment to the Civil Air Navigation Services Commercialization Act that would require NAV Canada to consult with the public and local governments before making any changes to existing aeronautical procedures;*
- D. *THAT Transport Canada be requested to lobby the International Civil Aviation Organization to set more stringent noise standards for large commercial aircrafts;*
- E. *THAT YVR be permitted to site and install a noise monitoring terminal at an appropriate location in Tsawwassen;*
- F. *THAT YVR consider additional noise monitoring locations in Delta should they expand their noise monitoring network in the future; and*
- G. *THAT a copy of this report be sent to Transport Canada, NAV Canada, YVR Noise Management Committee, Boundary Bay Airport Advisory Committee and Member of Parliament John Cummins.*

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Enclosed is a copy of the above referenced report for your information.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank your staff, Michelle Bishop and David Hales for their presentation to Council on June 16, 2008. The presentation included radar tracking data that verified NAV Canada's efforts to mitigate aircraft noise concerns in Delta. Despite the presentation, there still appears to be an information and public relations gap between our residents and your organization. We believe there is an opportunity to close this gap by providing more flight data to the public (e.g., radar tracking). This data would allow YVR's Noise Abatement Department to not only assess whether NAV Canada's mitigation measures are being followed, but also track whether the annual number of flights over specific geographic areas in Delta is increasing over time.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact John DuMont, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Planning at 604-946-3218.

Yours truly,

Lois E. Jackson
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Transport Canada
NAV CANADA Board of Directors
John Cummins, MP, Delta – East Richmond
YVR Noise Management Committee
Boundary Bay Airport Advisory Committee
Delta Council
George V. Harvie, Chief Administrative Officer
John DuMont, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Planning