



Date: May 1, 2017  
To: Members of Etobicoke York Community Council  
From: Councillor Stephen Holyday

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Dear Chair and Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council,

In March 2017, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) commenced a major runway rehabilitation project on one of the East-West runways at Pearson International Airport. The construction work has resulted in variable runway closures and restrictions, and has required that many departing and arriving aircraft be re-routed to other runways including North-South runways over Central and South Etobicoke.

The additional air traffic activity represents nearly a tenfold increase in low-level flights over quiet Etobicoke neighbourhoods. This has had a marked detrimental impact to the quality of life and protection of sleep for Ward 3 residents and those of nearby communities.

In a recent public meeting at the airport, a number of residents expressed concerns over the changes to air traffic patterns, and frustration over the construction work. Responding to a question from a resident, the airport confirmed that the *Toronto Airspace Review* study conducted by Helios on behalf of NAV CANADA, is reviewing permanent changes to preferential runways. It was confirmed that if adopted, these changes could mean permanent increased air traffic for Central and South Etobicoke.

In recognition of these concerns, I request that the Etobicoke York Community Council recommend that:

- 1. City Council request that the Greater Toronto Airports Authority and NAV CANADA use all resources and efforts available to complete as quickly as possible runway construction works which produce negative aircraft noise impacts to communities in the Etobicoke York area.**
- 2. City Council express its opposition to any changes to preferential runways which have a negative noise impact on any communities in the Etobicoke York area.**
- 3. City Council request the City Clerk to forward a copy of this Item to the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, Helios, NAV CANADA and Transport Canada.**

Regards,



Stephen Holyday  
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Etobicoke Centre