
City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM26.19	ACTION			Ward:All
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Flying Clear: Taking Action on Excessive Airplane Noise Pollution - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to invite representatives from NAV Canada, the federal Ministry of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities and any other relevant body to review flight paths to reduce airplane-related noise pollution.

Summary

Earlier this year, NAV Canada changed the flight patterns of aircraft approaching and leaving Toronto Pearson International Airport. Many residents have reported disturbances from increased air traffic noise including overnight hours. Some have described the noise as living under an "air super-highway" and find the volume and frequency of flights intolerable.

The City and its predecessor municipalities have worked with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority to help ensure that flight paths and land uses are coordinated in a way that minimizes aircraft noise disturbances. The recent unilateral changes to flight patterns by NAV Canada did not afford the City an opportunity to consider its land uses and many residents' quality of life and enjoyment of their properties have been adversely affected as a result.

This Motion requests the City Manager to meet with representatives from NAV Canada, the federal Ministry of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities and any other relevant body to find a less intrusive flight path that respects the needs of Toronto residents to live without excessive noise pollution.

(Submitted to City Council on October 2 and 3, 2012 as MM26.19)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM26.19