



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 1st, 2024
(time sensitive)

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Councillor Gardiner
Subject: Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF)

Date: January 26th, 2024

BACKGROUND

Compatible land use in the Victoria Harbour area has been contentious for several decades. In the '70s Council approved the building of Laurel Point residences just as scheduled float plane services began. In the '80s Victoria created plans to develop the Songhees area. These developments triggered changes as the harbour water aerodrome was then sited in the midst of a built-up area of a city. In 2000, the aerodrome was certified as an airport under **draft regulations** – perhaps still draft today.

Transport Canada provides guidance to airport operators and municipalities through Transport Publication **TP1247**. The NEF or Noise Exposure Forecast encourages compatible land use planning in the vicinity of aerodromes. <https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/aviation-land-use-vicinity-aerodromes-tp-1247>

Transport Canada, on its website, promotes the TP 1247-*Land Use in the Vicinity of Airports* guidelines as the basis for airport zoning regulations across Canada. Section 4.3.1 of TP1247 states: *“Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF): Noise contours (NEFs, NEPs and Planning Contours) are the property of the sponsoring aerodrome operator or airport authority which may make them available to provincial and local governments. The use of the contours will enable planners to define compatible land use in the vicinity of aerodromes.”*

The Transport Canada comment considered during Roundhouse proposal deliberations has brought the land use compatibility issue before us. The NEF is needed for planning purposes and for the City to respond to its commitment of transparency to the public.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council requests Mayor Alto to write to the licence holder of the Victoria Harbour Airport, namely Transport Canada, requesting forthwith access to the NEF for Victoria Harbour Airport.
2. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of February 1, 2024 for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Gardiner".

Councillor Gardiner