



**Council Member Motion**  
**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 5, 2017**

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**Date:** September 21, 2017

**From:** Councillor Jeremy Loveday and Councillor Ben Isitt

**Subject:** Noise Exposure Forecast for Port of Victoria Harbour Airport

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**Background:**

Residents of Victoria, particularly those who live along the shoreline of Victoria's middle Harbour in Victoria West and James Bay, have long expressed concerns regarding the safety and quality-of-life impacts of the Port of Victoria Harbour Airport operations. One of these concerns relates to the noise impacts of airport operations.

Transport Canada recognizes noise exposure contours, specifically Noise Exposure Forecasts (NEFs) and Noise Exposure Projections (NEPs), as accurate assessments of "the annoyance resulting from exposure to aircraft noise", and essential tools for municipalities located in proximity to airport operations (See TP 1247E, "Aviation - Land Use in the Vicinity of Airport," attached). Transport Canada recommends the completion of NEF documents to inform the public of noise-sensitive areas in the vicinity of airports. Both NEFs and NEPs undergo a rigorous review and approval process within Transport Canada Aviation before public release. Preparation of NEFs and/or NEPs is the responsibility of the airport operator, which in the case of the Port of Victoria Harbour Airport is Transport Canada Programs Branch.

It is therefore recommended that the City of Victoria write to Transport Canada, requesting copies of the NEF for the Port of Victoria Harbour Airport, to provide the public with accurate information on noise impacts of airport operations.

**Recommendation:**

That Council request that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Executive Regional Director Issues and Program Management, Pacific Region, Transport Canada, requesting that Transport Canada provide the City of Victoria within 30 days with the current Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF).

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Jeremy Loveday

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Ben Isitt

**Attachments:**

Port of Victoria Traffic Scheme, 2014

TP 1247E, "Aviation - Land Use in the Vicinity of Airports," 2014

Noise Exposure Forecasts for nearby airports