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VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Madam Mayor:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 26, 2017, regarding regulations and standards pertaining to Victoria Harbour Water Airport. Please accept my apology for the delay in replying.

It is anticipated that there will be a 30-day comment period following pre-publication of the proposed regulatory amendments in the *Canada Gazette, Part I*, in 2018. Further information on Transport Canada's forward regulatory planning can be found at <https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/acts-regulations/forward-regulatory-plan.htm>.

With respect to your request that the Government of Canada provide a Noise Exposure Forecast for the Victoria Harbour Water Airport, I should note that for the year ending December 2016, total annual aircraft movements were 13% lower than the benchmark figures used in the 2002 noise study. Transport Canada continues to monitor aircraft movements annually, and the completion of further noise studies will be revisited should there be a significant increase in aircraft movements above the peak 2002 levels.

Again, thank you for writing and sharing your comments with me.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport

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