



THE CORPORATION OF DELTA

From the office of:

The Mayor,
Lois E. Jackson

June 30, 2008

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

Re: Civil Air Navigation Services Commercialization Act

On May 10, 2007 NAV Canada introduced a number of changes to the Vancouver Airspace in Southern British Columbia. Among the changes implemented were new Standard Terminal Arrival Routes (STARs) for aircraft inbound to Vancouver International Airport (YVR). The biggest change was the addition of the GRIZZ STAR which directed a steady flow of inbound aircraft over residential neighbourhoods that had never before experienced that amount of air traffic.

These impacted neighbourhoods and their local governments were not notified of the Vancouver Airspace Review, nor were they given the opportunity to provide any feedback because under Transport Canada's Civil Air Navigation Services Commercialization Act it was not required. Corporations are only required to notify affected user groups when a proposal is being considered (e.g., NAV Canada would have notified the Vancouver International Airport but not local governments or their affected residents during the Vancouver Airspace Review).

The Corporation of Delta is respectfully requesting that your staff review the current consultation requirements as laid out in the Civil Air Navigation Services Commercialization Act and consider an amendment requiring Corporations to give notification to all affected parties when airspace changes are contemplated. This would ensure that local governments and the public are given the opportunity to provide feedback before airspace changes have been made. While it is understandable that safety and efficiency for airlines is NAV Canada's prime consideration, they will not be successful in the delivery of their service without the support of the public.

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Your assistance in resolving this issue is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 604-946-3210.

Yours truly,

Lois E. Jackson
Mayor

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