

Dear Sir Or Madam;

I am expressing my concern with this proposal to limit and place undue hardship on those who wish to build aerodromes in Canada.

This proposal will significantly and negatively impact recreational aviation including but not limited to personal airstrips, and private owners in particular, but the municipalities that wish to have their own airport that is not connected to a neighboring one will be affected. This is not the only flaw that is inherent in this Proposed Amendment that do not address the requirements of the aviation community in Canada.

All building requirements Must Be remaining with the National Building Code. Airports and Aerodromes are a National necessity and requirement, as are other port facilities and transportation systems in this country, therefore a veritable patchwork of zoning and requirements will make it impossible to align one facility with another setting up a potentially dangerous situation for aviation.

An arbitrary 30 nautical mile radius as proposed would not allow a new small private or personal airstrip to be built in most of southern Canada without onerous regulation and public consultation that major airports may require. This is an unacceptable burden to be placed on an individual owner operator, and must be removed from this amendment.

The suggestion that adhoc airstrips, mostly seasonal for ski, water and land be operational for 30 days is unrealistic. Operators in seasonal months required the used of, and depend on the use of these landing and movement areas for the entire season they are operating there. A more realistic timeframe would be 180 days.

We do not feel that Aerodrome Development needs any public consultation at all. We in aviation are responsible operators and citizens taking into account others needs. We do not need any outside third parties to direct or to dictate operations to us, simply because there are a few people who are chronic complainers about everything.

The Public Interest as suggested in the NPA is Not determined by the Federal Government, but by Federal Legislation. This is that Aviation, Aerodromes, Airstrips and all operations are a National Necessity and Requirement. All construction and operations must fall under a National Mandate, Not municipal ones.

There has been a Focus Group consultation which targeted the various stakeholders concerning these, and other issues contained in this flawed amendment. I urge you to adopt these recommendations and retain all Aerodrome and Airport construction and operation in the National Interest, with National guidelines and legislation.

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