



NAV CANADA

Airspace Change:
Achieving effective
community engagement

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Airspace Changes

- Transport Minister Lisa Raitt recently asked the aviation industry to examine ways to improve how we engage with communities on airspace changes.
- Earlier today NAV CANADA and the Canadian Airports Council published the ***Airspace Change Communications and Consultation Protocol***.





Full document
available at
www.navcanada.ca



**Airspace Change
Communications and Consultation Protocol**

A voluntary protocol of the aviation industry
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What does the protocol do?

- The protocol establishes a framework to ensure residents:
 - have the opportunity to know that a change may be taking place and why the change is necessary,
 - have the ability to learn and understand how the change may affect them, and
 - are able to provide input that will be taken into consideration as part of the design process.



When will Consultation Occur?

- Protocol applies to airports with > 60,000 IFR movements annually.
- Consultation whenever moving flight paths laterally below 4,000 ft AGL or changing procedures to materially increase flight frequency on an existing flight path.
- Broad communication on changes between 4,000 and 6,000 ft or in the vicinity of an airport, when new communities will be overflown.

Open and timely communication with potentially affected communities is always the goal.



Who is responsible

- NAV CANADA responsible for consultation as “airspace change proponent” in most instances.
- Airports responsible for consultation in instances where airport infrastructure drives flight path changes (e.g. new runways).
- Enhanced commitment by NAV CANADA to involve airports in design process and for the joint development of local Public Participation Plans.



How consultation will occur?

- The Protocol commits industry to:
 - ✓ Assess and understand community impacts and communicate transparently
 - ✓ Select consultation tools appropriate to the scope of the airspace change being examined
 - ✓ Listen to stakeholders and the community and consider feedback
 - ✓ Communicate decisions and the reasons for them
 - ✓ Work collaboratively as an industry so the public has a single point of contact and clear understanding how to get more information
 - ✓ Undertake post implementation noise measurement

Thank you

