

# FLIGHT NOISE, AIR QUALITY ARE CAUSES WORTH FUNDING

Recently, I read two articles that attracted my attention. The first, Halton council blasts Pearson reps for overhead flight noise, was on the front page of the July 19 issue of the Independent, and the other was an article, Feds fund noise-reduction research to help whales, published in the Toronto Star two days later.

As revealed in the Star article, the federal government will be spending \$26.6 million for "research that will help identify how to reduce the impacts of noise stressors on whales and other marine species."

I am glad this money is being spent on the preservation and protection of our fellow creatures. However, I believe that the communities living below the flight paths of planes departing and landing at To-

ronto Pearson International Airport deserve the same consideration.

As a resident of south Georgetown who lives adjacent to Miller Drive Park, I am both amazed and alarmed at the frequency of flights that cross the park and how low they fly. Not only are the flights heard throughout the day, but also regularly during the "nighttime curfew," which runs between 12:30 and 6:30 a.m.

That piercing, high-pitched whistle of the large planes is indeed a "noise stressor." I have no hard statistics on the number of flights crossing our neighbourhood. However, I do know that the frequency is sometimes less than a minute between flights.

If you go on Google Earth and search for Miller Drive Park you will see a

plane in the screenshot about to cross the park on the very popular southwest flight path. I believe that a big part of the problem is that flight elevations are based on Pearson airport, which is significantly lower than that of Halton Hills. This elevation difference needs to be addressed.

I am glad that our elected officials are pressing the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) for greater accountability for the impacts their planes are having throughout the region. However, noise is only one of the impacts to the community.

Air quality should also be considered to fully assess the overall impact to our quality of life.

If we are to hold the GTAA accountable, I believe that flight noise and air quality data should be

obtained and monitored by a truly independent body.

No funds? Well, perhaps we can reach out to the federal government, which is so very wisely providing researching funding to reduce negative impacts to our fellow creatures.

DAVID ORSINI

## ALTERED EXHAUSTS 'FAR MORE DISTURBING' THAN AIRPLANE NOISE

RE: Halton council blasts Pearson reps for overhead flight noise

I was amazed to see that council is disturbed by discussing aircraft noise. A far more disturbing noise is made by vehicles with altered exhausts, producing ear-splitting noise in town.

There are now several of these vehicles driving around causing deafening noise, especially at night. In my opinion - and by comparison - an aircraft flying thousands of feet overhead is hardly noticeable.

Can we hope to see some police action on these illegal exhausts?

DEE COPE

## SNAPSHOT



Ray Lavender photo

Georgetown Independent reader and contributor Ray Lavender snapped this photo of a pileated woodpecker, which visited his Halton Hills acreage recently. Do you have a cute, fun, unique or interesting photo taken in Georgetown or Acton? Send your Snapshot submission for consideration to [cohara@metroland.com](mailto:cohara@metroland.com). Please include a short description and the name of the photographer for publication.

Remedial to Enrichment Homework Help Face-to-Face Instruction



### Build Skills, Build Confidence.

**Every fall is a fresh start.** Equip your kids with more than new clothes and school supplies—give them the skills and confidence to transform their year! Our expert instructors teach each child individually, using customized learning plans to help them set and accomplish their academic goals all year long. We're the authority in math education, with over 900 learning centres worldwide.

**\$100 off for Fall enrollment**  
Expires September 30th, 2018

**Changing Lives Through Math™**



**MATHNASIUM®**  
The Math Learning Centre

Mathnasium of Georgetown  
**905-877-9689**  
[www.mathnasium.ca/georgetownon](http://www.mathnasium.ca/georgetownon)  
369 Mountainview Rd. S.  
Georgetown, ON L7G 5X3



**Disney**  
**BEAUTY**  
*And The*  
**BEAST**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

Nov. 23rd, 24th, 29th, 30th,  
Dec. 1st at 8pm  
Nov. 24th, 25th,  
Dec. 1st, 2nd at 2pm

**John Elliott Theatre**  
**Box Office:**  
9 Church St., Georgetown  
Phone: 905-877-3700

PRESENTED BY



**GLOBE**  
PRODUCTIONS



## GEORGETOWN

**CHEVROLET GMC**

Trevor and Alana Stroeder would like to welcome a 14-year Georgetown local, John Haden, to the amazing Georgetown Chevrolet family! John has been in the car business for 30 years, he started by cleaning cars at a dealership in 1988.

John is involved with Air Cadets of Canada and Sick Kids Hospital, is a huge Disneyworld fan and loves spending time with his wife, son & dog.

Please drop in anytime to welcome John to the dealership and enjoy a complimentary coffee, tea, and fresh baked cookies!

**33 Mountainview Road North, Georgetown | 866-239-1480**  
[www.georgetownchev.com](http://www.georgetownchev.com)

*"I was always taught by my parents to put 110% into whatever I do whether it be work, family, or friendships. As a result, I want to be a positive influence on one person every day"*

John Haden