

# Nighttime approaches and continuous descent operations among options that would benefit local residents

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slightly higher altitudes, but only during times when airspace can accommodate them.

"We have to use strict design criteria by Transport Canada to implement flight paths. There are some fundamental principles that are essential," said Bagg.

Shaun Dookhoo, of Milton, isn't bothered by the airplane sounds, but his three-year-old son, who lives with autism, is "very sensitive" to any loud noise including aircraft, he stated.

His son goes to bed around 7:30 p.m., but between then and midnight, he can hear the airplanes, which cause him to wake up screaming.

"Obviously it's not good for his mental health. When he's a kid, he needs 12 hours of sleep.

"He's lucky if he gets six

to eight hours of sleep every night," said Dookhoo, noting the problem has been occurring for two months.

While Dookhoo applauded the GTAA and Nav Canada for having "good initiatives" that may benefit some, and agrees new routes are needed, he feels the times being proposed for new departures and approaches don't align with when most of the noise complaints arise from GTA residents.

"By going from 12:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., it's a solution, but it's not the solution that's going to solve the problem. It's probably a very small piece of the pie," said Dookhoo.

Milton resident Ximena Tinajero didn't know much about the mitigation initiatives beforehand, but had concerns about fuel emissions and noise levels at night.

"I was talking to my hus-



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Nav Canada and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority hosted a community open house at the Milton Sports Centre, where residents weighed in on the Toronto Noise Mitigation Initiatives Engagement Plan.

band the other day about this, thinking 'If all these

emissions and fuels are just going to cause pollution," said Tinajero.

After reviewing plans, the Milton woman preferred the continuous descent operations option.

"It's going to reduce noise and reduce the emissions. It's killing two birds with one stone," said Tinajero.

It isn't just Milton citizens frustrated about airplane noise and traffic.

Oakville neighbours Finola Pearson and Dennis Hung are affected and trekked to Milton for the community open house.

They live in north Oakville and have issues with planes during different times. Pearson is bothered at night and Hung was getting disrupted during the day, while working from home; to the point where he reported every plane he heard to Nav Canada for several months.

"I could actually feel

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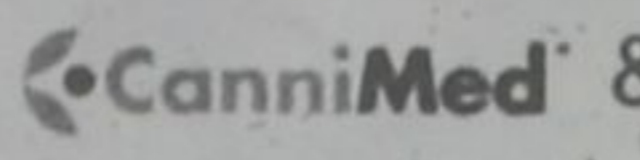
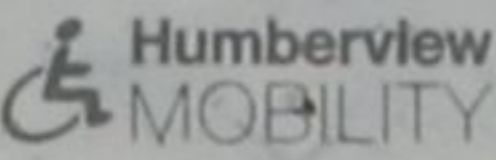


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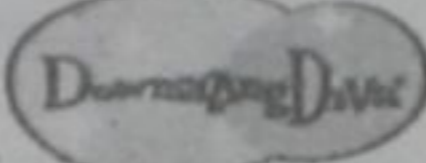
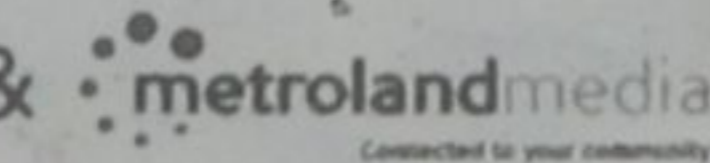
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