

March 6, 2016

City of Kingston,
City Hall
216 Ontario Street
Kingston ON K7L 2Z3

Re: Concerns Regarding Planned Airport Runway and Facilities Expansion Project to Norman Rogers Airport

Dear Mayor and City Councillors:

Collins Bay Yacht Club (CBYC) is located at Collins Bay Marina (CBM) and has had an exceptional relationship with the marina for over 35 years. The yacht club comprises approximately 180 members from many regions of Ontario and parts of Quebec who travel to Kingston where some of the best boating on Lake Ontario takes place.

CBYC is very concerned with the planned expansion of Norman Rogers Airport as outlined in recent documents posted by the City of Kingston.

The membership of Collins Bay Yacht Club has long accepted the operation of the Kingston airport with its scheduled flights of light commuter aircraft and private aircraft. However, with plans being made to add to the runway length in support of heavier and louder aircraft we feel that we must respectfully raise our concerns.

The proposed expansion will;

- Significantly increase the noise environment of Collins Bay when heavier aircraft such as the quoted Boeing 737-800 are used
- Increase the exhaust pollution falling on the members, boats and facilities located under the approach / departure path
- Increase light pollution from the planned movement and change to the approach lights
- Put restrictions on the operation of the crane while it is being used to launch or haul out boats

The goal of the yacht club is to support safe and environmentally friendly boating for members and guests of the club. In addition CBYC runs an annual sailing school to provide instruction in sailing and good sportsmanship through a dinghy race program. This is provided primarily to youths in Kingston and operates as a not for profit organization through the summer months. CBYC also maintains an active social program for its members that utilizes the facilities of CBM but also rents various facilities within Kingston throughout the year.

CBYC hosts an active racing program for members who race on a weekly basis as well as providing a home base for long distance racing, often in conjunction with other yacht clubs.

Collins Bay Marina is also home to a local adult sailing school, which uses the marina as its homeport of operations.

The members of CBYC, as seen from the attached, map travel in many cases a significant distance from their homes to their boats at Collins Bay Marina. This is due to several factors:

- Collins Bay Marina provides one of the best facilities for the mooring and storing of boats in Eastern Lake Ontario
- The City of Kingston provides excellent shopping, entertainment, tourism, provisioning and dining facilities
- The waters surrounding the City of Kingston provide some of the best sailing on Lake Ontario

As many of the members of CBYC travel in excess of 2 hours to commute to their boat they will use the boat as their virtual “cottage” while in Kingston. Members will stay on their boat while visiting Kingston for either weekends or while on holidays during the summer season.

In addition to the membership of CBYC bringing income to local Kingston businesses, CBYC also supports a “reciprocal program”. This program in conjunction with CBM offers a reduced mooring rate to members from 40 other clubs on Lake Ontario. This program therefore brings significant additional revenues to the Kingston area through the club and CBM.

While boats are being prepared for the spring launch or fall haul out, members often stay in local hotels. This again provides revenues to the businesses located within the City of Kingston. The boats are lifted to or from the water by a crane located at and owned by CBM, again making Collins Bay Marina a very attractive option for boaters. Through the winter months, boats are stored at the marina.

Collins Bay Yacht Club has for over 35 years brought people to Kingston and thus supported local business. The Club has supported Kingston residents, both taxpayers and youth with its various programs and events.

Collins Bay Yacht Club fears that the planned airport runway expansion will turn away members as noted above. We strongly feel that the environment that we have supported for 35 years will be significantly diminished and that one of the results will be decreased membership with a corresponding reduction of revenues and support to the City of Kingston. Please note that this is not a position of fear mongering as CBYC and CBM have already had to field questions from existing and

potential members regarding their willingness to renew membership in light of the airport expansion plans.

Collins Bay Yacht Club wishes to express its full support of Collins Bay Marina in seeking a review of the planned airport runway extension program and the addressing of our concerns with regard to the planned expansion.

Sincerely,

Al MacLachlan

Commodore, Collins Bay Yacht Club

Map Showing Marina Member Distribution

