

T.M.R. joins no-fly fight

Pressure mounts on Trudeau airport

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Although a city or a town can't enforce a no-fly zone, the Town of Mount Royal has joined the growing number of municipalities trying to limit Dorval air traffic.

On Monday night, Mount Royal passed a resolution asking Aéroports de Montréal to reduce the number of flights over the town and to consult T.M.R. before any new flight paths are introduced. With the number of flights in and out of Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport on the rise and night flights fuelling citizen protests, Mayor Vera Danyluk said the town had to do something to protect itself.

There has been a marked increase in air traffic over the town during the past 18 months, Danyluk said, especially outside of the airport's standard operating hours of 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Unlike Pointe Claire, Dorval and St. Laurent, Danyluk said, the Town of Mount Royal does not have representation on the airport's soundscape committee, an advisory body.

The resolution, Danyluk said, is a way the town can enter the public debate and possibly sway the direction of future night flights.

The resolution passed by Mount Royal follows similar municipal motions adopted by the Lachine borough and Laval.

The resolutions are all calling for the airport authority to reduce air traffic over the municipalities. Yesterday, Montreal West Mayor Stuart Campbell said his town is also considering a similar resolution.

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