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PROJECT:

**Qualicum Beach Airport
CONSULTATION PLAN**

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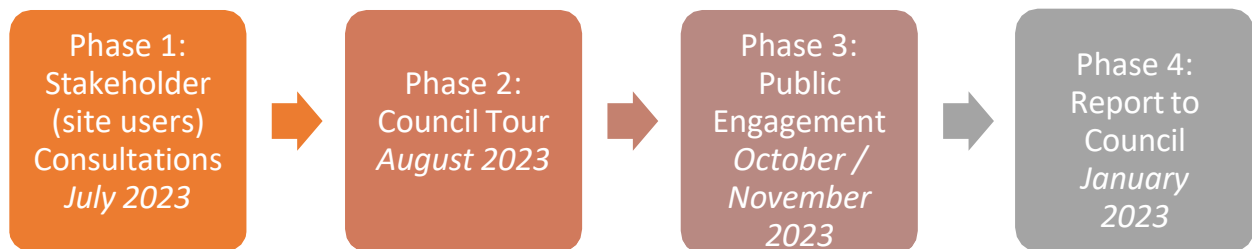
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1 Purpose

The intent of this 2023 Council Initiative is to better understand how the Qualicum Beach Airport (CAT4) is used and how it is viewed by the local and regional community. The project's purpose is also to identify Town Council decision making opportunities, and the Town's relationship with Transport Canada and NAV CANADA. To assist with this undertaking, the Town has retained Operations Economics Inc. (OEI)—a Vancouver-based consultancy that supports aviation, maritime and rail projects in Canada and abroad.

2 Process and Methodology

The Airport Consultation Plan project began in June 2023 and led to consultations with site users and interested national and regional organizations. After a tour with the Town Council in August, public engagement included an Airport Survey and Airport Public Meetings in October and early November. The project concludes with the January 2024 Report to Council. The process for the review is shown in the diagram below. Additional information on the Consultations and the Public Engagement phase can be found in **Appendices A** through **C**.



3 Airport Context

Post COVID Aviation

Like all airports in Canada, Qualicum Beach had to stop most operations during parts of the pandemic and suffered from related losses in revenue and activity. Like the Qualicum Beach Airport, most aviation related companies suffered lengthy periods of slow or no work, and their revenues reflected that. These companies are typically still recovering from COVID. International travel has recovered, but regional aviation in Canada is still recovering.

Regulatory Context

Aviation is a federal jurisdiction within an international industry. Standards for aviation are set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a United Nations body based in Montreal. In Canada the primary legislation guiding all aspects of aviation is the *Aeronautics Act*. Transport Canada is responsible for establishing regulations (the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs)), managing programs, and overseeing the aviation system. NAV CANADA was set up by separate legislation as a non-profit corporation to manage Canada's air navigation system. The Town of Qualicum Beach is responsible for managing its Airport and complying with the site's Airport Certificate.

“Transport Canada is responsible for transportation policies and programs. It promotes safe, secure, efficient, and environmentally responsible transportation.

Transport Canada reports to Parliament and Canadians through the Minister of Transport. It works with its portfolio partners, other government departments and jurisdictions, and industry to ensure that all parts of Canada's transportation system work well.”

-Transport Canada website

“NAV CANADA plays a unique and critical role managing the 18 million square kilometers of Canadian civil airspace and the North Atlantic oceanic airspace under Canada's control.

Air transportation is an essential industry that connects Canada to the world. It plays a vital role in our economy and in our communities from coast to coast to coast. Our critical role within the aviation ecosystem is to help guide aircraft safely and efficiently through our airspace.”

- NAV CANADA website

There are two types of aerodromes in Canada: registered and certified airports. Qualicum Beach is a certified airport. Becoming a registered aerodrome is relatively easy, but to become a certified airport requires applying for certification from the Federal Transport Minister and providing an Airport Operations Manual (AOM), a Safety Management System (SMS), and other relevant plans. Once the Minister approves an Airport Certificate, the site is subject to Transport Canada audits to ensure that the airport meets its certification requirements. A certified airport therefore requires a significant level of management and oversight to maintain certification.

4 Current Situation

The Qualicum Beach Airport

The Airport was established in 1954. The site has one asphalt runway, Runway 11/29, which is 3,564' long and 75' wide with permanent displacements at each end of the runway.¹

The Airport is designed for operations of a Piper PA-31 Navajo scale aircraft, The Navajo is a twin engine, turbo prop aircraft which typically has six to eight seats. A photograph of one in flight is provided on the next page.

¹ Imperial Measurements remain standard for runway descriptions.

Piper Navajo in flight



- The Qualicum Beach Airport is in Class G airspace as defined by NAV CANADA, meaning that arriving and departing aircraft follow flight rules of uncontrolled airspace. Night operations are prohibited between the hours of 2200 and 0600 local time except for emergency services or with prior approval of the Airport Manager. The Airport has aircraft Noise Abatement Procedures (NAP) and all turbine (larger) helicopter circuit training requires Airport Manager approval. The Airport has RNAV (area navigation) GPS approaches and published IFR (instrument flight rules) departure procedure for both runways.

An aerial photograph of the Airport is provided on the following page. Highlights of operations at the Airport include the following points:

- The Airport is served by Iskwew Air which offers three return flights per day to the Vancouver South Terminal.
- 2022 saw 652 scheduled flights by Iskwew Air moving 3,600 people.
- Airport Management estimates the site supports between 15,000 and 18,000 aircraft movements annually.
- Activities at the Airport include flight training, cadets, search and rescue, medevac flights, aircraft maintenance, and a restaurant.
- The Airport sells Jet A and LL 100 fuel. LL 100 fuel contains low levels of lead.

Aerial View of Qualicum Beach Airport



Source: Google Earth, 27 November 2023. Photo is dated 14 March 2021.

Aircraft Noise and Noise Abatement Procedure

As of December 31, 2023, the Town of Qualicum Beach had received 62 noise complaints—21 from Qualicum Beach residents, 28 from Regional District of Nanaimo residents, and 13 from unspecified addresses. Within Qualicum Beach, complaints came from the Eaglecrest, Qualicum Woods, and Chartwell neighbourhoods.

In response to noise complaints, a Noise Abatement Procedures (NAP) at CAT4 has been put in place. This NAP was published by Transport Canada in 2016 after a two-year consultation process. In the figure below, the green arrows show arrival procedures, and the yellow arrows show departures as per the NAP. For arrival, aircraft approach from the ocean, cross over the centreline of the runway to check for wind direction and intensity from the windsocks and then turn to arrive from the east or west depending on wind direction. Aircraft typically land and take-off into the wind to gain additional lift.

The departure procedure is described in the text boxes in the diagram below. On departure, aircraft must fly out on the extended runway to two nautical miles or climb to 1000 feet before turning to the North. Turns to the South are considered acceptable at anytime when it is considered safe to do so. It is uncommon for an Airport as small as Qualicum Beach to have an NAP.

Depiction of Noise Abatement Procedures



Source: Town of Qualicum Beach

5 What the Town Heard and Responses

Resident Comments to the Town

Separate from the Airport Consultation Plan project, the Town has received the following input in 2023.

- 62 noise complaints (as of December 31, 2023).
- Interest in having a public forum to address noise events.
- Desire for public participation in the Airport Users Committee.
- Concerns about the use LL100 (avgas) at the Airport.
- Suggestions to amend the NAP.

Town Responses

Separate from this project, the Town has responded to inputs with the following steps.

- New dashboard on Town website to receive and track aviation events (located on the Airport page of the website).
- Town Council is reviewing its committees and commission structure, including the Airport Users Committee.
- Staff will continue to monitor new avgas fuel technologies.
- Enhanced communication with the public in response to queries or concerns.

6 What We Heard

The project included a variety of consultations with the public, government, and industry over many months. These actions are described below.

Telephone Calls and Emails. The project included calling federal and provincial government organizations, and others to obtain perspectives on CAT4.

Workshop Meetings. The Town of Qualicum and the Consultant organized three multi-person engagement sessions for the project to hear from people and organizations with an interest in the Airport. The Airport tenants meeting was in-person in Qualicum Beach and the “Oceanside Partners” meeting, including adjacent local governments, CAOs, the MLA, the MP, Chamber of Commerce representatives, and others, occurred via Microsoft Teams (for more details, see page 10 of this Report). An online meeting was also conducted with helicopter operators in the region.

These meetings explored the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) of the Airport. A high level of the comments received in the workshops is shown in the table below.

Qualicum Beach SWOT Analysis Points from Workshop Meetings

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenience and better weather • Scheduled air services • Emergency response • Diversity of services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacle (trees) at end of runway • Low public profile • Noise impacts • Difficult to attract new developments
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New business, commercial development • Improved air services • Training opportunities • Increased profile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of town action • Economic difficulties to aviation • Lack of a goal or vision • Labour shortages

Airport Survey. As part of the project, the Town conducted a survey during October and November 2023 and received 709 responses. A summary of the Airport Survey responses and Verbatim Comments are provided in **Appendices B** and **C**.

Public Meetings. The Town conducted two Public Meetings in Qualicum Beach on November 6th and 7th, 2023. Both meetings were well attended and included participation by NAV CANADA.

7 Observations

The following observations are made regarding operations and the role of Qualicum Beach Airport.

- A. Airports are typically assessed on whether they are safe and secure. Qualicum Beach Airport is a safe and secure site.
- B. The Airport plays an active role in the Qualicum Beach community and supports local employment.
- C. The Airport plays a regional role, as well supporting emergency response and intercity transportation.
- D. The Airport lacks a clear development plan, such as a Master Plan.
- E. Residents are impacted by aviation noise, as demonstrated by the 62 noise complaints in 2023.
- F. Airport businesses and users commented that the Airport does not receive the level of support and guidance it needs to be successful.

- G. With its new Airport Event Dashboard, Qualicum Beach is more responsive to airport-related complaints than most regional airports in Canada and is a leader in community airport responsiveness.
- H. With its Noise Abatement Procedure (NAP), the Airport is a leader amongst small regional airports in BC. Few small regional airports have NAPs.
- I. The Airport's operational restrictions, such as requiring helicopters to obtain permission for training, are more restrictive than most small regional airports.
- J. If scheduled passenger air services are lost, it is unlikely that another carrier would provide these services in the current economic environment. If the Airport were to lose air services, federal grant funding would ultimately be unavailable.
- K. Though less acute, the danger of losing services applies to other businesses at the Airport including maintenance. If the Airport loses its current aircraft maintenance provider, it may be difficult to attract a new service provider.

8 Recommendations

Recommendations related to the Airport are as follows:

- 1) Airport planning would be beneficial to the Airport to clarify how the Town will respond to business opportunities, noise, environmental concerns, and land use at the site. A Master Plan is recommended; Council will be considering this in 2025 Strategic Planning.
- 2) NAV CANADA offered supplementary aircraft operations data for the Airport. It is recommended that the Town requests this data to be added to the Town's website, enhancing transparency in Airport-related discussions.
- 3) Schedule an annual Open House, as a Committee of the Whole Meeting, for the public to have a regularly scheduled opportunity to provide input to Council on Airport-related matters. Nanaimo Airport hosts similar events.
- 4) Airport development should include marketing and development support.
- 5) The Airport should communicate that it is a leader amongst regional airports managing noise through its NAP, its operational procedures, and its online complaints form.

Appendix A: Workshops and Telephone Calls

In July 2024, three consultation workshops were held to obtain information on operations at Qualicum Beach Airport. They included Airport Tenants, Helicopter Operators, and “Oceanside Partners” Group.

Invitations for the Airport Tenants Meetings were extended to the following:

- Owner of Iskwew Air;
- Final Approach Restaurant;
- Qualicum Beach Flying Club;
- ZFF Engines Ltd. (aircraft maintenance);
- Sealand Flight (flight training);
- Skydive Vancouver Island;
- T-hangar developer;
- Local COPA representative (Canadian Owners and Pilots Association);
- Hangar owners; and
- Arrowsmith Search & Rescue.

Invitations for the Helicopter Operator Meeting were extended to the following:

- BC Wildfire Service;
- Ascent Helicopters Ltd.; and
- Rotor Maxx Support, Ltd.

Invitations for the “Oceanside Partners” Group were extended to the following:

- Gord Johns - MP;
- Adam Walker - MLA;
- City of Parksville CAO;
- Regional District of Nanaimo CAO;
- Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism Association;
- Parksville & District Chamber of Commerce; and
- Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The consultant reached out via telephone and email to numerous government departments, agencies, and other organizations, including:

- Transport Canada, Pacific Region;
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;
- NAV CAN;
- BC Ambulance Service;
- BC Wildfire Service;
- City of Port Alberni; and
- BC Aviation Council.

A hand delivered letter from Mayor Westbroek was delivered to Chief Recalma of the Qualicum First Nation.

Appendix B: Airport Survey Summary

TOWN OF QUALICUM BEACH

AIRPORT CONSULTATION PLAN



APPENDIX B

AIRPORT SURVEY SUMMARY

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I. ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

1.1 Overall Process Overview

In the Fall of 2023, the Town of Qualicum Beach (Town) initiated a multi-phase consultation and assessment to consider opportunities and challenges for the Qualicum Beach Airport (CAT4).

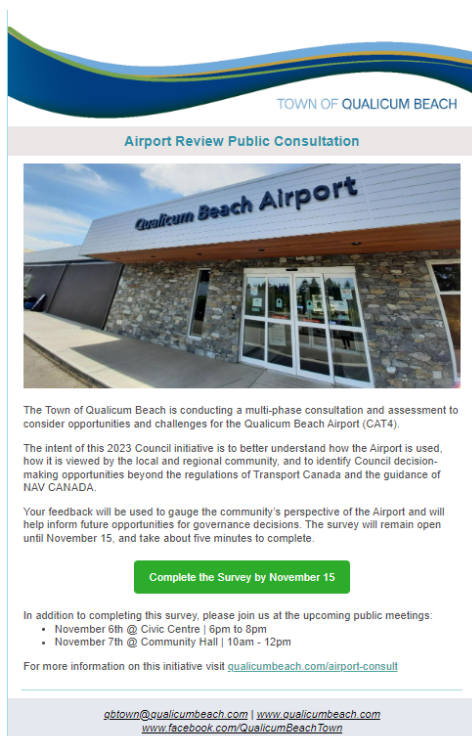
The intent of this Council initiative is to better understand how the Airport is used, how it is viewed by the local community, and to identify Council decision-making opportunities beyond the regulations of Transport Canada and the guidance of NAV CANADA.

During this phase of engagement, stakeholders and community members were engaged to provide feedback on various aspects of the Airport including, usage, impacts, and facilities.

The intent of this document is to summarize feedback gathered through the Airport Survey.

1.2 Outreach

The following outreach tools were used to inform the community members about engagement opportunities:



Town of Qualicum Beach Website: A project page was created for the Airport Structure Review at qualicumbeach.com/airport-consult. This page highlights project information, progress so far, updates on what's next, and links to related resources.

Social Media Posts: Posts were completed on the Town of Qualicum Beach's Facebook page with a link to the online survey.

Constant Contact (Email Notice): Emails were sent to those on the Town's email list. Emails were sent in July and October.

Town Tidings (Newsletter): A notification of the project process was posted in the Town's newsletter, published in Parksville Qualicum Beach Newspaper – once in August and once in November.

Noteworthy (Bulletin Mail-Out): Bulletins were distributed to more than 5,500 addresses in October.

Town Hall: Project information and hard copy surveys were available at Town Hall.

1.3 Engagement Activities



Airport Public Meetings

DATES	November 6 th and November 7 th , 2023
LOCATIONS	Qualicum Beach Civic Centre Qualicum Beach Community Hall
DETAILS	The Town of Qualicum Beach facilitated two Airport Public Meetings to share information about the Qualicum Beach Airport, gather community member input, and to answer questions. The presentation was prepared and delivered by the retained consultant, Operations Economics Inc., and a representative from NAV CANADA attended virtually and discussed air traffic in the Town of Qualicum Beach.



Airport Survey

DATES	October 6 th to November 15 th , 2023
LOCATION	Online at www.qualicumbeach.com/airport-consult Hard copies were available at Town Hall and at the Airport Public Meetings.
DETAILS	The focus of the survey was to gather feedback on airport facilities, usage, and impacts, and to provide an opportunity for respondents to make additional comments.

WHO
PARTICIPATED?

709

Completed Surveys

Approx.

100

Attended the Public
Meetings



2. WHAT WE HEARD

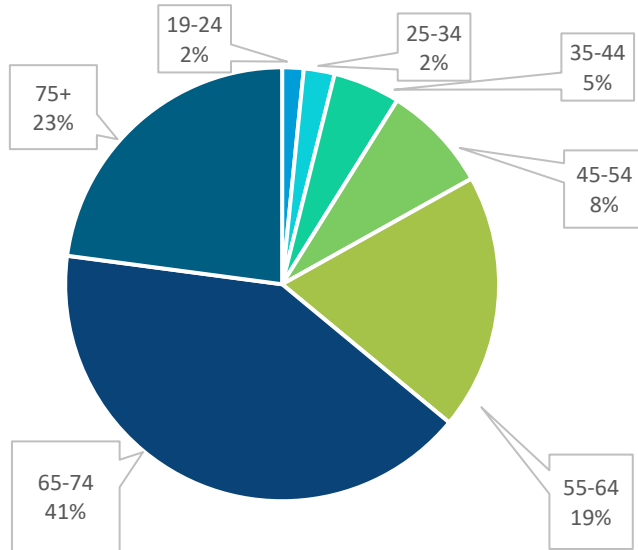
The following pages summarize the feedback received in the Airport Survey. The information is summarized as follows:

- About You (Demographics)
- Airport Usage
- Airport Impacts
- Airport Facilities
- Additional Comments

2.1 ABOUT YOU (DEMOGRAPHICS)

AGE OF RESPONDENTS

What age are respondents?

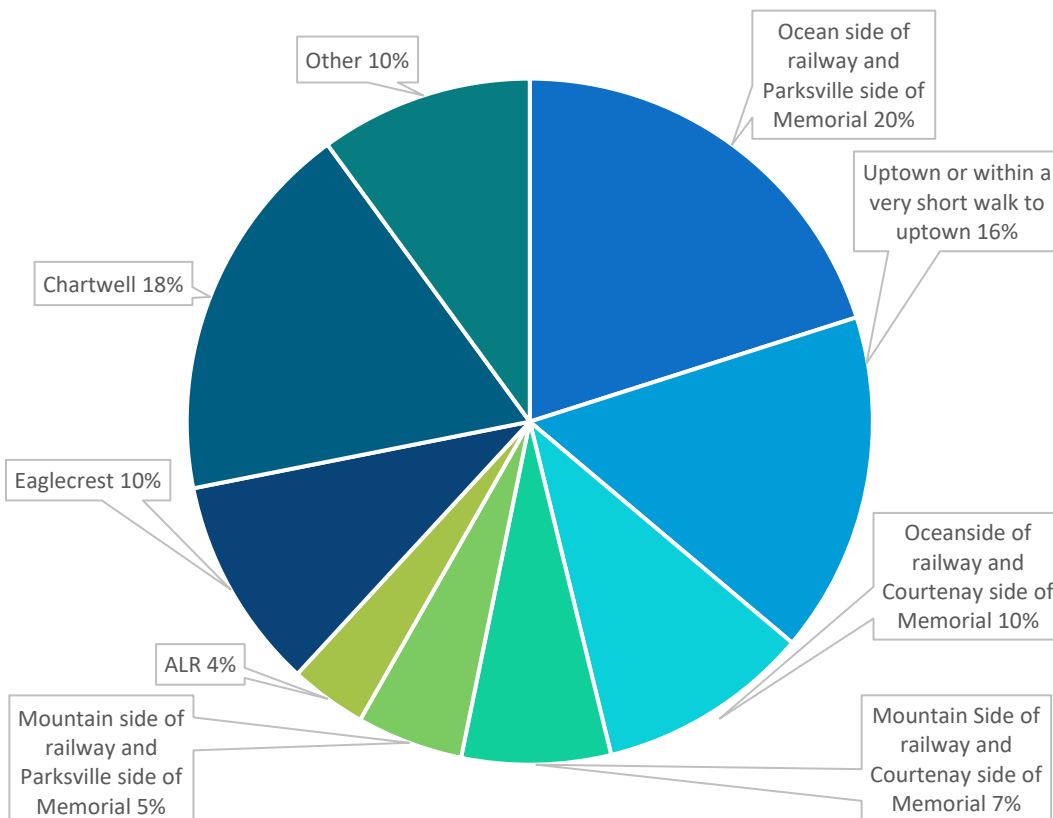


KEY FINDINGS:

- Respondents from a wide range of age groups participated.
- There is limited representation of a younger demographic (under 30).
- 41% of respondents are between 65 and 74 years old.

LOCATION OF RESPONDENTS

Where do respondents live?



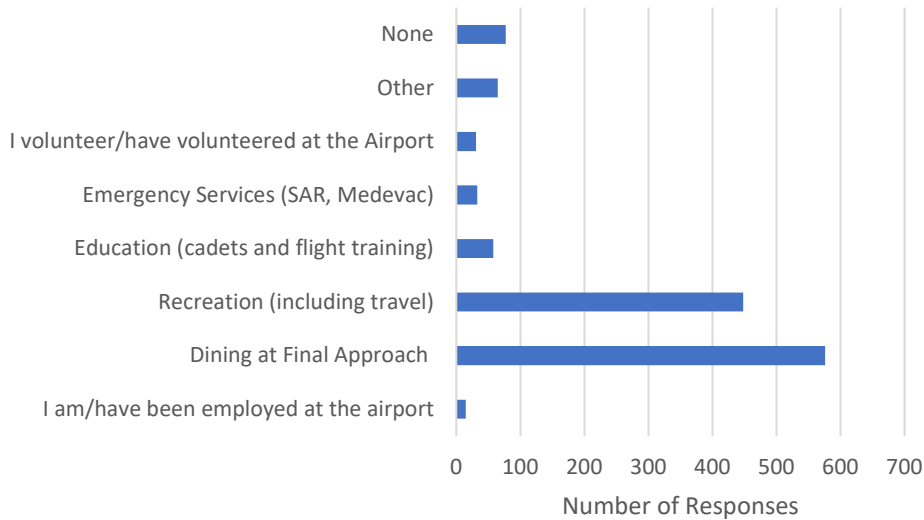
KEY FINDINGS:

- The majority of respondents live within the Town of Qualicum Beach.
- Those who indicated 'Other' responded they live in a variety of other locations, including: the RDN, Vancouver, Qualicum Woods, Hilliers, and Dashwood.

2.2 Airport Usage

AIRPORT SERVICES

What services do / have respondents use(d)?



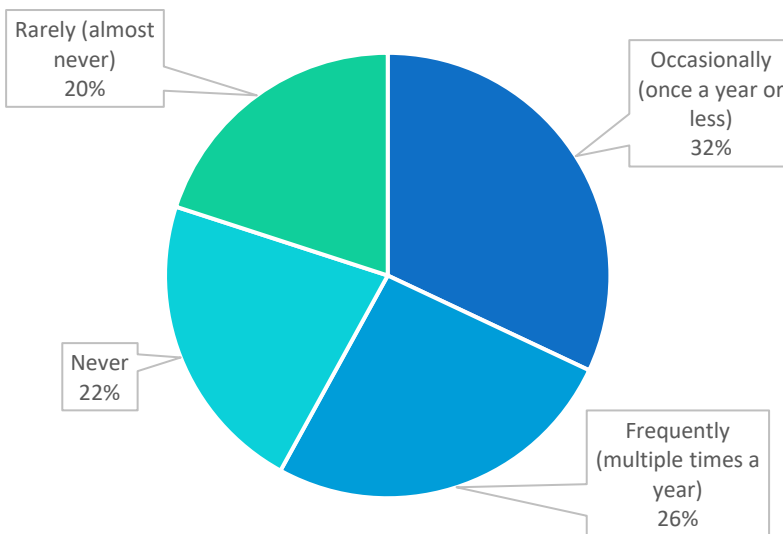
KEY FINDINGS:

- Respondents use the airport for a variety of reasons.
- 34% indicated they have used the Airport for recreational purposes.
- 6% indicated None.
- 'Other' included walking and cycling around the airport, paragliding and skydiving, and events such as the air show.

NOTE: Respondents were asked to select ALL that apply (multiple responses). 709 respondents answered this question. This graph depicts the number of responses, while the key findings indicate the percentage, therefore, cumulative percentages exceed 100%.

TRAVEL

How often do respondents use the Airport for travel?

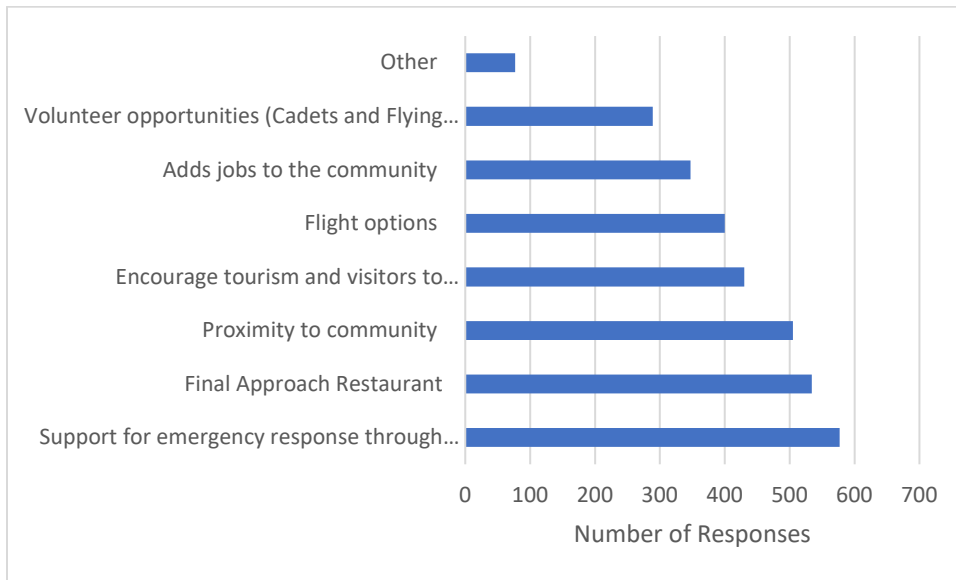


KEY FINDINGS:

- 32% of respondents use the Airport once a year or less.
- 26% use the Airport multiple times a year.
- 22% never use the Airport.

VALUES

What do respondents value about the Airport?



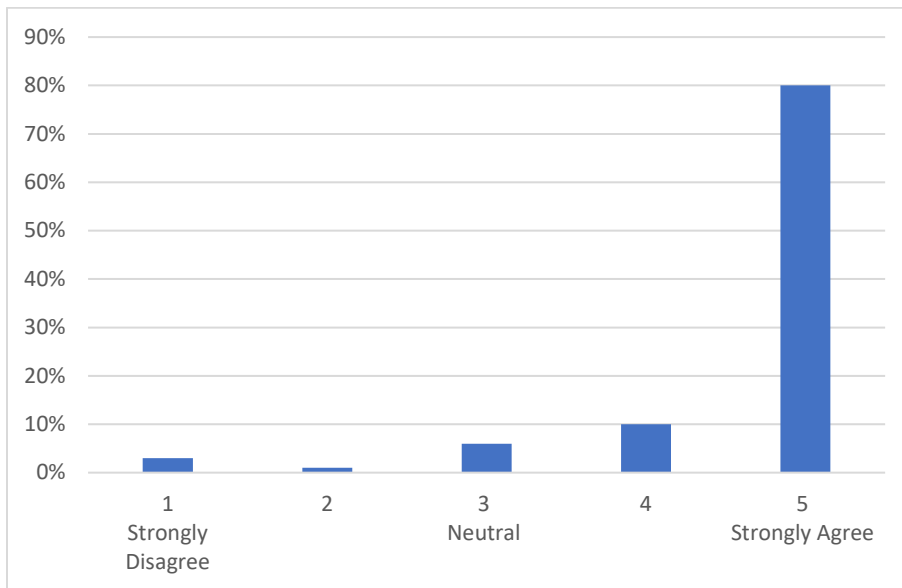
KEY FINDINGS:

- 82% of respondents value emergency response.
- 76% indicated they appreciate Final Approach.
- 'Other' included limited community value, noise concerns, and transportation alternatives and connectivity.

NOTE: Respondents were asked to select ALL that apply (multiple responses). 709 respondents answered this question. This graph depicts the number of responses, while the key findings indicate the percentage, therefore, cumulative percentages exceed 100%.

MEDEVAC

Do respondents agree Medevac is a valuable service?



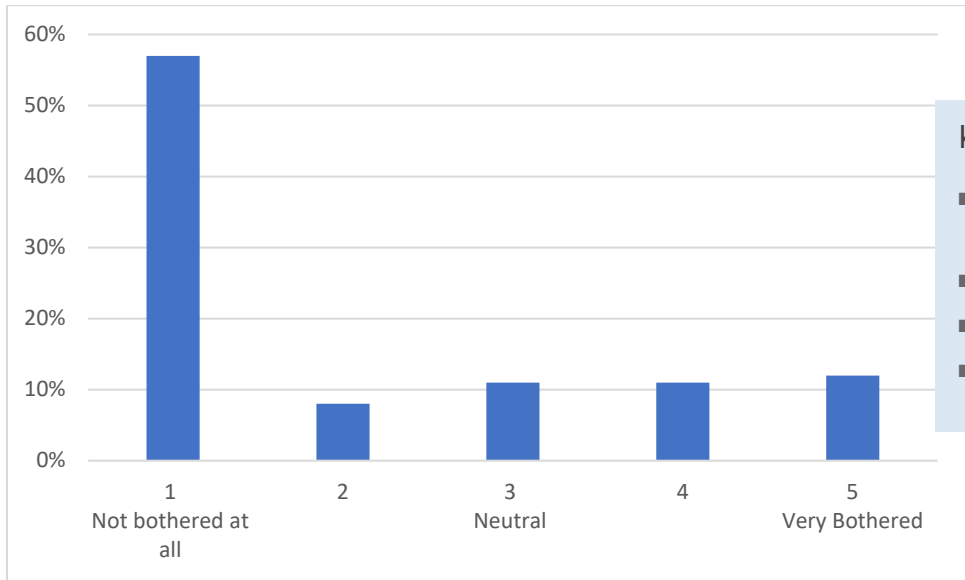
KEY FINDINGS:

- 80% of respondents agree Medevac is a valuable service.
- 6% are neutral.
- 3% strongly disagree.
- The average rating was 4.6.

2.3 AIRPORT IMPACTS

AIRPORT NOISE

How do respondents feel about noise generated at the Airport?

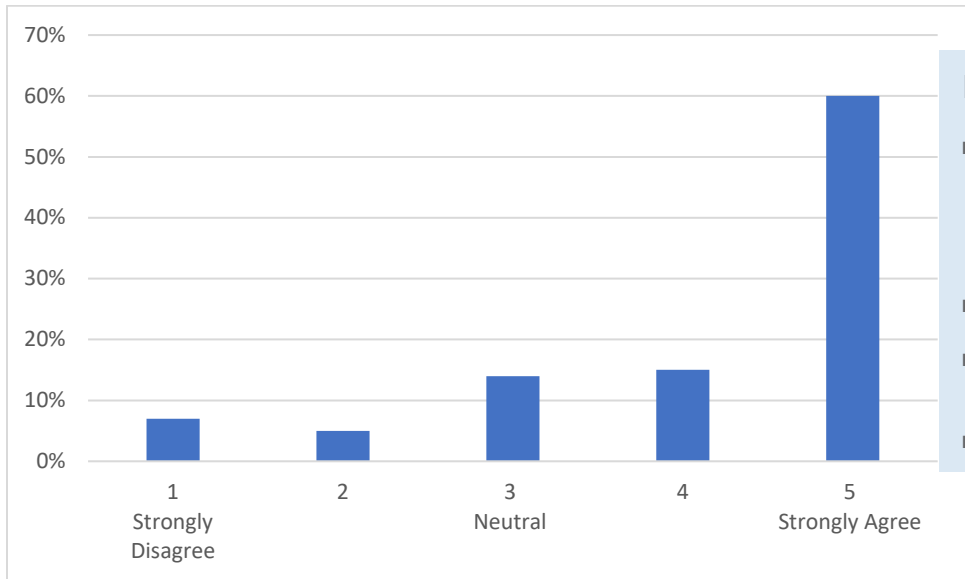


KEY FINDINGS:

- 57% of respondents are not bothered by Airport noise.
- 11% are neutral.
- 12% are very bothered.
- The average rating was 2.1.

LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

Do respondents agree the Airport has a positive impact on the local economy?

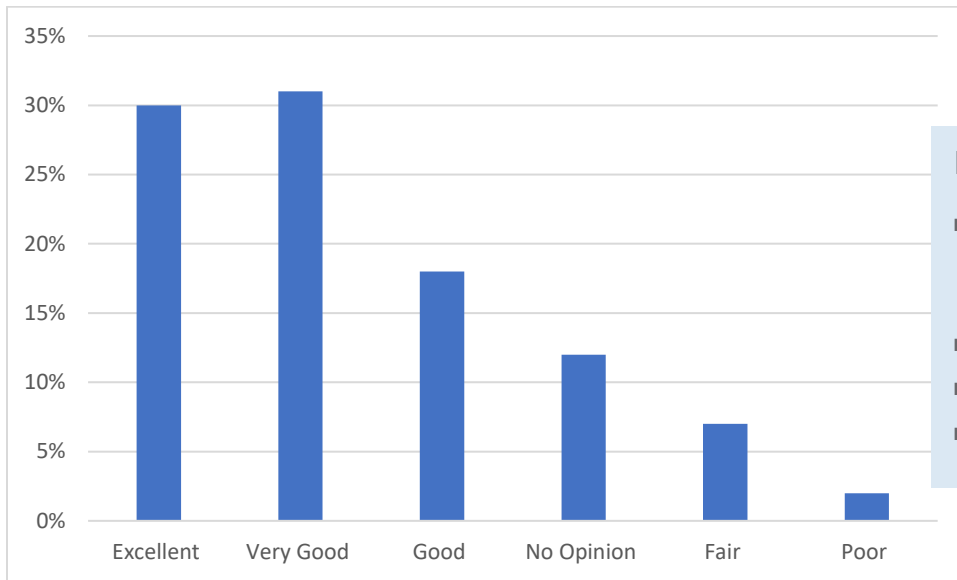


KEY FINDINGS:

- 60% of respondents strongly agree that the Airport has a positive impact on the local economy.
- 14% are neutral.
- 7% of respondents strongly disagree.
- The average rating was 4.2.

AIRPORT FACILITIES

How do respondents rate the overall quality and convenience of the facilities at the Airport?

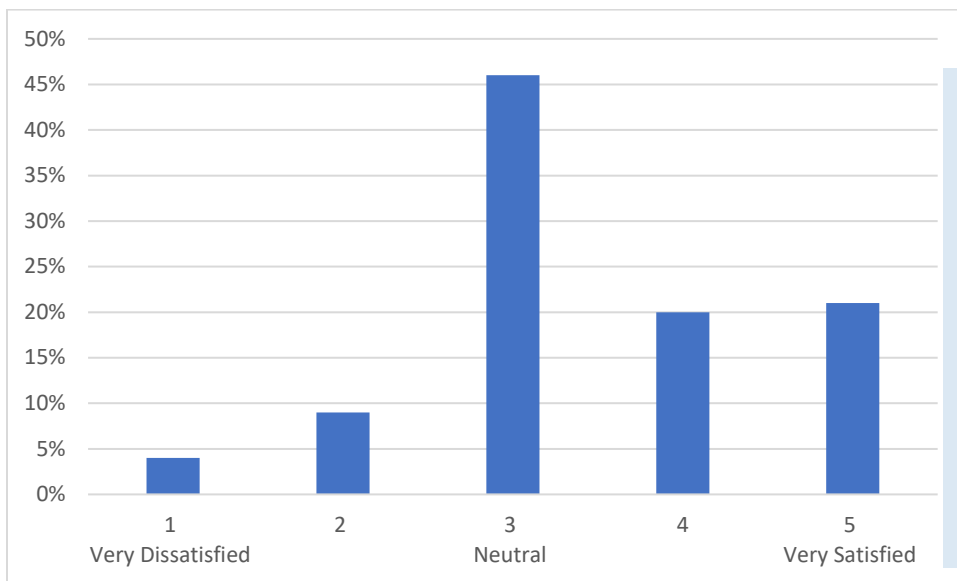


KEY FINDINGS:

- 31% of respondents indicated the quality and convenience as very good.
- 30% indicated excellent.
- 12% had no opinion.
- 2% indicated poor.

COMMUNICATION METHODS

How satisfied are respondents with existing Airport communication efforts by the Town?



KEY FINDINGS:

- 21% of respondents indicated they are very satisfied with Town communications.
- 46% indicated neutral.
- 4% of respondents indicated very dissatisfied.
- The average rating was 3.4.

2.4 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR SERVICES

Respondents were asked if there were any specific improvements or services they would like to see at the Airport. Themes are summarized below.

**Verbatim Comments are included in Appendix C of this report.*

Infrastructure and Amenities

- Residents seek improvements in airport facilities, including upgraded washrooms, better-maintained walking trails, and outside benches for sightseeing. Dissatisfaction with current conditions and their impact on outdoor spaces is highlighted.

Commercial Expansion and Competition:

- Desire for increased airline competition, more flight options, and commercial development within the terminal is expressed. Some residents propose electrically powered commuter aircraft and advocate for retail businesses.

Airport Facilities and Operations:

- Suggestions include expanding hangar space, better evening lighting, and upgrading the road into the terminal. Residents stress the importance of supporting the airport for emergency services.

Noise and Change in Flight Path

- Some residents express concern about noise disturbances caused by flight school, recreational aircraft, and helicopters. Calls for changes in flight paths and strict enforcement of the Noise Abatement Procedure are highlighted.

Environmental and Health Concerns

- Apprehension about the environmental impact of aircraft, especially those using leaded fuel, is evident. There's a consistent push for transitioning to unleaded fuel due to health risks, particularly for children.

General Satisfaction and Appreciation:

- Despite concerns, many residents express overall satisfaction with the Airport, emphasizing its convenience, services, and importance for emergency and community needs.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Respondents were given space to provide any additional comments. Themes are summarized below.

**Verbatim Comments are included in Appendix C of this report.*

Community Gratitude and Support:

- Residents appreciate the Airport's role as a crucial mid-Island connection and time-saving travel option to Vancouver.
- Strong community support for the Airport's current value and future development.

Noise and Safety Concerns:

- Primary concern centers around noise, especially from helicopter training and low-flying planes over residential areas.
- Calls for accountability, adherence to Noise Abatement Procedure, and restrictions on flight times, particularly at night.

Land Use and Development Recommendations:

- Suggestions include relocating the public works yard to the Airport and exploring commercial, modest-income housing, and light industrial opportunities around the airport.

Airport's Economic and Recreational Value:

- Recognition of economic benefits, job creation, and businesses.
- Emphasis on the airport's unique historical and recreational significance, including the desire for the return of skydiving programs.

Appendix C: Airport Survey Verbatim Comments



APPENDIX C: VERBATIM COMMENTS

The following pages list the verbatim responses for Questions 10 & 12 of the Airport Survey.

Please note that some comments have been edited to maintain a respectful tone and any personal or identifying information has been redacted. The Town appreciates your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Thank you for participating in the Airport Survey.

Question 10: Are there specific improvements or services you would like to see at the Qualicum beach Airport? Please specify.

- ▶ Redirect flight school flights towards Mount Arrow Smith rather than over residential areas.
- ▶ Ban recreational aircraft and the use of the airport for unlimited access for search and rescue training groups.
- ▶ We must be on a flight path for these groups as the spring and summer months from dawn to dusk, we are inundated with the constant obnoxious noise of aircraft, both planes and helicopters.
- ▶ We live on Hilliers road, about a 2 minute drive from the town centre. With a tennis court, horse fields, horses, barn and a home on mature landscaped acreage, well defined and probably pleasant to look at from above.
- ▶ Our family no longer use our tennis court but go to Qualicum to play tennis. They say the constant overhead noise makes it unpleasant to use.
- ▶ Upgraded washroom facilities. Review of flight paths to determine lease amount of noise levels for residents.
- ▶ Our back deck is beautiful during the spring and summer but we no longer entertain there during the day because of the constant overhead air traffic. There are too many incidences where the aircraft fly so low that we feel like we are in a war zone. Especially some of the helicopters! We should be discouraging the use of the recreational aircraft, as the world doesn't need the unnecessary pollution both sound and spent fuel. It would be different if the search and rescue was limited to our area but
- ▶ because it is opened to many others, it adds greatly to the local air traffic.
- ▶ Bring back the skydivers, enjoyed watching them.
- ▶ More frequency of scheduled flights. More airline competition (two or more carriers). Return flights later in the day and into evening to avoid Vancouver overnight stays. Pacific coastal? Helijet?
- ▶ It suits my needs in providing convenient access to the mainland.
- ▶ Just ensure users follow noise abatement rules
- ▶ All is well. I do miss seeing the parachute jumpers.
- ▶ Flights to Victoria
- ▶ I'm happy with just having the airport
- ▶ More flight options
- ▶ The airport should not be improved because it is not of benefit to the vast majority of residents. It is a niche, exclusive facility and should be treated as such by elected officials.
- ▶ The constant take off and landing of the school aircraft creates a droning noise that has a very real affect on the quality of life in the evergreen neighbourhood. I would like to see the flight school relocated to an airport that is not close to neighbourhoods
- ▶ Better maintained walking/hiking trail around airport. Outside benches for sight seeing around airport trails. Would like parachuters to come back. Better restaurant hours. Better flight prices. Direct flights to victoria. Flights other than emergency services to stop flying so latecontinue to have planes not fly direct over Chartwell houses. Thank you.
- ▶ Scheduled passenger service using electrically powered commuter aircraft.

APPENDIX C: VERBATIM COMMENTS

- ▶ No commercial development at its perimeters. No large aircraft, cargo etc. The school training airplane needs a tune-up. Sounds like it is going to fall out of the sky when it does its touch and goes, flying low over our house in the woods.
- ▶ It's more of a flight path issue. Helicopters for example, to my mind, do not need to make low level passes over downtown.
- ▶ Runways for larger planes.
- ▶ More flights. Better publicity.
- ▶ I believe the noise abatement policy is not enforced. Planes often fly much below the acceptable altitude. If this was enforced strongly many of the objections to the airport would be solved.
- ▶ I would like to see the flight routes change so they are so farther from the residential areas.
- ▶ Better flight options
- ▶ Follow noise abatement regulations more stringently.
- ▶ Less air traffic
- ▶ Earlier flight to Vancouver airport
- ▶ Get rid off helicopter training and noise. Also flight school/ we don't live in a war zone. This is not the place where our average age of seniors is 62 years and it affects us all. Noise level beyond 80 desmo are not recommended at all without hearing protection.
- ▶ Money wise, the airport is a white elephant for the taxpayers of this town. It acts as a private entity that makes its own rules and answers to no one. Town bylaws regarding noise and pollution should apply to all - planes, helicopters, cars and trucks etc.
- ▶ Relocate airport. It's too close to urban areas for there to be a consideration to expand use of the facility
- ▶ Enforce noise bylaws on noisy repeated fly overs
- ▶ The path around the perimeter of the airport should be upgraded to all-weather use and better maintained.
- ▶ Get rid of the flight school. That plane is brutal. It's like the most annoying mosquito that you want to swat out of the sky. And never let that
- ▶ parachute plane land at the airport again. The odd plane taking off and landing and the commercial carrier are fine but that flight school needs to go now!!!!!! Come and live in qualicum woods and see how you like it!
- ▶ Flight paths changed so they do not fly over residential areas. Noise is horrendous most times.
- ▶ Stop the flight school. It is so loud coming over our house we have to stop any conversation. We live directly under the flightpath and I wonder who will pay for damage in case of a crash????
- ▶ Room should have been made for the oceanside air business inside the terminal, and should be there for the next company if we are lucky enough to get one. Responsibility for training (helicopter, etc.) should be shared by nearby airports e.g. Port Alberni. There is not enough hanger space. The nighttime lighting is very obtrusive and unnecessary, as could be turned on when pilot is approaching, as other airports do.
- ▶ Stringent noise level enforcement
- ▶ I do not want to see any changes in the airport traffic that would increase noise levels in the Qualicum beach area - specifically over the evergreens area. Increased noise levels would negatively impact my quality of life and mental health.
- ▶ More competition of commercial airlines. Sky drivers brought in tourism dollars that have gone to Nanoose
- ▶ More flights to more places by more airline companies. More use of airport facilities by retail businesses.
- ▶ Elimination of avgas containing lead additives; there are alternatives; some of which are apparently cheaper than the fuels currently being consumed by piston engine aircraft at this airfield
- ▶ If feasible, another carrier providing flights

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- ▶ More flights to areas in BC or possibly AB
- ▶ Reinstate departure procedures for runway 29 so they don't fly over juniper drive.
- ▶ Reduce noise levels. Is there a specific noise level that the owners of personal planes have to abide by? And how many planes a day would be acceptable? I can tell you that when the parachute jumper's business opened the amount of planes taking off and landing has increased dramatically.
- ▶ More commercial passenger options.
- ▶ Different flight path over the evergreens and Qualicum woods.
- ▶ I would like to see the skydiving back and the air show back
- ▶ Significantly reduce or stop helicopter training at this site. The noise caused by the touch and go landings and low level donuts conducted over our residential area for extended hours are debilitating only escape is to vacate our homes and the high decibel levels of 85 measured in my living room precludes me from working from home, especially during meetings.
- ▶ An improved focus on growth and sustainability of current and existing users. Improving on site management
- ▶ No, but do miss the skydivers
- ▶ Please, please change the flight path back to where it was years ago. Despite living near town, not the airport, the consistent low flying aircraft above our house is extremely disruptive and distressing. During the summer, an aircraft flies directly over the house literally every 5 minutes. The peace & quiet and enjoyment of one's yard is non-existent. The flight path used to head away from the densely populated areas.
- ▶ Qualicum woods residents, the other side of village way from us, are the most vocal,
- ▶ however the south side of village way is greatly impacted as well. If the flight path doesn't change, we are seriously considering selling a home we absolutely love. The argument that the airport was there first? That is an extremely short sighted stance. That would only hold true if the town was the of the same population as it was in the 50's when we believe the airport was created. And we will say that we were there before the 20-something young recreational pilots that take no issue with impacting our every day lives with the constant drone of aircraft over our home. Medi-vac flights are not an issue - the constant small aircraft make for a distressing and disruptive existence at home, a place that should be a tranquil haven away from the world's chaos. Please, if you can, help us.
- ▶ At least one more airline and increased flights
- ▶ Alternate airline service than what is presently available
- ▶ I have recently found out about the lead in the fuel used. Please stop this immediately. Sometimes when enjoying the outside, the planes are so loud coming over the house we have to stop talking.
- ▶ The same plane comes over frequently? Flying lessons?
- ▶ Aren't there better muffler systems on these small planes?
- ▶ Minimize unnecessary traffic - in prior years, training seemed to be occurring all the time - need to strike a balance and determine if some training need not occur at an airport close to the community; additional flight/carrier options; even larger restaurant open 7 days a week
- ▶ The airport is good the it is !
- ▶ Insist that the sky-divers conduct their jumps within town of Qualicum beach.
- ▶ I would like to see the shift from using leaded to unleaded gas in the aircrafts that use the airport due to the health risks of leaded gas in the environment of those of us that live in close proximity to the airport including a school
- ▶ More flight options

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- ▶ We live in Qualicum Woods and have noticed that over the past summer the number of planes going over the area has increased significantly. In fact it is just the one plane that repeated flies over the area from early morning until dark. Same route, same plane. The pollution and smell from this small plane is noxious and worrisome. It is spreading noxious lead fumes throughout the neighbourhood where children are playing. There are a number of small parks, and daycares in the area. The children are often outside playing. This small engine plane which appears to be running on leaded fuel is flying repeated over schools and playgrounds, many many times in an hour. Counting one day it appears that it is flying over anywhere between 10 to 20 times an hour over a 10 hour period, every day. There is concern for growing children, infants and toddlers in the area inhaling this noxious lead neurotoxin. Shouldn't the town be monitoring the blood levels of these children if these planes are continuing to fly over this family neighbourhood? Or ideally stop these planes from flying period. This blood monitoring is occurring regularly in other jurisdictions in the us and the UK where there are repeated, constant flights of small planes using leaded fuel. This needs to be addressed before children fall sick with lead intoxication from high blood levels and potential cancer risks.
- ▶ More public benches for watching aircraft traffic.
- ▶ Control of flights over qb especially qual. Woods. Representation @ airport committee from Qualicum woods
- ▶ More hangar space for private planes.
- ▶ Lights turned off at night and put on a call switch for planes. The new lights are incredibly bright in my neighborhood and it impacts my family's quality of life.
- ▶ Continue to upgrade runways and support all required maintenance services
- ▶ No further improvements. The airport is situated in the middle of housing developments with Chartwell and Rupert road in extremely close proximity to the runway. The noise level
- ▶ as well as the dangers of planes coming in and taking off from a low altitude is already very concerning.
- ▶ Final approach has limited menu options
- ▶ Wider runway to accommodate additional aircraft
- ▶ Use some of the land to house public works
- ▶ No - I like it as it is - it is a fabulous facility that we are lucky to have. We are pleased we can fly from QB to Vancouver in 20 minutes!
- ▶ Change the flight plans or follow the previous one to prevent flying over residential areas. Close it to night flights unless there is a medivac or health emergency.
- ▶ Flights to Tofino
- ▶ Removal of lead fuel in smaller planes.
- ▶ Too noisy, hours of operation are too long
- ▶ Aeroplane approach/departure route has changed dramatically over the past several years which directly affects our community in a negative way - noise/pollution. I know flight paths are supposedly the same, but most definitely we did not experience this level of activity several years back....
- ▶ Additional flights to and from the mainland.
- ▶ Less noise
- ▶ Flight times to coincide with yvr departures
- ▶ Perhaps more than one flight service and perhaps car rentals
- ▶ Return of skydiving
- ▶ Expansion of the restaurant
- ▶ Reasonable fees for long-term (2wks+) parking
- ▶ Fewer hovering helicopters
- ▶ I would like to see the sky diving program come back.
- ▶ It's an ideal location to construct pickleball courts.
- ▶ A choice of airline

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- ▶ Bring back the parachute training.
- ▶ Competitive flights and cost
- ▶ Not very much but older aircraft could use some fettling
- ▶ Can't think of any.
- ▶ Bring back the sky divers! This enterprise made our airport "special." PS:)I have no connection to this business.
- ▶ More flight selection
- ▶ The problem is that the airport is in the wrong place. Please stop improving a facility that needs to be relocated!
- ▶ More flight destinations i.e. victoria , and downtown Vancouver
- ▶ Bring back parachuters
- ▶ To many leisure planes fly over Qualicum in the summer.
- ▶ Change location of eagle sculpture to down town area where it can be seen.
- ▶ More flights
- ▶ More frequent air service to more destinations
- ▶ No
- ▶ In its current form the airport meets all of my needs and requirements.
- ▶ More flight options like from Qualicum to victoria
- ▶ De- icing
- ▶ A perimeter boardwalk around the airport with benches for resting or watching air traffic
- ▶ I love our airport just the way it is and love its presence in our community.
- ▶ More hanger spaces, more airlines for commuters
- ▶ Alternate helicopter training times or sites to limit the blocks of time where more than 1/2 of working day is taken up
- ▶ Regulation for use of non-lead fuel for all aircraft
- ▶ Terminal seating
- ▶ Stop flying directly over the most populated areas of Qualicum beach. A few years ago the route was slightly different and it was much quieter. Also, there's a need to switch to unleaded fuel. We don't need the fallout, no matter how small.
- ▶ A regular commercial flight to Vancouver
- ▶ Coffee shop
- ▶ More scheduled flights
- ▶ Need planes flying to more places
- ▶ Flight services
- ▶ Regular flights
- ▶ Additional search and rescue training, flights, flight school. This is a great facility and should be promoted.
- ▶ I can hold like planes to stop using lead fuel. Only unleaded fuel should be used. Lead fuel is a significant health risk to local residents. Less air craft noise by reducing the number of flights and/or changing flight paths over residential areas.
- ▶ The issue of fuel pollution that is used by the smaller planes is detrimental to the health of residents in the Qualicum beach area, how will this be addressed
- ▶ Car rental services
- ▶ Continue training for helicopter and search and rescue especially night time as emergencies are not restricted to daytime.
- ▶ No leaded fuel on airplanes
- ▶ Bring the skydiving program back
- ▶ Impose no-fly zones over residential/school zones and do not allow planes to use leaded fuel
- ▶ Better noise abatement, and a strategy to reduce use of fossil fuel (in part by switching to battery electric aircraft.) I suggest a target of 20% reduction in fuel use by 2030 and 50% reduction by 2035.
- ▶ Services seem adequate
- ▶ There's one particular plane that fly's constantly around and it's often bothersome. Let's ensure the airport is making money.
- ▶ All aircraft required to use lead free fuel
- ▶ Relocate the public works yard to the airport area

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- ▶ Public transit to airport
- ▶ Longer runway to accommodate larger planes.
- ▶ No. I think the airport suffices.
- ▶ Low cost housing
- ▶ Increase amount of general parking and disabled parking spots, including potentially covering several days
- ▶ Iskwew needs later flights from Vancouver leaving after 6 pm.
- ▶ The town could restore oceanside air's privileges in the main airport. What happened to them was avoidable had there been a proper legal agreement with them. They were treated shamefully by the town council
- ▶ I would like to see improved support by the city (both council and residents) for our local airport and aviation services. The community needs to understand the many positives of having a local airport and the importance to the community for its many services. There is a major pilot and aircraft engineer shortage in Canada, and without having small training airports like the one in QB where new pilots and engineers can train, this shortage will grow and will result in fewer and fewer domestic and international flights. Of course, the need to support our airport for medivac and other emergency services such as fire-fighting, should be obvious
- ▶ to all area residents, especially after the Cameron lake fire. The restriction for a landing from the straight-in approach from the east during night is a safety issue when visibility is low. That should be amended.
- ▶ Upgrade the road into the terminal
- ▶ Enforce the noise abatement procedures most pilots use the procedures however some do not
- ▶ More scheduled flights e.g. victoria and port addy
- ▶ Vegetarian food options at the restaurant
- ▶ Warehouses/storage facilities, aeronautical maintenance, residential, public works facilities
- ▶ More scheduled flights- at a reasonable price, more hangar space
- ▶ Canada customs service
- ▶ For a local airport, I think the services and opportunities it provides QB and surrounding area very valuable... It would complement fire suppression efforts in area if needed and distance to travel to Cassidy /port and Comox airports in any emergency or post earthquake situation would add challenges and hopefully runways would not be badly impacted by a major earthquake as few structures in the area
- ▶ None that I can think of
- ▶ Cheaper flights to Vancouver
- ▶ The airport should be closed.
- ▶ Change flight paths to avoid flying directly over densely populated areas like Qualicum woods
- ▶ None
- ▶ Must remain small and for emergency use only and local
- ▶ Should be expanded to include more flights to other communities.
- ▶ More flight options to yvr - making QB airport more inviting for more airlines to provide this service
- ▶ Connecting flights to other bc airports
- ▶ Flight service center with ils
- ▶ Most aircraft engine noise is quite reasonable, but there are one or two local aircraft, perhaps trainers, that are absurdly noisy, slow and repetitive...if these few aircraft issues could be addressed, it would make a real difference.
- ▶ Is there any value in providing round trip flights to victoria two or three times a week?

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- ▶ I would like to see less flights on a weekend. Yesterday on oct 22 between 4pm and 545pm there were 39 overhead fly pasts by it looked like only one or two planes. For that period of time, an hour and 45 min there was only about a 15 min period when I could not hear a plane overhead. I was outside gardening in Qualicum woods and the noise was deafening. Like living near hare airport in Chicago. I think it was likely pilots learning how to fly, land and take off repeatedly. Annoying. They should have to vary their routes over in the other direction some time towards Parksville. If it continues and the routes aren't varied I would like to start a petition for people who live in Qualicum woods to have a 50% reduction in their taxes to compensate to having to put up with this noise. And it is occurring on a weekend when people aren't working and need rest and piece and quiet.
- ▶ Less training flights to reduce the constant noise
- ▶ I feel that the services are likely good. However the negative impact of the loud noise of planes flying over the neighbourhoods and the health risks to children and adults of the leaded fuel used in the small planes. I would like to see the flight paths changed _ away from the school, food farms and residential areas. I would like to see the fuel changed to unleaded fuel.
- ▶ No; keep up the sars training; anything that would facilitate medevacs and emergency response.
- ▶ Change the flight path to what it was before 2016, over Rupert road. It's too noisy in the neighborhood (Qualicum woods) now because of the planes flying overhead. It's not fun/pleasant to be outside in the yard, in the summer with the noisy planes flying overhead. Why are planes allowed to fly at 6:30 in the morning on a long weekend (thanksgiving)???
- ▶ What about the people that work full-time at a job and are trying to catch up on sleep on a long weekend. Otherwise move the airport!
- ▶ Don't fly over the most populated areas. Altitude rules over our houses should be obeyed
- ▶ Offering community wide events
- ▶ Sky diving should end here!!!
- ▶ More tax income producing hangers. A business and aviation orientated city manager
- ▶ I think we are missing some revenue from the air service industry. Many of the companies that service the helicopters and aircraft that fly out of xqu are located off church rd. Why don't we build the infrastructure to have these companies located right at the airport?
- ▶ Float planes on wheels so can land in Vancouver harbour
- ▶ Ban on jet engine aircraft landings at Qualicum airport
- ▶ Not sure
- ▶ More frequent flights to Vancouver (I travelled internationally recently and the latest flight to yvr was 3pm but my onward flight did not leave until 1230am)
- ▶ Improvement: better monitoring on noise abatement and pilot adherence to proper flight path.
- ▶ Services: no
- ▶ More frequent flights, maybe a Calgary option?
- ▶ Airplane parking and tie down area is over grown. Unsafe for aircraft operations. Asphalt needed.
- ▶ There is no direct access to the terminal for general aviation pilots and visitors through the airside doors. Only the airline has access. General aviation visitors cannot get in to the terminal. General aviation pilots/visitors have to use a man gate in the fence away from the terminal. They walk around to the front street side entrance to gain access to the bathrooms and terminal facilities. Foolish practice. Only in cat4."
- ▶ A longer wider runway to accommodate larger aircraft. Airlines such as WestJet could then use the runway. A boost for our tourist industry.
- ▶ Additional training for emergency personnel.
- ▶ Because there are airports fairly close by (Nanaimo and Comox) i feel that the Qualicum beach airport is redundant and disrupts the quiet of our community, especially when there is helicopter training
- ▶ We love the antique airplanes but find that a lot of other airplanes are over the top loud

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- ▶ Exit road is terrible.
- ▶ More airport related businesses should be encouraged to locate at the airport.
- ▶ It's used as a garbage dump. Stop it.
- ▶ Stop doing helicopter repairs and overhauls the test flight should not happen at a residential airport
- ▶ While I'm supportive of training for the medical etc. ...it appears to be excessive and not shared between the other island airports. The noise between regular aircraft and all the training has made it quite uncomfortable to be outside on many many days. This is amplified because we seem to be under the flight paths. In addition why are we allowing jets to come into Qualicum beach? The noise from these planes are excessively loud. There needs to be restrictions on this.
- ▶ It should be used only as a small municipal airport as was intended when the land was acquired. It should not become an industrial site.
- ▶ Used only a an airport
- ▶ We need better services at the airport, more flight possibilities to the mainland, reasonable prices for connections to the mainland.
- ▶ Frequent flights
- ▶ Add a campground !
- ▶ Another air carrier
- ▶ To have a designated flight path not to fly over homes at night
- ▶ Lower air prices
- ▶ Less helicopter training!
- ▶ Another regional airline based there, with more flight options for QB residents and tourists
- ▶ Maybe another airline in addition to current one. As there was in the past.
- ▶ Facilities for overnight pilots, more parking and a bus stop at the airport. Possibly if able, full overnight operations
- ▶ It is adequate
- ▶ No
- ▶ Daily access to terminal. Improved tie down area
- ▶ Assurance of credible businesses. (I lost a lot of money with kd, buying packages, then they never honoured their value., etc. They were not honest with me.)
- ▶ Some of the planes (training or leisure planes) fly too low over the village, and make too much noise.
- ▶ More frequent flights to yvrap
- ▶ I wish the noise issue would go away! People bought their homes knowing they were in the flight path of an airport. We looked at a number of homes moving here and some were in Chartwell and we realized the impact that would make. It did not deter us from buying there, we just couldn't find a home that suited our needs at the time!
- ▶ Breakfast 7 days a week at the final approach again.
- ▶ Aircraft parking and tie down area needs to be paved
- ▶ Another airline so flights are more competitive and wont charge for luggage. They are now charging for luggage as now competition
- ▶ Direct flights to victoria and Vancouver for connecting flights
- ▶ More flights to mainland and victoria would be great
- ▶ Bring the jumpers back
- ▶ The airport needs better air traffic control.
- ▶ Reduce helicopter training where they hover too low over neighbouring homes for hours at a time. Noisy and causes vibrations in house.
- ▶ 1.aircraft inner-field parking.
- ▶ 2.terminal access (direct) from apron 1 to the terminal through the terminal doors.
- ▶ More airside maintenance for aircraft parking areas (drainage and power).
- ▶ It is impossible to build a reasonably priced hangar due to nbc requirements that may not be needed. E.g.: a fabric building, or light steel building, or portable building. These are allowed at other airports. E.g.: port Alberni glider facilities.

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- ▶ The Qualicum beach airport sign needs to be replaced, with the old one or a new updated one, and installed at the entrance to the airport property
- ▶ I understand and agree with scheduled flights throughout the day. However, on sunny days when the skydiving plans and other flights are consistent and one after the other, the noise is incredibly loud. Additionally, the planes fly low and the noise has a significant impact on us. I have a family with a young son and it makes us want to actively avoid spending time outside in our backyard on sunny days. Possibly the improvements could include a limits to the number of flights happening per day.
- ▶ Not at this time
- ▶ A second airline in the foyer area! Bring back the sky divers!
- ▶ Develop airport lands as housing/commercial. Relocate medevac to community centre park.
- ▶ More parking, long term parking
- ▶ I've never been there
- ▶ Air Canada connecting Qualicum beach to Vancouver
- ▶ Parking
- ▶ Not that I can think of at this time
- ▶ I would like to see an increased usage by emergency and security services on a permanent basis as well as increased flights to mainland and island destinations
- ▶ Free parking
- ▶ Air ambulance service.....part of search and rescue !!!
- ▶ More flight options would be great
- ▶ I would like to see the airport once again allow skydiving onto the airport. I believe Qualicum beach would benefit economically from the skydiving tourists. All my neighbours also miss the skydivers.
- ▶ Main road accessing row a and b is messy. Could use a sidewalk now that businesses are accessible on both sides of the road.
- ▶ Concrete storage area is messy. Move to north (away from what is visible from main road.)
- ▶ Car shows, air shows
- ▶ More hanger space.
- ▶ Going by how low and how loud some of the aircraft are that fly over my house toward the airport, an audit of the noise mitigation and altitude rules might be in order.
- ▶ A bit more seating for travellers awaiting departing flights.
- ▶ Nothing I can think of
- ▶ More hangars, better fuel pump, paving aircraft parking area.
- ▶ Regional airline service (Tofino, victoria etc...)
- ▶ Weather cameras for pilots
- ▶ Noise is difficult to ignore because they tend to fly low over homes.
- ▶ Grant approvals faster for more operators to be able to start up. Stay on top of keeping fuel stocked. Start approving hangars to be built. Try to work together with commercial and non commercial operators.
- ▶ Possibly more flights to Vancouver
- ▶ A small alternative coffee shop; shuttle service to town; free parking; more eve parking; local air show; family days
- ▶ More flights
- ▶ Airside terminal access, improved aircraft parking (that doesn't flood in wintertime)
- ▶ Work with airport business/users/pilot communities
- ▶ I would like to see more flight options. I miss kd air. More flight times and competition in pricing for flights.
- ▶ I would like to hear complete and total silence from the Qualicum beach airport.
- ▶ The airport is a small regional airport without support for recreational pilots parking long-term. There is no fbo, hanger parking, or facilities for pilots. However, the airport is charging parking fees as if it were an established commercial airport.
- ▶ Encourage more hangar and aviation related business development.
- ▶ More available land for general aviation hangars

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- ▶ Expanded travel options from the airport.
- ▶ Atis or any other navcanada wx product. More off-lawn airplane parking.
- ▶ More support for the local air services, specifically sar but also airlines. Some subsidization would allow cheaper airfares to and from the mainland.
- ▶ Weather observation typical of an airport i.e. Cycd, cyxx, cyyj etc.
- ▶ Hot water in bathrooms
- ▶ Light industrial activities to bring in more revenue to support the airport.
- ▶ More flight destination options (tofino and victoria for example) and more weekend flight times
- ▶ I would like to see it closed.
- ▶ Extension of hours for commercial flights would allow us to get on/off the island better.
- ▶ Continue to build services such as rescue, helicopter access, cadets. Planes go right over our house and no problem with that. We don't travel but would use service to connect to Vancouver if we did.
- ▶ Services for ga pilots and tourists.
- ▶ Weather station
- ▶ "a) transport providers should have wickets at the terminal.
- ▶ B) flyers (arriving/departing pilots and passengers - i.e. Recognized as "authorized") ought to have safe, easy and efficient ingress/egress to/from tarmac to terminal and back to tarmac area - to encourage access to
- ▶ private personal facilities, air service desks, and final approach, etc."
- ▶ Would like to see the airport grow and expand. More scheduled flight.
- ▶ Paving of small aircraft parking, in front of flying club
- ▶ Increase size for larger planes.
- ▶ I think we should keep and upgrade all our small airports as required for recreational and emergency purposes.
- ▶ Airport days air shows
- ▶ Aircraft field parking, terminal building access from apron, trees on approach need trimming.
- ▶ Lower the noise.
- ▶ Wait lounge could be better, more seating and space.
- ▶ More hangar spaces for personal use
- ▶ Runway lights to extend hours of use for medevac etc.
- ▶ More options to fly to other locations. Increased chatter options to spur tourism in the area.
- ▶ None that I can think of.
- ▶ More flights
- ▶ More small airlines, more competition.
- ▶ I don't know enough.
- ▶ More flights
- ▶ Expansion of services.
- ▶ I would like to see the airport convert to electric planes, or hydrogen, for at least short haul flights.
- ▶ Garbage pickup at the hangars and flying club.
- ▶ Services are adequate. Don't know of any needed improvements.
- ▶ Ignore the naysayers.
- ▶ Coffee shop
- ▶ Its great as is!
- ▶ None that I can think of.
- ▶ Less nonmedical helicopters and stop using the airport for repairs and testing of helicopters.
- ▶ There many other places to do this like out along hwy 19.
- ▶ Paved parking for visiting and local aircraft
- ▶ More frequent travel times
- ▶ Gift shop; updated mats and regularly washed carpet; repaired locks on bathroom stalls.
- ▶ More scheduled daily & weekly flights
- ▶ Keep the medical services.
- ▶ No comment.

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- ▶ I think helicopter training should be different. I think it should be based there but the constant lift off and landing does not need to be done there. It could be done at a very remote site that would not be bothersome to locals.
- ▶ None really
- ▶ More flights and activities to do for tourists.
- ▶ More frequent and economical flights to Vancouver
- ▶ None
- ▶ A great improvement would be if you could please reduce the number of helicopter training flights and spread it out with other airports in the vicinity.
- ▶ Have more regional carriers. There are many helicopter ports in the area that people may misinterpret the noise coming from these helicopter ports operate at all hours.
- ▶ Ongoing maintenance & repair
- ▶ No paid parking. Given the abundance of available land around the airport I don't see the need for something that ends up discouraging the use of this valuable asset.
- ▶ Inhouse reception for info and security (senior volunteer)
- ▶ Fewer flights
- ▶ An instrument landing system for use in poor weather
- ▶ Ensure charter flights adhere to flight corridors during takeoff and approach.
- ▶ Like to see another airline included.
- ▶ If they could not gun their engines when taking off, so much,
- ▶ And don't drone around once up.
- ▶ No private planes over Qualicum, but I support medical, firefighting and military.
- ▶ No
- ▶ All airlines use the main building. Less helicopter training.
- ▶ More flights and more competition -? Two different airlines like there used to be, offering a variety of routes.
- ▶ Disallow the plane with the loud engine. Plane is used for sky diving.
- ▶ Charter service restored after being illegally shut down.
- ▶ More and reasonably priced flights to yvr
- ▶ Better flight connections to the mainland and victoria
- ▶ Beautiful municipal airport.
- ▶ I'd like to see more positive comments in the newspaper about how helicopter pilots retrain in the spring. The town especially the mayor's office should be high lighting this accomplishment service especially given the valuable service helicopter pilots provide during forest fire season! Stand proud Qualicum!
- ▶ More airline options.
- ▶ I'd like to see more industry and more aviation businesses, for instance more tourist based flying tours and short trips, to take visiting guests out on, showcasing our beautiful area from the air.
- ▶ More service options.
- ▶ More services, gas station, store
- ▶ More flights and skydiving
- ▶ Keep it small or the same size.
- ▶ More flight choices
- ▶ More scheduled flights
- ▶ Change flight path to avoid flying over neighborhoods. Accountability for noise abatement breaches.
- ▶ I would like to see the public works yard moved out to the airport.
- ▶ Upgrade the entrance with nicer landscaping, better sign and lighting at nite.
- ▶ More flights later and earlier in the day
- ▶ Require planes to travel over nonpopulated communities not over the center of Qualicum woods. They are way too low and too noisy
- ▶ Dim the extremely bright lights.
- ▶ We would like to see the town invest in the asset, paved parking aprons/t-hangers etc.
- ▶ No flights before 7:30 am or after 7 pm.

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- ▶ More opportunities for the public to provide feedback to council on issues of concern to residents, and council acknowledging that as a publicly funded community asset increased consideration of the impact on area residents by the town should be adopted
- ▶ I would like to see the 'jumpers' back. A disgrace they had to move and land elsewhere.
- ▶ Terminal access (coded) from the apron 7 days.
- ▶ U get a restaurant, and parking.. That's it.
- ▶ We loved watching the sky drivers! Would love to see them return.
- ▶ More flight options.
- ▶ More flights to the mainland with lower rates
- ▶ None at this time.
- ▶ The best use of the land would be a light industry park that would produce more economic benefits without the air and noise pollution. Aviation is a huge polluter. We try to drive our cars less and it seems silly to watch light aircraft going round and round in the circuit for hours.
- ▶ More social media and travel announcements and opportunities.
- ▶ None that I can think of right now.
- ▶ More flights
- ▶ A more welcoming environment for the public, e.g., airport days; open houses, etc.
- ▶ A covered area with a bench for watching aircrafts, as not to be in the full sun on a hot day.
- ▶ I would like to see more competition return to the airport when operations are conducive.
- ▶ Change approach and landing circuit. Planes travel to low danger to neighbourhood residence, planes to takeoff and make a turn to the south avoiding residential neighbourhoods sooner or later there will be a disaster. Residents are on edge. Flight training should not take place at this airport.
- ▶ Having 2 airlines would be good... More choice and competitive pricing.
- ▶ A proper walkway around the perimeter paved for seniors' walkers and canes with benches (donated by the community members in memory of is fine, QB pays is fine too)
- ▶ The eagle statue needs to be accessible. Maybe inside the foyer?
- ▶ It was better before you 'improved' the parking and started charging for parking.
- ▶ Trim trees off of threshold of runway 29.
- ▶ The airport is fine as is. We are finding the noise level from planes & helicopters over the town has increased substantially in the past year or two.
- ▶ We would like to see the airshow come back!
- ▶ It works well as it is. Leave it alone.
- ▶ Perhaps a second air service - I recently had to wait over 4 hours from arrival at yvr until the next flight to QB.
- ▶ Ability to take commercial flights.
- ▶ Dash 8 out of that location.
- ▶ I feel the works yard should be moved to the airport to make room for the Qualicum beach multi-use cinema which is on the official community plan. The airport property is less than five minutes to town so this would be a good spot for the works yard.
- ▶ Possible flights to Seattle or other airports in USA.
- ▶ Additional flight options.
- ▶ If there is going to be more air flight traffic, the position of the airport is too close to Qualicum and development near by.
- ▶ More connections to yvr would be an asset; more space for the restaurant and a viewing area would be nice.
- ▶ Coffee shop and more displays local artists and points of local interest
- ▶ Better aircraft equipment and much more competitive air fares.
- ▶ No - happy with the current services.
- ▶ For a small airport I feel it does the job as is.
- ▶ More flights
- ▶ Some long-term car parking facilities

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- ▶ Not presently. I think it is a wonderful offering for our community; in size, space, and convenience.
- ▶ Maybe update the paint job? Love, love, love the new parking lot.
- ▶ Actual adherence to the noise abatement policy. The helicopter noise is unrelenting when training is in session. We don't mind brief noises (like airplanes taking off or landing) but helicopters just make a lot of noise, on and on and on.
- ▶ Bring back the skydivers; don't listen the vocal few who complain after all they moved next to an airport!!!!
- ▶ Being moved farther out.
- ▶ Climate sensitive flying options - are there electric planes?
- ▶ Another choice of airline like oceanside air.
- ▶ Additional flights if possible.
- ▶ Reduce noise levels, eliminate low flying helicopters, restrict planes from taking and landing on Courtney side of runway. Parksville side of runway is over a field. Can't something be done to encourage that direction?
- ▶ Perhaps a gas station.
- ▶ More flights. We have looked at flight schedules for several trips but didn't find the times we needed to connect to yvr flights.
- ▶ More flight options to Vancouver, Edmonton.
- ▶ Meeting room rentals.
- ▶ More flight options.
- ▶ Happy with the service, business travel convenience, and location!
- ▶ Encourage more sars and helicopter training.
- ▶ None. I believe that the airport is a valuable asset to the community.
- ▶ Recognition and maintenance of the perimeter trails.
- ▶ Have the planes fly towards Arrowsmith mountain and not so low over the houses. Also not repeated landings as the noise level is very high and too low the planes.
- ▶ I am just grateful that we have a training centre here.
- ▶ More small industries.
- ▶ Good as is. Must not be removed!
- ▶ Regularly scheduled flights at a cost comparable with scheduled float planes out of Nanaimo.
- ▶ Shuttle bus into town.
- ▶ More comfortable waiting area, more free parking.
- ▶ Medi-vac helicopter should be based at the airport.
- ▶ Direct flights to Victoria.
- ▶ Stop being a taxpayer funded boys club.
- ▶ Tours. Advertising of tourist flights and all flights other than Vancouver.
- ▶ Does developer have their eye on this property? I sure hope not. Please don't sell what QB is valued for.
- ▶ I usually do not want the treed area.

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Question 12: Please use the space below to provide any additional comments.

- ▶ Noise abatement policies are not being followed or regulated. Airport is a current financial drain on our town and if the goal is to expand the airport facilities and increase flights, you better get the noise abatement policies figured out first.
- ▶ By redirecting flights towards mount arrow smith rather than over residential areas it will reduce noise levels so the public will not complain about the noise levels
- ▶ We notice increased noise level with the smaller planes (flight school).
- ▶ Fuel changed to unleaded.
- ▶ All in all, I am quite satisfied. Leave well enough.
- ▶ I am very concerned about the treed area on the south side of the airport. I consider it essential for the watershed values for French creek. The creek is very stressed and over water licensed so the trees on the south side are essential.
- ▶ Neighbours who've lived here longer than we have speak proudly of the sky diving they used to see but was fermented. Many of our citizens are very happy with the airport. We should be proud of our dear little airport and the important services it provides. Ex. Emergency training. So what if there are several helicopters in flight on Thursdays? It gives us an opportunity to feel like stars in a mash episode.
- ▶ Change flight path away from Qualicum woods.
- ▶ I moved here in the summer. I was a bit disappointed with the volume of low-flying planes. Oh well. If any future change in flight path could happen instead of directly overhead, that would be much appreciated.
- ▶ More flight frequency and availability combined with some clever marketing could greatly increase use and usefulness, especially for remote workers who need to visit head offices or clients elsewhere. Don't just think Qualicum and Parksville customers. Potential ad campaign. Tired of being fogged in at Nanaimo?
- ▶ Try QB airport for a better chance of getting where you have to be.
- ▶ I listed my additional comments and concerns earlier. Summary: limit aircraft, vary flight paths and consider the environmental issues these crafts are adding to global pollution and climate change.
- ▶ I am a strong supporter of the airport - disclaimer, 21 yrs. air force, we built our home in 2010 at the corner of bennet & view. The flight path goes directly over our property and we are not bothered by airplane noise because we insulated the roof at r60. I attended the second public meeting, but chose not to make my comments public, however, I would like someone to contact me, as I had submitted a lengthy letter to town council a few years back. Residents banded together at the time to challenge council's plans for the south airport lands- our mla was involved in this, and our concerns went to the minister, who ruled in our favour. Please call me to discuss further input.
- ▶ International flights leave Vancouver very early in the morning. It is an easy convenience to fly from our airport to the south terminal the day before, have a free shuttle to the international airport where you can get a free shuttle to overnight in a nearby hotel, which also provides the early morning free shuttle to catch the international flight. It's a wonderful convenience! Additionally, the final approach restaurant is well-run and it's a pleasure to take visitors there for a novel dining experience.
- ▶ I like the airport, can get noisy though with increased traffic.
- ▶ Final approach restaurant is an asset to the airport for residents and tourists and all commuters. Airport great for flying our grandkids over from mainland.
- ▶ Stop using leaded fuel in planes! It's not good for our health.
- ▶ I did not know about the public meetings until that were over. I future please try to make these important meetings better advertised.

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- ▶ I feel lucky to have such a facility so close to home. Yes, on a nice day it's a bit noisy but it doesn't bother me. I'd rather have that noise than cars roaring along village way.
- ▶ I support the town maintaining the airport and would like to see unleaded fuel used.
- ▶ The survey is skewed, and the questions are evidently designed to elicit desired responses. The QB airport inconveniences many more residents than it can ever assist. Residents under flight paths know that. If noise abatement is currently undertaken, as claimed, it is unsuccessful. Municipal officials are responsible for providing and monitoring services available to residents. Unlike many municipal services, very few residents' lives would be affected if the airport disappeared. The negative effects on the environment from the use of fossil fuels in small aircraft, along with the noise pollution, should govern municipal decision-making.
- ▶ The noise from the flight school affects the quality of life and will have a negative affect on the property values of several QB neighbourhoods. Even the enjoyment of qb's gem, the heritage forest, is affected by this noise.
- ▶ I live on tamarack drive. The noise from take offs and landings is often quite loud, some planes worse than others. If the airport is ever increased in size, I fear the noise will become unbearable.
- ▶ Qualicum beach is a population with a lot of elderly. Not everyone uses technology or has cell phones or is on social media. More advertisement in local newspaper or grocery stores etc. Would be fantastic if restaurant ..final approach could make outside patio dog friendly. I would go to restaurant more often as I could go for an hour hike with dog and then stop at restaurant for lunch or dinner with my dog.
- ▶ Twin engine aircraft (scheduled?) Deviate from approach/takeoff path over Qualicum woods homes immediately prior to landing or immediately after takeoff. Being at low altitude the noise generated makes it impossible to carry on a conversation in the yard during these events.
- ▶ We were made aware of this survey through a concerned citizen who went door to door. There should have been letters sent to each household to inform us of the public meetings and the survey. We do not receive the physical paper, and very seldom read it online.
- ▶ We live on juniper drive with a baby and toddler. The planes fly so low sometimes our house vibrates. It's horrible and extremely disruptive to my babies sleep. I also feel the fumes the airplanes are releasing cannot, at all, be good for my little ones who are in their most crucial stages of development! I strongly disapprove of this airport as it is because the noise is so disruptive to listen to continuously throughout the day and late into the evening. I would imagine any expansion to the airport would also decrease the value of our homes because of the increase in noise and frequency of the planes. I believe the entire community will be petitioning against any expansion as we would like to see the airport moved or shut down as it is.
- ▶ Airport was there first you want build beside an air don't complain. We moved here a little over a year ago from Victoria, specifically for an improved quality of life. In most respects, our expectations have been met, except for one. Though we were aware of the airport being only a few km away and are normally very tolerant of reasonable noise from such activities, we did not expect the high number of planes flying near or over our house with such high frequency and high noise levels, especially during summer months. Our understanding is that there has been a recent significant increase in air traffic, primarily due to repeated take-offs and landings from flight training exercises. This is greatly impacting the peace and quality of life in our neighbourhood. We want to be good community members and neighbours, but we feel this level of constant noise throughout the day is unreasonable and should not be tolerated. We expect the town council, the airport management, and Nav Canada to find a quick resolution to this issue. Thanks.
- ▶ As a resident of Qualicum woods, I've never been bothered by noise of planes.
- ▶ Tired of the noise.

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- ▶ Don't want low-cost housing on this land.
- ▶ Regularly scheduled flights and private planes coming to visit the town are not the problem, but everything else that is destroying the peace and quiet needs relocating.
- ▶ Proximity to community and airstrip direction is not conducive to an increase in capacity or scope of services. Training flights are more frequent, bothersome, and potentially more dangerous than passenger air traffic given the community proximity. Flight training should be considered in areas that are more remote to urban areas.
- ▶ Paths around the airport should be upgraded to all-weather. They could be an excellent community amenity and connect to other formal and informal walking paths in the area. They would also improve access to those interested in viewing airport activities (planes taking off/landing, etc.) and walking to amenities like the final approach restaurant and future commercial development.
- ▶ No more flight school! No flight schools period!!! Get rid of them. That plane is horrendous
- ▶ I have noticed a definite increase in the summer of small planes. There are a few small planes (especially the pontoon planes) that are very loud, but none are as annoying as the flight school plane.
- ▶ It would be useful for you to provide some info re financial advantages to the town, e.g. What do taxpayers pay to operate the airport presently? Also change question re medevac landings and training services, it confuses usefulness of medevac with the noise and disruption of training which could be shared with other airports.
- ▶ Question 6 seems to be a trick question. It combines 2 issues, emergency preparedness and flight training. When I was trained in creating surveys for statistical purposes, such a question would have received a failing grade.
- ▶ I wasn't aware of any communication about the airport prior to this - only saw the survey when I was at town hall paying my utility bill. Do not want to see any increased air traffic at QB airport - increased noise from planes flying overhead would negatively impact my quality of life and mental health.
- ▶ Convenience is good but quality is poor. It used to be better but has deteriorated.
- ▶ Bottom line: how much does the airport cost the town of QB per year (tax payer)? Also, who else contributes to the airport operational costs (do Parksville and the RDN contribute)?
- ▶ I have lived under the incoming flight path for over 30 years. Except for the occasional over-zealous and loud aircraft/pilots it is pretty routine.
- ▶ Please investigate alternative fuel solutions and implement them.
- ▶ I am occasionally bothered by noise of low flying helicopters, and miss seeing the jumpers overhead (and hearing them too!) now that has been moved to arbutus meadows .
- ▶ I am thankful for our little airport, especially the fact that SAR is there now, which we appreciate.
- ▶ Would like to use this airport but never any flights when I look, more options should be available.
- ▶ This summer was awful, 1 very noisy plane seemed to practice take off and landing all summer long. The helicopter training sessions were painful as well. I would rather see the airport close down entirely than be used in this manner.
- ▶ Noise abatement plan does not work. The flight school constantly takes off and lands and it has a very noisy plane. It should not be permitted to operate.
- ▶ We live near the airport but are not in the town (rdn) so do not frequent the town website. A notice in the newspaper is a good place for us to receive info on meetings re: the airport etc.
- ▶ I believe the airport is an asset as a transportation hub and a private aviation facility. As a flight training center it becomes a liability that produces extreme noise pollution from constant low altitude flyovers of populated areas of Qualicum beach

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- ▶ I support development restricted to the northern and western airport lands adjacent to Rupert rd. The south airport lands should be left as it is.
- ▶ Too much time given to people who complain about "airport noise". We chose to live in Chartwell because we like living near an airport.
- ▶ Too many planes flying directly over town with no purpose other than to sight-see.
- ▶ At 1,000 -2,500 ft these small planes are far too noisy
- ▶ If there were occasional flights over town and the beach I wouldn't be bothered but this past year has been especially busy and therefore very noisy.
- ▶ Commercial flights and medi-vac are ok because they fly in a direct line and they're not too frequent. The private planes circle and around and go back and forth creating a constant noise.
- ▶ In speaking with the airport manager I understand that the airport is not even breaking even. Why are we subsidizing noise? The airport needs to stop private flights and no more money to be spent on this airport!
- ▶ Noise is an issue that some people are most concerned about. I cannot speak to the issue of helicopter noise but I can offer a pilot's perspective on the noise made by fixed wing aircraft. There is a much reduced noise level as planes land. This is because the power is pulled back to reduce speed as the plane descends. The plane must descend on a precise glide path (about 3 degrees). It cannot drop quickly from the wrong height and make the runway and stop in the length available. The most noise comes from the take off when the engine is at full power. The pilot needs to get above 1,000 feet quickly in case the engine fails. Above 1,000 feet the pilot may be able to glide back to the airport. Less than 1,000 feet and the pilot is searching quickly for a field to land in. Let me stress, pilots do not want to be any lower to the ground than is necessary. It is dangerous. So, the runway direction is fixed, take off and landing procedures are governed by regulations and aircraft performance. Until we have electric motors on general aviation aircraft, noise is a function of living near an airport. I do not have a problem with the increased air traffic it goes hand in hand with more people and tourism to Qualicum beach. I do object to unleaded fuel being used, the flight paths taken and the very noisy float planes that do have an option to be a bit quieter it has been observed.
- ▶ People should not buy properties if they can't take the noise lets be real here you live next to an airport.
- ▶ I'm very grateful for the airport and appreciate the town's commitment to finding grants to offset costs to taxpayers.
- ▶ It appears that over the past several years money has been spent by the town to navigate many options to improve the use of the airport yet despite community and user feedback no advancements are made. We sit here yet again going through another assessment and spending more money but I question if the town will actually move forward with any recommendations.
- ▶ Disappointed skydive Vancouver Island are no longer allowed to land at the airport. We enjoyed watching them and hearing their joy and excitement.
- ▶ Airport is a great asset for Qualicum beach.
- ▶ Please change the flight path away from downtown, ideally south where there is a less dense population. Please try and understand how the constant noise impacts our lives. Again, medical and fire training are not a problem.
- ▶ There is a disproportionate amount of airplane noise given the size of QB. The airplanes seem to fly directly over the town - some days as frequently as every few minutes for the majority of the day. This is extremely disruptive to those who don't enjoy the sound of air traffic, and there is nowhere within QB that you can escape the noise.
- ▶ Q b is a wonderful place to live, having an airport is great, but with urban sprawl, more and more planes are landing and especially the very noisy take-offs. In summer it is sometimes so busy. With the pollution it causes over our homes, I worry about our health.

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- ▶ On town communications, should make clear what the town's jurisdiction is over the activities at the airport, what activities are being permitted and why, and if there is a financial benefit. Has not always been clear. Some minimize noise issues for residents living nearby, but any increase in activity should be fully considered and explained.
- ▶ Currently the sky diving operation disembarks and lands from QB airport and travel to airspace over south Parksville and Nanoose to unload their customers over arbutus meadows, Nanoose. During this process the pilots circle
- ▶ continuously over south Parksville/Nanoose area as they gain altitude which causes a continuous obnoxious disturbing noise level to those residents in their drop-zone area. On a sunny day this starts at about 10:00am and continues until dusk, over and over with two or more planes with excessively loud engines as they gain altitude. The peace and quiet of the residents below is impacted on a daily basis. Not to mention the impact of excessive ghg's discharged for "non-essential" activity as compared to legitimate travel. Also a van has to travel from the airport to the drop zone to pick up the parachutists spewing more ghg's for non-essential transport. This is an ecological and irresponsible nightmare created by an airport not located in the victims neighbourhood.
- ▶ I love that our town has an airport. My 82-year-old mom has used the flight services many times. I like knowing if I need to get off the island quickly I can.
- ▶ Restaurant is a well-run asset to community
- ▶ Could helicopter pilots approach the airport at higher elevations to prevent soundwaves that cause paintings to vibrate on the walls of my home in Qualicum woods? Could the pilots a higher vertical descent directly over the airport rather than a lower horizontal descent over the town?
- ▶ The town needs to stop trying to plan uses for the airport that aren't related like housing or emergency shelters. The forest behind the airport is a wonderful natural space that should be protected as it is, perhaps adding some more trails for walking and bikes.
- ▶ It would be nice if you recognized that the ""noise abatement"" over Chartwell means that people in my neighborhood (who don't happen to live in the Qualicum beach boundaries or vote for town council) get the noise instead."
- ▶ Great airport with excellent services to the mainland by iskewew air and their staff.
- ▶ If people move into a home near the airport, they should be aware that they are buying a home near the airport!! If the noise bothers you, you should have note moved there.
- ▶ We hear plans often - does not bother us at all.
- ▶ Aircraft from this airport continually fly and circle low over residences in town. There is a great deal of noise - clearly audible inside residences. They should be flying over Rupert road not village way. The above activities routinely happen at night disturbing the peace of the evening. There appears to be no proper insurance plan in place to protect the taxpayers of Qualicum beach in the event of lawsuits arising out of crashes: catastrophic loss or injuries.
- ▶ Would like to see more control over flight paths. Would like to see 2 airlines. Would like to see electric planes.
- ▶ I would like the use of leaded fuel in planes to no longer be used. This is a huge huge health hazard on top of the pollution cause by burning in our neighbourhood, smoke from chimneys.
- ▶ We live in the Qualicum woods neighbourhood and have small airplanes flying overhead very frequently, particularly noticeable in the summer. The frequency is such that visitors comment on how noisy it is. We support the airport but are concerned that small plane pilots are not following the flight path regulations and taking "short cuts" by turning over our neighbourhood rather than flying toward downtown before turning. Come on folks, follow your own flight path regulations and give us a break. The very worst offenders are the float planes that produce so much noise as they short cut overhead at very low elevation. I have often thought of taking photos of the planes that fly so low overhead that identification is easily made. Are there any penalties for those

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pilots who persist in not following the correct flight path?

- ▶ The airport is an extremely valuable asset. Airport noise is minimal considering proximity to town/Eaglecrest/Chartwell. We are so fortunate to have medevac options, search and practice exercises. Peace of mind knowing we have a strong transportation corridor.
- ▶ Too noisy, too disruptive, too dangerous, too little ongoing consultation with the public and especially nearby neighbours. The land could be put to better use.
- ▶ I do not appreciate the helicopter training.
- ▶ It is very intrusive into a peaceful enjoyment of my home. It has no place whirring for hours and days over a residential area."
- ▶ Noise and lead reductions please
- ▶ As a resident of Chartwell, having such an airport in close proximity is a huge benefit to the community. I bought the home knowing exactly where the airport was, and I chose my location for many reasons. The noise is minimal and the benefits far outweigh the odd grumbings from helicopter traffic. Friends and family use the airport to visit from the mainland as it is a great value and convenience.
- ▶ This survey could be skewed, because those that 'hate' the airport will, no doubt, be more prone to answering it -- in as negative a way as possible...?
- ▶ The most irritating noise problem comes from the helicopter training as the machines tend to hover over the housing area, taking off and landing multiple times during a one-day period. The noise disrupts the enjoyment of my yard and garden and forces me indoors for any of my activities during that training period.
- ▶ We live in Chartwell. We are very happy to be close to the airport. We walk there regularly and watch the activities. We miss the skydiving. We have no issues about noise generated by planes, helicopters and skydivers. Please do not let the negative attitude of a few individuals result in limitation of the economic and recreational benefits of our airport. Eaglecrest residents receive info via their residents' association newsletter about upcoming helicopter training. As a Chartwell. Resident, I would appreciate similar notifications.
- ▶ Other than hovering helicopters, I find the airport to be a good neighbour to Chartwell and appreciate what it has to offer.
- ▶ Great restaurant, bring back sky diving and if you did not know an airport might be noisy you should not have bought into the area
- ▶ It took me about 5 minutes to actually find this survey on the town website. When you know where to look it's a quick - click - click - click to get there. Perhaps for those who don't know where to look having a one click spot with a link to the survey on the home page. The town has a wonderful page for the memorial golf course. The initial pop up that you see when going to the website features the day's news. This would be great to have as a side bar or even a pop up when you visit the town's website. Include those things that you want public feedback on instead of burying it within the pages of the website.
- ▶ Previous proposals for light industry/office use on land with noise and odor restrictions would bring employment and young families. Also bring back the parachute's which were a good tourist attraction.
- ▶ I love that we have the helicopters here and would like that to continue.
- ▶ Keep the airport those that don't like it could always move.
- ▶ Please don't listen to the complainers. We need the airport and the noise is very minor.
- ▶ The airport is a valuable service for training, travel, and recreation. How excellent it is to travel to yvr in 25 min. ! Living near an airport logically and realistically brings a measure of noise, just as living near a school does. I believe these complaints are unjustified - and I have perfect hearing.
- ▶ We have a jewel of an airport and we need to keep it for now and into the future. I feel for neighbouring households, but the airport was there first....
- ▶ The airport is a great asset to the town.

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- ▶ I believe that the airport is essential for medevac, search and rescue and transportation. I think that many aircraft companies have had to leave Qualicum beach due to complaints of noise. Living in a house near the airport residents should be well aware that the aircraft make noise. I appreciate this survey so I can voice my absolute support the airport and all aircraft that fly in and out of the airport.
- ▶ I don't need to be educated about the value of an airport. I've travelled extensively for many years. I need this airport to be moved to accommodate a beautiful, environmentally conscious community.
- ▶ Airport and various related functions (SAR, cadets, special events, restaurant are desirable contributors to QB.
- ▶ As far as I know there is only one airline in operation and it flies to the south terminal in Vancouver, it is not easy to access that terminal and take smore time than the ferry, plus it costs \$150 each way. Not a good choice, although they do have great service.
- ▶ We have only been in the neighbourhood for 3 years. We don't mind the noise level at the moment and understand the importance of the training (i.e. SAR) but hope that it does not increase. Over the years though there seem to be a lot more private planes landing here I notice that it has been in some cases just a touch and go landing strip.
- ▶ This airport has been in existence for many years before a lot of the houses in the area. If you buy a home near an airport you must expect some degree of noise. The importance of having an airport for medical evacuation purposes and for help with fire fighting and other emergency situations cannot be emphasized enough. Personally I feel council spends a lot of time and money responding to the Qualicum beach complainers who realistically are in the minority. This time and money would be better spent on trying to entice doctors to our area. There are more people disadvantaged by the lack of doctors than annoyed by street lights and airport noise.
- ▶ There are excessive number of private plane flights over the town. We are subjected to constant engine noise most days of the summer, especially Friday thru Sunday. Our town is used as a sight seeing venue and for private pilots to 'get in their hours' to maintain their licenses. We're ok with commercial and medical flights that use the runway take-off vector that avoids the town's built-up areas. But the constant noise from aircraft is too much and I object to having my tax dollars spent on inundating me with 'pleasure' noise.
- ▶ The multiple daily flights between the mainland and the Qualicum airport have been amazing. It provides the ability for me to make a quick trip to come to the community and visit family and relatives that live there. Without the airport I wouldn't be able to visit the community as often due to the other travel options that take significantly longer to travel on.
- ▶ Qualicum airport if utilized correctly could be a centre for a wider range of inter island travel options.
- ▶ We have an opportunity to make use of the land around the airport and the town has done nothing other than cut down a few blackberry bushes and then block access. A multi use boardwalk walker and wheelchair friendly would be a unique addition to QB.
- ▶ I love the wonderful service that our airport provides! It has very important value to me.
- ▶ As I understand there is very limited and expensive hanger leases available. Is it not possible to build and lease more hangers? Also what is with the new flood lights which are on 24/7? Can they be remotely turned on when needed like runway lights?
- ▶ Living near an airport (1 km) can at some times be bothersome but it goes with the territory and we accept that.
- ▶ No additional housing of any kind. Move works yard to airport, develop these lands close to town + services for affordable + supportive housing.
- ▶ Really miss having the sky diving landing site near by. Always exciting and entertaining to see them in the sky. And, it was evidence that the airport grounds were seeing a variety of uses.

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- ▶ Also miss having the helicopters around. Sure, there was a noisy day now and then, but, to me, it was a sign that a vibrant business was at work in the community.
- ▶ I hate to think that a very small, vocal minority may have influence way out of proportion to their numbers. Somebody complained; we must change. Not a good way to do business. May garner somebody a vote or two but not good for QB."
- ▶ Flights in and out of Qualicum are essential.
- ▶ Walking trails - these are so appreciated and loved by us and our neighbours as a community gem. Thank you, please don't change them. They are a big part of the reason we live here.
- ▶ Training - the fixed wing aircraft noise levels are fine, no issues there, even during really morning run-ups. It's the helicopters training that is too loud and obnoxious. The noise from the helicopters is unnerving at its essence and especially when undertaking different training exercises, e.g. When the helicopter dives. This affects not just the immediate surrounding neighbourhood, but further too, like Qualicum woods area."
- ▶ This airport is a great asset to the community.
- ▶ The use of lead fuel is very concerning. This has significant health implications on residents of all ages. Eliminating the use of lead fuel is something the city should be proactive in implementing for the safety, health, and well being of all residents of all ages. It's inexcusable in this day and age for lead fuel to be used especially given the known health risks of lead. Take care of your citizens.
- ▶ The population of Qualicum has increased significantly in the past three years, with many using the airport facilities to commute to the mainland on a regular basis, we need more than one airline to support this , how will the town engage with other airlines to support this need.
- ▶ The airport is a valuable resource for Qualicum beach and oceanside and should continue to be supported by council and the community.
- ▶ Improve our air quality is important
- ▶ "it is disturbing the level of airplane noise that is occurring in Qualicum woods.
- ▶ During this past week, there were over 35 flights over the neighbourhood in a 2 hour period, this occurred on Monday. On Thursday, during a one hour period there were over 21 flights circling around. This is occurring during the week, every day of the week continuously from 8am till dark. Even today on a Saturday during a short dog walk around my house there were a total of 8 flights in a 15 min period. Later this afternoon, while out in the garden during an hour period again over 20 flights. This is excessive, incessant, constant and uncomfortable to the ears to hear the airplane engine noise and the revving of the engine that occurs. The flight path is always the same, out to the ocean and back, always over Qualicum woods, always over the same houses. The same plane is going constantly all day just stopping to land and then take off again repeatedly. This is constant. There is only a period of a few minutes during the hour that one cannot hear these planes. This is a clear violation of the noise bylaw as it disturbing and interfering with the peace and quiet in the ear and the enjoyment of the area that existed prior to these flight training sessions. Why even bother having a noise bylaw when the town is clearly violating their own bylaws. When this singular plane goes over one has to shout in the backyard to communicate. Also, it must be particularly awful for those on shift work who are trying to sleep as the noise is clearly loudly audible even inside the house.

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- ▶ Was an assessment of this training done from the point of view of noise in the area prior to signing this contract? Was an environmental assessment done prior, were the citizens of Qualicum woods informed prior to this that the plane would be circling the neighbourhood several hundred times in a day every day including weekends. And who is benefitting from this contract. Certainly not the citizens who pay taxes in Qualicum woods. There are many people who have retired here from large noisy cities and chose Qualicum beach as it was a quiet peaceful town. The amount of airplane noise we are having to ensure in intolerable and unacceptable. Why are we doing so much training of pilots here? We derive no benefit from it. These training pilots shouldn't be flying above neighbourhoods with children playing on the street. The training should be occurring over areas of limited population or no population what soever. The airplane noise here in little Qualicum beach far exceeds that of the larger Nanaimo and Comox airports that certainly have fewer flights overhead per hour than what we are experiencing here.
- ▶ Again, who decided on this contract? Who is responsible for this foolhardy decision.
- ▶ Clearly many people in the area are furious about this.
- ▶ Should this situation not resolve soon, it will likely become a political matter and likely a legal one."
- ▶ This little airport is a benefit to the community and is a steady employer for a number of various trades
- ▶ I am surprised leaded fuel is used in the small planes . Is there a reason for this? Also the noise level over Qualicum woods is increasing . Can something be done do rectify this matter?
- ▶ Better promoting of the airport and it's services
- ▶ I appreciate this effort by the town to get public inputAfter the summer of fires and road closures to port Alberni it is evident that this airport is an important link should there be other unforeseen events that would effect our area. We need to look after ourselves as best we can with what we already have and support this important mode of transportation that keeps us connected to the mainland and other parts of our island.
- ▶ It is important to keep our airport for emergency reasons in addition to travel and training. Supply of goods and services.
- ▶ Great resource that should be accentuated.
- ▶ I would not like to the an expansion of the airport for larger aircraft
- ▶ Build it bigger so that a Boeing 737 could land and take off.
- ▶ Given the promise of the town to reduce carbon emissions 50% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, any expansion of airport services seems problematic and counter to our progress. I would much rather see investments in clean forms of transportation.
- ▶ Keep the 10%ters where they are, at 10%- - - please !!
- ▶ Before the airport was paved there was unwritten agreement between pilots that no one would take off and fly over town, just out of consideration to the people Qualicum. Narcissism is well entrenched, prove me wrong.
- ▶ I love the convenience of an airport in QB, however I believe many travellers are deterred because of the cost. Perhaps some competition for this service would help alleviate this problem.
- ▶ Continued improvement and maintenance of the airport enhances services and desirability of the town, as well as helps to grow our town. So, it is a huge asset to us all.
- ▶ The airport enables me to hold a professional position while living in the area due to having local flight options available to me.
- ▶ This airport is so important to the oceanside communities. And the current council should expect Parksville city to step up and provide some funding
- ▶ The information on the website is informative; however, the FAQs are a little out of date.
- ▶ Glad we have the airport
- ▶ Thanks for doing this!

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- ▶ "without a major hospital the ease of use for medivac
- ▶ Is critical for the community."
- ▶ The airport tax burden should be shared with surrounding communities
- ▶ We would be interested in flight options out of the airport if they were more economical.
- ▶ Airport would be an ideal location to relocate light industrial facilities from east village
- ▶ I have lived near the airport for 23 years. I find the present usage just about perfect from a noise perspective, and a congestion perspective as well as the aesthetic values of the surrounding trees and natural pastures. Any more infringement would detract from the area.
- ▶ The most important part is medical and emergency evacuation- and a way of not being cutoff if there is a problem on the roads
- ▶ People who moved to area and complain about noise, have likely done so long after airport was operational. They need to respect that the airport is an important part of community and accept the infrequent noise issues, as busy road noise is often more irritating
- ▶ I think the airport is a valuable asset to the community. As in any town or city, when people purchase property in the area it is their duty to investigate the situation that they are moving into. If there is an existing highway, airport, saw mill, pulp mill, sewage treatment plant, etc. Nearby they should understand the consequences of living in that area, not move in and then try to change the existing situation.
- ▶ The airport is a nuisance in a town dominated by retirees. Air traffic is greatly increased in the summer months, just when we are trying to enjoy the peace and tranquility of our backyard. If we wanted the hustle and bustle of a city, we would live in a city. Please stop trying to turn our peaceful seaside village into a city.
- ▶ Flight paths need a slight alteration to avoid flying directly over Qualicum woods
- ▶ We are very fortunate to have an airport so accessible to our area.
- ▶ "the airport is fine the way it is , Qualicum needs to focus on medical and senior housing services not an airport period . It is a waste of public money
- ▶ And would destroy the quiet Qualicum beach the town is know for ."
- ▶ Nothing to add
- ▶ The airport is a real asset for the community, and if a few noisy exceptions could be removed, that would be much appreciated.
- ▶ Thanks for the opportunity to take part.
- ▶ Clearly there are too many training flights taking off and landing in Qualicum beach. It appears on a Sunday that there is just the one plane that continuously takes off, circles Qualicum woods, goes over to the beach and returns, lands at the airport and the process is then repeated, repeatedly, constantly over a two hour period. Are we training the Canadian Airforce here? Again if this continues I will certainly start a petition to stop this in my area of Qualicum woods. This is no longer a peaceful quiet town, especially on weekends, when people are outside enjoying the weather or gardening. Also it appears that the one plane that appears to be the solo, only plane for training has an exceptionally loud engine. I plan to use an app to record the noise which appears to be louder than the noise bylaws in existence.
- ▶ The same plane goes over several times a day. Too many training flights. Over thirty fly overs in a span of two hours. Always the same plane.
- ▶ I would like to see the flight paths changed, especially for small recreational planes. I'm happy to have commercial planes running but the noise and emissions from the small recreational planes is not only disturbing, it is dangerous to the health of local residents and especially to children. I would like to see the fuel used changed to un-leaded fuel.

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- ▶ For a relatively small community we're incredibly lucky to have a functioning airport so close by. All those who have complained about noise issues should be reminded of the important of medevacs and emergency response--particularly considering the older demographics of the area. And if there is ever a major natural disaster we will be grateful to have an airport which will hopefully remain functional for the receipt of essential supplies and goods.
- ▶ Move the airport or change the flight path of these planes!!!
- ▶ Don't fly so low and noisy over my house.
- ▶ "this is a regional airport...yet Qualicum treats it as its own airport which it is not.
- ▶ The manager has done an ok job however needs to move along as evidenced by the lengthy dealings with the restaurant and the exiting of the sky diving operation. Not to mention the existing operator's anxiety due to him.
- ▶ With all due respect he does not own it but talks and acts as if he does. A huge detriment to the town of Qualicum!!"
- ▶ The town needs to take a positive attitude toward the airport and embrace the fact that with a small positive effort it could produce far more income for the town. A strong aviation and or business manager should be in place. An independent volunteer committee should be an option.
- ▶ Qualicum is very fortunate to have the airport for all the reasons already reviewed. It is very difficult if not impossible to reopen a local airport once it's closed. Let's keep our airport viable. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.
- ▶ ConvenientTwo comments: Qualicum beach airport should not allow jet engine aircraft. While the airport runway is not long enough for most small jet aircraft we have recently endured many jet aircraft taking off from QB airport, the noise is excessive and likely exceeds noise by-laws? Why does QB airport allow? Toronto island airport bans jet aircraft to the benefit of their residents.
- ▶ We have regional airports in Nanaimo and Courtney/ comox suitable for jet engine aircraft. We are concerned the pheasant glen golf course resort expansion will increase small jet engine activity at the airport. While I support QB efforts regarding medivac's. We do not support the amount of extra training - specifically for helicopter training for the other services mentioned in this survey... QB airport appears to shouldering a disproportionate amount of this training.
- ▶ The airport provides a vital service and was in existence long before the development of Chartwell. I feel those who live there and complain about noise did not do their due diligence before buying their house.
- ▶ Mufflers on planes!
- ▶ The airport is a credit to QB. Very proud that it is a part of our town. Extremely positive impact on the community as a whole. Plus saves QB residents a long trip to "Ladysmith international airport", otherwise know as Nanaimo airport
- ▶ "the province has mandated the Qualicum airport and its lands be used for airport use only! Yet, airport lands have become the town dump. The town is stockpiling its public works garbage, concrete waste, light standards, landscaping refuse on airport industrial zoned airport lots.
- ▶ The province has said no to the town in writing.
- ▶ No where in the towns contract with the chamber of commerce is the airport mentioned."
- ▶ Well done to imitate this discussion.
- ▶ I have always found the airport an asset to the community. The training provided for helicopters and emergency personnel is extremely important and should be given as much time and opportunities available.

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- ▶ I would like to see the airport phased out as it is an annoyance to the community. With two other airports within 45 minutes of the town and the new fast ferry to downtown Vancouver, there is less need for an airport in our community. I feel that the travel and tourism needs are easily met with the other airports and ferry and our community would be more peaceful and attractive without the noise.
- ▶ The airport is of substantial benefit to the town and more use and services at/from the airport should be encouraged
- ▶ Garbage being stored from public works on airport lands. Very bad.
- ▶ There is too much non medical helicopter usage
- ▶ "per my previous comments above.
- ▶ askew air service is excellent. Really happy they are doing well."
- ▶ Is there a need to generate a larger commercial tax base from this site? Has the increase in home values not contributed significantly to the residential taxes revenues? Keep it as an airport.
- ▶ That it be used as an airport and related services
- ▶ We need more reasonable priced flights from Qualicum to connect to the mainland.
- ▶ Airport is a current locale of economic activity , tourism , travel and safety services with great potential as the regional needs expand - I view it as an important contributor and valuable asset for the town and nearby regions
- ▶ It's a very good airport. It serves a important asset to the community
- ▶ If you have moved to an area near an airport you need to accept small planes use the airport. There are no jets. The noise is minimal. Move if you don't like it.
- ▶ On nice sunny days they air traffic noise is more and can be upsetting.
- ▶ A valuable community amenity that deserves full support
- ▶ Overall I believe the airport is a really good part of the community. It provides many new opportunities, but... I believe it should get a little more use maybe with air shows or more community events, it would be nice to see more businesses there too
- ▶ In case of disaster the airport would be essential for our area
- ▶ Would like the private planes to stop flying over my house in Qualicum woods which drown outdoor conversations from being heard by our family, visitors etc.
- ▶ What can be done about planes flying low over the village?
- ▶ Airport day is a great showcase.
- ▶ I probably just typed them in the wrong window. Airport is an airport and people buy knowing the airport is there and any noise issues should be ignored.
- ▶ Please do not build housing on the lots next to the airport. The location is not suitable for many reasons.
- ▶ I went with my nephew and his two young children to the final approach about a month ago. Everyone enjoyed sitting on the patio watching the planes as we ate . My nephew is mid thirties and has been coming to Qualicum his whole life. He summed it up with a simple question "why have I not been here before"
- ▶ It is a great airport and should be left alone. People that complain about it should not have bought in that area. The airport was here first.
- ▶ The terminal is locked from the airside to all with the exception of the airline. Pilots and passengers when arriving on their own are locked out...wtf?..... Visit Pitt meadows
- ▶ Please do not stop any training at the airport. The training saves a life or a forest/house fire it is well worth the few that complain about the noise. Put on some head phones and listen to some music. Yes it is annoying but well worth it and yes I live by the airport
- ▶ Proud of our training facilities for emergency responders.

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- ▶ There is too much disturbance when helicopters are training at the airport....they are there for hours on end
- ▶ The noise level created by private airplanes is atrocious. The helicopter business is inappropriate for this location because of noise.
- ▶ Helicopter training is of the most concern. Disturbs people who work from home. Causes us to not walk in our neighbourhood. Regular small planes are fine. Even the skydivers were fine. Miss seeing them.
- ▶ I am shocked that this is even an issue. The airport was here long ago and those who moved into houses near the airport have no excuse for their grievances. The airport was here first. Period. I am alive because of a medivac team and so are many others. This airport gives them an excellent place to practice. Reading posts on social media of people complaining was completely disgusting to me and many others. The fact that anyone found a need to 'review' this is absurd.
- ▶ Wrong to permanently shorten the runway..... Airports future use is drastically hurt with restrictions to the runway length.
- ▶ The town could work more collaboratively with airport users.
- ▶ Additional use of airport land could be used for light industrial, preferably aviation related.
- ▶ "I moved from Esquimalt (victoria) a few years ago. There I lived under the harbour air flight path and loved the planes. Travel brings visitors and vibrancy to any area with an airport, which I fully support.
- ▶ The only time the noise bothers my family is when pilots are practising take-offs and landings - and do so continuously for hours."
- ▶ The Qualicum beach airport is critical to the mid-island area for transportation, medevac flights, other air ambulance flights, helicopter training, firefighting, economic development in the town, and a development opportunity for the "south airport" lands. The airport returns much more to the town than it costs to run and manage.
- ▶ I have no sympathy for people who bought near the airport and now complain about the noise.
- ▶ Coming from the north I have seen communities fail as they let developers and special interests reduce or harm their airport. Please do not follow their folly. Intellectual capital need's services that an airport gives.
- ▶ I know when you live in a house near an airport, of course there will be noise. However, I hope the committee can take into consideration the number of flights that take off per day and the negative impact the noise can have on people's mental health and well-being. Thank you for your time and allowing community members to have a voice!
- ▶ The airport is pivotal to the safety and convenience to the town
- ▶ Our house is located on a flight approach path- have been home owners for 15+ years- consequently, have noticed increased noise from more use as well as some 'later night' plane noise. I would not be in favour of increasing runway path so as to include more frequent use as this was not the case when we purchased our home....and moving is not an option. The Nanaimo and Comox airports are strategically located to well serve the middle/upper island population for the larger planes, etc.
- ▶ Develop airport lands as housing/commercial. Relocate medevac pad to the community centre park. The airport is too close to housing, loses money and is really a big clubhouse for dentists etc. Who like to fly their expensive toys. Nanaimo and Courtenay are close enough to access commercial flights.
- ▶ I value our airport and it's affect on our community in all areas

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- ▶ We moved here (Chartwell) four years ago. One of our concerns "before" purchasing was potential noise from the airport. After some research we moved here. The noise is "no" issue. In fact we enjoy sitting outside in the quiet very much. When a plane is heard taking off it takes less than 15 seconds till the sound is gone. (yes we have timed it) that is significantly better and quieter than a neighbour using a lawn mower for 30 minutes. I feel that people need to stop complaining about every little thing. We are so lucky to live in Qualicum beach and the airport is such a benefit with emergency flights, fire fighter and search and rescue. Even helicopter training is an important thing. I hope that the town council will fully support the continuation of these services at "our" airport.
- ▶ The airport is a long term necessity to our community
- ▶ I can appreciate some Qualicum beach residents feel they are negatively affected by the airport. But to often decisions affecting all the residents of the town and surrounding area are made with a small, noisy group in mind. To fulfill its mandate and if it is to become a more vital part of the town and surrounding areas over the next several years, some hard decisions will have to be made by those elected officials that may have some negative affects on a few.
- ▶ I believe that the airport is a tremendous advantage for our community. I'm not adverse to a small increase in activity but would be unhappy for a major growth. The advantage of having the airfield for recreational pilots and for emergency flights cannot be overstated. I'm not a pilot but do enjoy watching the take offs and landings while using the dog park across the road!
- ▶ The noise level of the airport is not a concern as I live in
- ▶ None at this time
- ▶ You should be asking about noise levels and adherence to flight paths
- ▶ I really hope that nothing is done to decrease air traffic because of the few residents who complain about the noise. The airport was there long before they lived here. Caveat emptor!
- ▶ I am excited about future infrastructure possibilities at the airport. It is a beautiful area. The construction of my new hangar has sparked a lot of interest, and I am in a few different networks of people who can provide construction solutions.
- ▶ I think the search and rescue support is very important and hope the town continues to support and allow both fixed wing and helicopter operations. Also private aircraft and helicopters could be useful in times of disaster response
- ▶ "a few hundred meters from the airport on Rupert rd. is a sign that requests truck drivers not to use their air brakes because of the noise and yet it is okay for some aircraft to split your eardrums when they fly over, interesting. Some aircraft are so noisy I have thought at times a re-enactment of the battle of Britain must be going on. Some aircraft emit a noise that I think is objectionable and should not be allowed over residential areas.
- ▶ we are told climate change is upon us, triggered by the burning of fossil fuels. Will the town act on climate change and restrict expansion at the airport, or will the talk of economic benefits win the day?
- ▶ who does benefit from the airport, the average person on the street or those that can afford a plane and fly?"
- ▶ The airport provided a critical role during the recent highway closure. Many flights a day for medical reasons (moving people and supplies). This should have been better communicated to the residents. It's a vital link if there is even a small natural disaster.
- ▶ The noise level has increased since the cut the trees which was rather stupid, considering all the houses surrounding it.
- ▶ Several times friends have flown over from the mainland (using commercial flights and private planes) to visit us.
- ▶ While the sounds of planes/helicopters flying overhead can occasionally be bothersome, for the most part I feel this is a minor irritation for the value of having the services of a local airport here.

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- ▶ I know that there will be some noise from the airport however there are times of the year where the same aircraft go low over my house and you cannot hear people talking and occurs hourly. There is no recourse it seems
- ▶ Very valuable service for local communities and businesses and the township
- ▶ The structure of the management of the airport and the lack of aviation expertise involved make any change very difficult, often taking many years to have any change. Other municipal airports are managed by boards of directors
- ▶ The airport community has tried to engage with the town for many years. The town states that the airport is important however, their only efforts seem to be around increasing user fees. The town is not likely a good steward of the airport facility as it is conflicted by the nearby residents that are seemingly apposed to its existence. Recommend that the town contract airport operations to private company
- ▶ We are extremely happy with the airport. We use it a lot
- ▶ This morning (oct 9th), which is a statutory holiday, a day that I don't have to get up early for work, I was abruptly awoken by not one, not two, but three airplanes taking off in rapid succession around 6:15 am. My quality of life has been significantly eroded by airport activity. I moved here 21 years ago for peace and quiet. Increasingly, there is neither, thanks to the airport. Please do something about it.
- ▶ I think that the airport is a wonderful asset to our community! I think it is not only an essential service but an opportunity to build community but more engagement would be very valuable! Losing the air show was a great disappointment.
- ▶ The airport is one of the primary reasons we moved to the area. It is a little pearl and should be encouraged and developed for the good of the area business development. Please cut the trees on the approach to row 29! It is creating a safely hazard..
- ▶ "the airport enhances our quality of life on the island, our family utilize the commercial service to access Vancouver for airline travel. My wife and I also use our plane to travel to other spots on the island as well as flying to pickup friends and family for visits.
- ▶ The airport was a deciding factor for my wife and I to purchase a home, it allows us the ability to visit friends and family off the island with ease."
- ▶ The airport is an important part of the Parkville/Qualicum beach community and should have more support from both municipalities.
- ▶ Good to advertise at other airports
- ▶ The continuing debate regarding the trees on the adjacent farm to the east needs to be resolved asap they are restricting the full use of the runway and are a potential hazard to pilots - they need to be topped or removed and a better species planted for the future safety of the airport users
- ▶ The airport is poorly managed with noise abatement a joke amongst impacted residents.
- ▶ The airport is very important for many reasons and people who regularly access and use it.
- ▶ Love watching the planes
- ▶ We appreciate that our town has access to airspace.
- ▶ "in an era of extremely high fire risk, (even grass fires), it would seem prudent for the airport to maintain short grass/weeds at all times, especially along fence lines, etc., during the dry season.
- ▶ It would be helpful if the town would encourage/sustain "good neighbour" conversations with folks living under direct approach and departure paths, encouraging them to be aware of how structures, trees, laser/other lights, etc. Might encroach negatively into the "safe airspace", reserved for aircraft. Perhaps even assist them (material, equipment, information) in maintaining a safe airspace above them.
- ▶ Provide regular current updates on information about, and how the many benefits of airports accrued to local economies, residents, etc.

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- ▶ Assure that cop includes airport operational awareness and develops caveats to that awareness, when developers seek permits for residential buildings within the range of the airport operations.
- ▶ Caveats might be attached to titles of properties, alerting them to these longstanding, pre-existing factors of all airport activities - to enhance awareness, reduce unnecessary undue political pressures of unaware dwellers who “claim ignorance” or lack of awareness of airport operations affecting their chosen place of residency, despite ordinary due diligence failing to make them aware of the pre-existing work. Business and operations at airports.
- ▶ Alternatively, wise councils might limit future structural development within in proximity to operating airport (especially arrival and departure ops) space to industrial type of buildings & occupation.
- ▶ It would also be interesting to see a public enquiry being made about whether airport property ought to be used as a rubbish storage area."
- ▶ This airport provides great value to this community.
- ▶ Love the airport
- ▶ Happy to have the services, possibly. More light industrial aircraft services
- ▶ The airport and facilities I believe are essential to the town no major changes should be made. Before buying homes here we all should have known the airport was there, so the choice to live close by was ours. If major changes are made I would be very disappointed.
- ▶ They are clear guides produced by Copa (Canadian owners & pilots association) on how to successfully manage a thriving airport. The management should refer and adhere to these practises and advise regularly.
- ▶ When we are in our backyard we cannot hear ourselves speak when the air craft are overhead
- ▶ We moved to Chartwell 3 years ago and were well aware of the activities and sounds that originate at the airport at various times of the day including the morning flights which usually are after 7:00 am. It bothers us that people who moved here knowing that there is an airport nearby would now start to complain about the noise. We have lived in Qualicum for 18 years and don't feel there has been any significant change in the noise level over this period of time. We are just glad to have this service and facility in Qualicum.
- ▶ Airport is an important asset to my consulting business which allows me to get to client locations quickly and can return the same day.
- ▶ I have found over the last few years that the flight paths have changed especially in the summer. We're in Qualicum woods and it can get very noisy
- ▶ I think we are very lucky to have this small, but essential airport. I am happy we can provide training for our asar and cadets and whatever essential services we are blessed to have. I feel very angry about those that complain about the noise of the airport which has been here for far, far longer than they've been here.
- ▶ Emergency services at the airport do not just benefit our little community. I find it unacceptable that the council would cower to a few loud/disgruntled/unreasonable people who choose to live in the area and even consider reducing accessibility for the services that are needed by people far beyond our borders.
- ▶ The airport is important to the economy and showed that during the highway closure. More effort to boost activity and access is important and should continue. Medevac and other emergency services out if this airport will mean the difference in survival should a disaster (wildfire, flood, earthquake) happen. Once the airport is gone, it's gone for ever.
- ▶ Airport lands should be left alone for only airport purposes.
- ▶ I am in total support of the airport and services provided there. The search and rescue facility was a great addition.
- ▶ I find it ridiculous and frustrating hearing about 'the noise' ... it's an airport ... it provides a valuable training area and access to flights to the mainland.

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- ▶ Promote commercial/scheduled flights.
- ▶ Have heard complaints of noise from sky diving operations.
- ▶ I perceive many of the issues to be of the nimby character. The nearby residents knew the airport was there and probably most likely bought at a relatively lower price because of it.
- ▶ I have had friends visit because they prefer flying to the ferry so airport is important.
- ▶ I believe in 2018, only five years ago, a survey was done. I don't know what it cost, or how much this survey is costing, but it seems that one of them is redundant. The last survey showed a large majority of the population was happy with the airport. No action was taken in how the land was used. There was a silly suggestion that low cost housing be built on the airport land, and some suggestion to encourage light industrial businesses, especially those related to aviation. Nothing has happened in that regard. An issue that pops up from time to time is there are a few people that complain about noise. The vast majority of people in the town do not complain about noise. Town administration and councillors seem to listen to the few complainers, rather than the majority.
- ▶ For those who feel the noise of the airport is an issue I suggest that lawnmowers, pressure washers, and most of all barking dogs are far more annoying. We couldn't live much closer and we aren't bothered by the small plane noise and air traffic. Keep the plane size as is and copter. Valuable to our community
- ▶ I'm a frequent iskwew flier and truly appreciate the service to yvr southside; and the company's friendly and professional staff! I also think that the final approach is one of qb's better restaurants! Both outfits are an absolute benefit to me as QB resident.
- ▶ As someone who uses iskwew air frequently to travel for business and personal reasons having the airport so close is amazing. To be able to get to yvr and connect with other flights in less than an hour is fantastic. I also take great comfort in knowing that if anyone needs an air ambulance that it is so close by. I have heard stories about people being alive today because of the airport. I live close to the airport and have a home office and I am not bothered at all by noise from the airport; in fact truth be told I like it.
- ▶ The touch and go flights for pilots learning seem to be most annoying.
- ▶ More hangars for local aircraft
- ▶ My only negative comment would be noise level of some small pleasure aircraft. It can be very loud and noisy especially when outside in the summer.
- ▶ The staff are amazing!
- ▶ Would like to see much improved noise abatement over residential areas.
- ▶ Airport is vital to our community
- ▶ I am always amazed by the people who complain about the airport. My personal opinion is the airport provides a necessary and essential service to the community. I live in Chartwell and barely even notice the airport is there. When my husband retires in two years I look forward to using the airport as a means to get to other destinations quickly. I will continue to support the airport and all its services.
- ▶ This was meant to be a small airport. Any expansion will have a severe impact on us and our property value. The noise level increases with helicopters that are training or not following the rules and hovering or going up and down repeatedly for extended periods of time.
- ▶ See my not about helicopter training
- ▶ People who complain about noise and disruption should have taken that into consideration before they moved into purchased. Perhaps realtors should take more responsibility in educating their clients about this "issue". We are tired of hearing about this month after month, year after year.

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- ▶ The town sends out emails telling when there will more training sessions and finishes with "thank you for your understanding". I, like many others don't want thanks, but we would appreciate that the Qualicum beach airport does not continue to be the only airport offering their land for training. There are at least 3 others that could share the task. Also, if you're going to send out another survey, you should use a more up-to-date photo instead of the one that is sorrowfully out-of-date with the old trees and sign. Why bother spending money again and again asking the same questions you did the last time, as these questions were not only misleading, they were also out-of-date stating facts from 3 years ago not the latest figures. Shame on you for such a poor attempt to legitimize the airport!
- ▶ I have been disappointed that companies trying to do business at the airport. I've been turned down by a few not in my neighbourhood people who bought in Chartwell and didn't take the time to do the due diligence to realize that there's an airport there. I enjoyed when the parachute company was there and listen to people. Enjoy the experience as they floated down over my
- ▶ The airport is a valuable resource for the community. With increasing threats from natural disasters, it is invaluable to have that space for mustering a response, not just for air response. In view of the continuing unreliability of by ferries I see our airport as an opportunity. An opportunity our town should be taking advantage of.
- ▶ Overall very supportive of the airport but there are too many private planes during the summer. Constant stream of noisy planes overhead especially during the season when we spend the most time outdoors. I would like to see less private planes during the summer or have them rerouted somewhere other than over Qualicum woods. Very supportive of the current commercial airline iskwev. It's an excellent service to Vancouver and supports an indigenous business.
- ▶ Static aviation displays would be nice
- ▶ Need to look at other options to flight to mitigate climate change
- ▶ Install an instrument landing system to allow better and safer use of the airport during night and poor weather operations
- ▶ None
- ▶ Living in Qualicum woods most single engine aircraft generally follow straight in and out paths to the airport. Twin engine planes almost always deviate from the approach/departure corridor at much lower elevation and the increased noise makes it impossible to converse to the person next to you. Without air traffic control locally it is hard to enforce but periodic reviews should be conducted to encourage compliance.
- ▶ When people buy property near an airport they do not have the moral right to start complaining about it.
- ▶ Had I known it was so busy, I would never have bought a house here.
- ▶ Private planes are too noisy taking off and at times I wonder how safe they are.
- ▶ What's with the blinding light at night? Other airports have lights that are activated when the pilot radios the flight is incoming.
- ▶ Would love to see the skydive facility back. Always enjoyed seeing, and hearing, the skydivers having fun on the way down. Miss them now they've been relocated.
- ▶ Airport should not be removed.
- ▶ Stop actively discouraging new hangar construction by constantly lying to applicants. Make it happen rather than try to stop it by dissimulation.
- ▶ As someone who lives very close to the airport, the noise is almost never an issue, especially when it comes to the medevacs and helicopter training. We are well informed on the helicopter training.
- ▶ I think the importance of the airport for medivacs and emergency training needs to be maintained! We are quite a distance from hospitals especially in heavy traffic.

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- ▶ "we are very fortunate to have an airport in our community and should welcome and encourage the training of helicopter pilots who one day may save your life.
- ▶ To the people who complain about the noise , then leave!"
- ▶ This airport will in the future be a vital asset to providing services off the island in an emergency
- ▶ Tourism- the road circling the airport should be highlighted by the town/ airport for families to walk, bike, take their dogs. This is a missed opportunity. Put doggie bags a garbage bins. Encourage walkers to stop into the restaurant afterwards. Here is a golden gem especially for tourists. And locals.
- ▶ Seemingly unfair removal of previous airline, thus creating a monopoly
- ▶ I feel very fortunate to live so close to Qualicum beach airport as well as having access to our Arrowsmith search and rescue.
- ▶ Excellent airport...very important to community!
- ▶ Many plans taking off are very low as they come over our home. I would love to see some changes in regard to height regulations. The take off routes have definitely changed in the last 20 years.
- ▶ I am grateful to have a facility like the airport and the town should do everything possible to maintain it, & develop it as seems necessary over the coming years. It is an important mid-island connecting point.
- ▶ The most unwelcome activity is the rather helicopter training . Other aircraft activity is much less bothersome.
- ▶ We love using the airport for easier travel to Vancouver. Not having to drive to Comox or Nanaimo is a huge time saver.
- ▶ The airport is a valuable asset now and in the future
- ▶ I support the airport and use it. I appreciate that we get a heads up when training is scheduled. However, there must be a solution for the low flying planes over Qualicum woods. Originally the flight path was south toward coombs. It needs to change back to that. There needs to be accountability for low flyers, especially in the summer when there are a lot of private planes buzzing the neighborhood. Follow noise abatement policies!! No flying between 7 pm and 7 am, except for emergencies.
- ▶ There are too many low power, low altitude aircraft generating excessive noise over residential areas. I am concerned about the leaded fuel too.
- ▶ Move the public works yard to the airport then focus on revitalization of the location at fern & Berwick to better mesh with the intention of the east village development.
- ▶ Really appreciate flights to the mainland
- ▶ We need the airport . It's been there long before Chartwell I live very close to the airport am not bothered by it at all .
- ▶ Why do they have to fly over the center of Qualicum woods? We pay taxes too! Why are they so low and so bloody loud?
- ▶ There are repeat offenders that do not adhere to the noise and height they approach the airport. The airport should be used for medical purposes all recreational private flights should go to Nanaimo and Comox
- ▶ Wellness for local residents from being exposed to regular aircraft noise, town ability and will to influence flight path use as managers applying to transport Canada to mitigate and therefore reduce risks of the potential for catastrophic, and leaded fuel use which is known to be detrimental to all human heart, are all significant concerns that as airport managers the town should be addressing immediately. These issues have been raised for over five years by area residents, and time and again promises to change have been made then delayed or ignored. The majority of residents recognize the value of the airport for emergency response, tourism, and convenience, but with true consideration of the above noted public concerns, the airport could operate closer to harmony with residents.
- ▶ There are restrictions on arrival and departure routes that planes are supposed to follow for this airport. There are many times those

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restrictions are not followed. Planes fly directly over the chestnut street area, but they should be flying over Rupert road in both directions. The helicopters are the worst culprits.

- ▶ The airport is a vital and much-needed service to the area, saving local residents lengthy road trips to either Nanaimo or comox airports.
- ▶ Area could be used for some more commercial, higher density modest income housing and even light industry. Airport area is severely under utilized
- ▶ "I encourage the town to use the airport land as was granted to them - for airport purposes. Do not waste tax payers money trying to go around the crown grant. I would also like to see the town take a firmer stand against those who constantly complain about the noise of the airport. The airport provides critical services to our community and others. I feel the council caters to the small
- ▶ Few who constantly complain about the airport and the community should continue to support and explore opportunities to maintain or enhance our airport services."
- ▶ I like the fact that we have an airport in our community and would hate to lose it.
- ▶ I wish there was a more easy way to get your luggage
- ▶ The QB airport is if vital importance to our community, from emergency supports, flights, dining, jobs, other business associated with air travel.
- ▶ I believe the airport is important to maintain. The airport is unique to Qualicum beach, the history and current use which is important to continue. It would be ideal if more use could be made of the airport- including other airlines and recreation use (the skydiving program was great). I fully support our local airport.
- ▶ We have lived in Qualicum beach for 40 years and the airport was here long before us. In our view, the airport has a positive influence on our community. It is a significant economic generator adding many businesses and jobs. It has been convenient when we have flown to the south terminal in Vancouver to catch a flight to

other parts of the province. The airport is a gift and it saddens us to see relative newcomers whine about airport noise. Sure, airplanes are noisy, but so are motor-cycles and a lot of cars, especially high performance cars that proliferate every summer. In our opinion, the benefits far outweigh the downsides.

- ▶ QB has a great little airport.
- ▶ Private planes fly to low over neighbourhood residential areas. They greatly exceed acceptable noise levels. Flight training should not take place at this airport with frequent touch and goes occurring over residential neighborhoods. I greatly fear there will be an accident sooner . There is no real time way to report, obvious in fractions on a weekend . This is Canada's largest retirement community and the excessive noise levels caused by helicopter training and private pilots flying repeatedly over residential neighbourhoods are not accounted.
- ▶ I feel Qualicum beach and the area are fortunate to have a local airport
- ▶ Haven't we done this before, why again? Worried that my old fogie neighbours or new owners in Chartwell have a problem and don't see the huge benefit to having search and rescue training and base right here when we need it.
- ▶ I have no sympathy for people who buy homes near the airport and then complain about the 'noise'. There are consequences to actions - and accepting the 'noise' of an existing airport is a consequence of buying and living near the airport.
- ▶ Qualicum beach airport is a value to the community and when people purchase homes close to an airport it is only expected to hear departures and landing. To complain about noise is an unacceptable complaint.
- ▶ We do not live near the airport, however, in addition to the increased noise level from planes/helicopters the past couple of years, some of the smaller (private?) Planes are excessively noisy and appear to fly very low over town. At times, our home has been shaken and caused us some alarm at how low they are flying, especially when they appear to fly in

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circles, possibly taking tourists out to view the area?

- ▶ Expansion
- ▶ We are fortunate to have an airport in town. We used to fly out from Qualicum a lot but since covid haven't been traveling as much.
- ▶ The airport provides a great service for people in the region. Also providing emergency medical services is really important.
- ▶ More air traffic more noise. Nanaimo and Comox air travel and destinations are adequate for person living in and around Qualicum.
- ▶ Stop the complaining about the noise.
- ▶ Would like to have had more understanding why one airline was removed from the terminal a few years ago. Their time table was a better schedule. With the current airline not so convenient.
- ▶ I believe the airport and associated services it provides is highly beneficial for our community.
- ▶ The airport is a vital service to our community. To avoid noise complaints, keep the land surrounding it zoned as industrial or commercial use, not residential. It always amazes me that people buy a home next to an airport and then proceed to complain about the noise.
- ▶ Love having an airport in QB
- ▶ I am directly in line with the landing strip , and have no problems , I feel that this is the best direction to use as then there is no need to change direction while climbing
- ▶ We like our little airport and restaurant and enjoy the services of each.
- ▶ Our airport is a vital part of the community. Adding light industrial uses to the surrounding area will provide jobs, tax income and make good use of the airport campus.
- ▶ None at present
- ▶ We appreciate the ability to have our input heard over the noise of the airport. The airport is much noisier now than when we moved into the neighbourhood a decade ago.
- ▶ The airport is very important to the Qualicum beach.
- ▶ Don't let the vocal few kill a good thing for the town
- ▶ When we bought a home here quite recently it was almost impossible to buy with no airport noise but we rejected several homes we might have bought due to excessive noise which we understand from our realtor reduced their ultimate selling price and that potentially has a negative impact on the town as a result . Even though we chose carefully we hear numerous planes a day and done are very noisy and choppers are bad for noise .
- ▶ We need to have the sky diving back at the airport. It is generating tourism for Nanoose that should be in Qualicum beach
- ▶ The airport is a very important service for the town to have.
- ▶ My husband and I have lived on the same property in Qualicum since 1974. We are happy to have the convenience of the airport but in the past 3 years (a little percoid but mostly post pandemic) the flight traffic has increased exponentially. That along with the low altitude flight paths of planes and especially helicopters is getting to be unbearable. It now interferes with the quiet enjoyment of our once peaceful home. Please, do something to alleviate the noise from the Qualicum airport flight traffic.
- ▶ Great little airport, we are lucky to have it available locally
- ▶ Airports are an integral and important part of any community and should be retained and enhanced at any opportunity.
- ▶ We were very disappointed that the sky divers could no longer use any landing fields at the airport.
- ▶ The airports land is a valuable place for industry and housing compliment each other...live where you work
- ▶ Responsible airport development while recognizing and improving the much used trail network around the airport would be appreciated.
- ▶ Do not dispose of any property. Those who launch noise complaints knew where they were

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buying and any expansion in that area should be only for airport purposes

- ▶ I feel we are fortunate to have an airport in our community. The airport supports the whole area, not just residents of Qualicum beach. Is there a way to have financial support from the region? Is there room for a small user fee? A regional tax?
- ▶ See above.
- ▶ Encourage appropriate air-side growth and development while maintaining perimeter green space and trails.
- ▶ I feel the airport is a money drain on the city and the land could be used for affordable rental property for families.
- ▶ I think we all enjoy seeing planes & helicopters flying overhead. The noise has never bothered me
- ▶ This is not a place for low income housing and gas station as was suggested before
- ▶ For a small airport does it have all appropriate safety features?
- ▶ The airport was vital when the road to port Alberni was closed due to fire
- ▶ The airport is a valuable asset to the town and people in Chartwell should have known about the airport before they moved there.
- ▶ Town should actively support the airport
- ▶ Great, convenient airport
- ▶ Why does council hide when the airport is being discussed. They develop selective mutism.
- ▶ "testing of helicopters below 500ft above residential areas is prohibited by transport Canada. Some pilots are not adhering to this regulation.
- ▶ Many dead branches and fuel load for an interface fire exist around the external perimeter of the airport. Given the climate change and rash of wild fires, along with the refueling of aircraft at the airport, this is a potential hazard waiting to happen."
- ▶ The town needs to actively petition transport Canada to change the flight pattern back to the original (pre 2012-2015) it worked for decades.
- ▶ Many people not on computer, need to find a way with hard copy mailed to surrounding residents @ qual woods. I learned of start. Meetings for airport one hour before meeting.
- ▶ I lived here for 35 years and this was a nice quiet community. Just 4 flights a day to Vancouver and back plus the odd private plane . Very little noise. Not circling helicopters or flight school continuously. Please do something decent and leave Qualicum like it was for generations to come and enjoy without air pollution and cedar trees dying around the airport.
- ▶ If you want some friends with some signs. Let me know.