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Incessant Noise of Helicopters above their Homes: Jean-Marc Léveillé Supports Citizens

Longueuil, August 27, 2021 — Jean-Marc Léveillé, candidate for Mayor of Longueuil, and his team support citizens who demand solutions to reduce the incessant noise of helicopters which fly over certain residential areas of Longueuil at low altitude.

A first petition of 60 names was also tabled by Councillor Benoit L'Écuyer, member of the party Longueuil Citoyen – Équipe Jean-Marc Léveillé during the City Council meeting on June 14. Mr. L'Écuyer then asked the City to intervene on behalf of the citizens with the responsible company, Helicraft, and the airport authorities to request that measures be taken to reduce the exceptionally high nuisance this year linked to the passage of aircraft. Following his request, Mr. L'Écuyer had no follow-up from the City.

“I myself live in the area and can tell you that the intensity and frequency of helicopter noise is unprecedented this year. In 12 years of office, this is the first year that I have complaints about this. No one is asking for a complete end to flights, but they are asking to avoid residential areas as much as possible and to fly higher once out of the air traffic control zone of the airport. These are perfectly doable things.” - Benoit L'Écuyer, Councillor for the Boisé-Du Tremblay District and candidate for re-election.

“If NAV Canada does not step in on its own to force Helicraft to review its flight plans, then it is up to the City to step in to enforce minimum standards above our heads. Citizens have been forced to tolerate the intolerable for too long because of the laxity of certain municipal elected officials in managing airport noise. Today it's helicopters, yesterday night it was flights and flight schools, what will it be tomorrow? It is time for elected officials to take the side of the citizens.” - Jean-Marc Léveillé, candidate for mayor of Longueuil.