

**New agreement strengthens noise - mitigation efforts at Oshawa Executive Airport**

The City of Oshawa and Durham Flight Centre (DFC) are pleased to announce that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that introduces significant noise-mitigation measures at the Oshawa Executive Airport and further support the airport's role as an executive and emergency-response hub.

The agreement represents a major milestone in the ongoing collaboration between the City and DFC. Built on a strong partnership and shared commitment, the MOU reflects a coordinated approach to addressing community concerns related to flight training noise and activity.

At the core of the agreement are substantial operational changes that have been implemented by DFC to directly reduce noise impacts. Effective May 1, 2026, these commitments include:

No circuit training operations on Sundays, eliminating all touch-and-go and full-stop circuit training activities for the full day.

No circuit training operations on Saturdays after 4 p.m.

Minimum two-hour aircraft booking slots on Saturdays after 4 p.m. and throughout Sundays, reducing the overall frequency of departures and arrivals.

Suspension of all flight-training and aircraft rental operations on Ontario's nine public holidays – New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and Boxing Day – as well as on the August Civic Holiday (first Monday in August).

The MOU marks another important step toward a more balanced airport model and reinforces the airport's role as a key economic gateway for the region – one that supports corporate travel, general aviation, and emergency response operations.

This agreement builds on several initiatives that the City has implemented at the airport following Council's endorsement of the 2024 Action Plan.

This includes major investments in noise and safety infrastructure, including construction of a noise wall and sound barrier and the reconfiguration of Runway 12/30 to help reduce noise over residential neighbourhoods. Additionally, in October 2025, the City and DFC reached an agreement in which DFC committed not to expand its training fleet along with investments to upgrade its existing aircraft with quieter and more fuel-efficient components.

"Durham Flight Centre values strong partnerships. This agreement reflects our ongoing commitment to being a responsible and responsive partner to the City, the surrounding neighbourhoods and the community. We are proud to take meaningful steps that reduce noise impacts while continuing to support the airport's vital role for Oshawa and the Region."

— said Manny Rosario, Director, Enterprise Group



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