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“NAV CANADA has no direct responsibility for airport NEF contours or land use within them. NAV CANADA provides air traffic control and related services to pilots. We provide our services in accordance with published noise abatement procedures and other Canadian aviation regulations.

Airports publish NEF contours, the primary purpose of which is to encourage responsible land use planning, and Transport Canada provides guidance via TP 1247 Land Use in the Vicinity of Aerodromes for appropriate land uses within the contours. As you referenced, in Alberta the AVPA regulation provides an additional regulation governing land use around Calgary Airport.

It is my understanding that the City of Calgary is considering amending the AVPA regulation to provide exemption for specific lands lying within the NEF 30 contour in contradiction to TC guidance as specified in TP 1247. As airports support even more globally linked growing economies it is important to ensure that their ability to grow is preserved through effective land use planning. Not doing so will result in the potential for local opposition to airport activity that will eventually hinder that growth. While we have no direct responsibility for land use planning around airports, it is certainly NAV CANADA's experience as the national provider of air traffic control services that public sensitivity to and annoyance with aircraft noise is not lessening.”

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