The Military

443 Squadron

The Victoria Airport Authority has no jurisdiction over the Military or Military Operations at the airport.

> **Cyclone Complaint Line - 250-363-5443 local 51081**
>
> Residents are requested to lodge a complaint directly by calling the number above. This number may also be used for inquiries about Cyclone operations.

To learn more about 443 Squadron: https://www.canada.ca/en/air-force/corporate/squadrons/443-squadron.html

Night Operations

443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron is mandated to maintain currency and proficiency in night operations for all aircrew. All active aircrew are required to perform specific night manoeuvres and sequences routinely. In order to achieve this, the Squadron may fly on average five hours per night, three nights per week in the local area.

> **Contact Information for the Department of National Defence is:**
>
> Director Air Force Public Affairs
> National Defence Headquarters
> MGen George R. Pearkes Bldg 11 NT
> 101 Colonel By Dr
> Ottawa ON K1A 0K2
> Phone: **613-904-3333**

19 Wing Comox

For noise complaints related to 19 Wing Comox:

> Email: 19wingpublicaffairs@forces.gc.ca (M-F) or via phone **250-339-8201** (after hours).

The Military at YYJ: Helicopters and Jets

443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron is the west coast operational CH-148 Cyclone Squadron.

While 443 Squadron is part of 12 Wing Shearwater (Nova Scotia), its home base is in Patricia Bay, British Columbia. It provides helicopter air detachments known as HELAIRDETs in support

of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) Pacific Fleet based in Esquimalt, B.C. These HELAIRDETs frequently embark on Canadian warships for training and operations both at home and abroad.

When not embarked, you will often hear and see 443 Sqn helicopters doing training on the airfield, in the air and over the sea in the area as well as transiting on their way to other training locations. 443 Sqn can and does occasionally hold standby for Air and Sea Search and Rescue (SAR), should the primary assets in 19 Wing Comox be unavailable.

> Residents are requested to lodge a complaint directly by calling **250-363-5443 ext 51081**. This number may also be used for inquiries about Cyclone operations.

Other Military Operations

Occasionally there will be other military aircraft in the area, usually conducting training exercises. The Airport Authority does not know when they will be conducting these activities.

Canadian Forces Base Comox (commonly referred to as CFB Comox or 19 Wing) is a Canadian Forces Base located north northeast of Comox, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. It is primarily operated as an air force base by the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). Its primary lodger unit is 19 Wing, commonly referred to as 19 Wing Comox.

19 Wing has two operational squadrons:

- 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron flying the Lockheed CP-140 Aurora; and
- 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron flying the CC-115 Buffalo fixed-wing and AgustaWestland CH-149 Cormorant rotary-wing aircraft.

CFB Comox serves as a forward operating base for temporary deployments of the McDonnell Douglas CF-18 Hornet fighter-interceptor.

> Any noise complaints regarding military jets should be reported to 19 Wing by email at 19wingpublicaffairs@forces.gc.ca (M-F) or via telephone at **250-339-8201** (after hours).