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Councillor Sheila Fougere  
Chair, Peninsula Community Council  
Halifax Regional Municipality  
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Dear Councillor Fougere:

**RE: HELICOPTER TRAVEL - IWK HEALTH CENTRE**

Thank you for your letter dated April 18, 2006 to Mr. Don Ford requesting clarification on Helicopter Travel at the IWK Health Centre. Mr. Ford forwarded your letter to my office.

In response to your request for clarification on changes made to flight schedules, I can confirm that the IWK Health Centre Helicopter flight schedule has not changed since we went operational in February, 2002. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Since January 1, 2006 we have had 55 landings, with eight of these landings in the early morning between the hours of 0003 hours and 0550 hours.

The approach path for landing on our roof top located on the corner of South and Robie Streets has changed slightly from the original path. This change was necessitated by the presence of the construction crane located on South Street required for renovations currently being done in the Health Centre. This new approach path is more from the South, previously it was South-East. The helicopter will return to the original path when the crane is removed which is anticipated to be in late summer/early fall. It is important to note that not all helicopter flights over the south end of Halifax relate to the IWK.

I hope this provides the clarification you were seeking. If you have any further questions, I would be happy to speak to you at your convenience. My office number is 470-6953.

Sincerely,

Brian D. MacDougall  
Vice President, Operations and Support Services

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