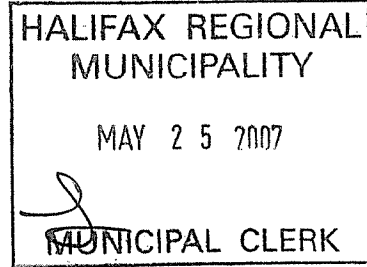




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Mayor Peter Kelly
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Your Worship and Members of Council,

Enclosed for Council's consideration is a proposed plan for the visit of a Sea King helicopter to Portland Estates Elementary School. Tentative landing permission has already been granted by the school Principal; however, it has since been brought to my attention that your approval is also required. The event is planned to occur on 6 June 2007, but I hope you will consent to extending your approval to include 7 June as a back-up, should circumstances preclude a visit on the initial date proposed.

It has been some time since the local Sea King community has paid a fly-in visit to a HRM school, but with the recent Departmental emphasis on re-establishing and reinforcing the value of the Canadian Forces' domestic presence with Canadians (an activity appropriately entitled "Op Connection" within the military), I sincerely hope that this visit is but the first of many more to come.

As you know, 12 Wing Shearwater will be a significant locus for industrial development during the next few years, with the introduction of the new CH148 Cyclone helicopter into service, as well as the impending re-development of former Department of National Defence property by the Canada Lands Company. While these activities make a significant contribution to the local economy, visits such as the one proposed also remind the community that a strong and involved regional Canadian Forces presence plays a vital role in enhancing public safety and security as environmental and geopolitical uncertainties proliferate.

Should you or your staff wish to discuss this proposal, or any other matter of mutual interest, please do not hesitate to contact Lieutenant-Colonel Jeff Tasseron, my Wing Operations Officer, at 720-1284, or me directly at 720-1001.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. J. Blair" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

A.D. Blair
Colonel
Wing Commander