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May 30, 2017

Directors
Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District

Re: North Island Hospitals – Helipad Designation

I ask for your support in sending a letter to Island Health and Transport Canada on the topic of the helipad and helicopter access at our new North Island Hospitals. This is an exciting time as the construction of the two campuses comes to a close and we can foresee the hospitals begin accepting patients this fall; and the important aspects of the helipads at each campus cannot be underemphasized. My understanding is that each campus is to have an H2 certified helipad facility, and given the particular importance of the resource-based industries and the remote locations around the North Island, providing access to the most broad range of helicopter sizes and styles is crucial to the health of our communities. The City of Campbell River has also expressed specific interest in this component of the hospitals project as they show in their letter dated May 24, 2017 (attached).

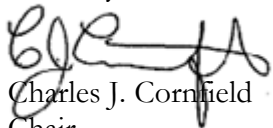
The North Island Hospitals Project team and Transport Canada are beginning the process of assessing and testing the helipad facilities at each campus and my interest is that the community is safe while providing a broad range of helicopter access. I would therefore ask for your consideration of the following:

Requested action:

THAT a letter be sent to Island Health, including the North Island Hospitals Project team, and Transport Canada advising them that helicopter access at the North Island Hospitals (Campbell River and Comox Valley campuses) by the most broad range of helicopter sizes and styles is crucial to the health of our communities;

AND FURTHER THAT the letter include a request that the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District be kept apprised on the helipad certification process as the assessment is planned for and executed.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Cornfield
Chair

Enclosure: City of Campbell River letter dated May 24, 2017



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City of Campbell River
From the Office of the Mayor

May 24, 2017

Chair Charlie Cornfield
Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board
600 Comox Road
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Dear Chair Cornfield: Re: Campbell River Hospital Helipad Designation

On behalf of the City of Campbell River, I am writing to request clarification and confirmation on the requirements for the approved H2 design required to fulfill the contract language related to the helipad at the new Campbell River Hospital facility.

The City of Campbell River has received concerns relating to the design and designation of the helipad at the Campbell River Hospital, currently under construction. In response, City Council forwarded the issues to the Campbell River Airport Commission to review, and authorized funds to hire a consultant to provide an inspection and report.

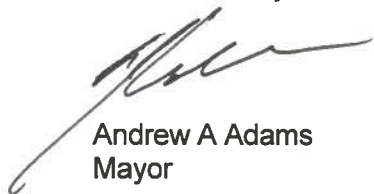
In June of 2016, Mobius Architecture completed a report, *North Island Hospital Projects (NIHP) Helipad Design*, which identified that the design of the building and geographic features of the site would only enable an approach and landing for single H1 helicopters. This report was presented to Campbell River City Council, who subsequently forwarded the report, in confidence, to the Vancouver Island Health Authority and to the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District.

City of Campbell River's Airport Commission representatives attended a Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board meeting on February 16, 2017 to provide an update.

We understand that the permitted designation has not yet been provided by Transport Canada, but it is also our understanding that the contract for the Campbell River and Comox Hospital's specified that both facilities were to have a minimum of H2 designation.

Should you have any questions or information clarifying our concerns, please contact me at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew A Adams
Mayor

cc: Vancouver Island Health Authority