



Proclamation
International Right to Know Week
September 25th – October 1st, 2017

WHEREAS, Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is committed to being open and accountable to its citizens and providing the public with greater access to government information;

Access to information fosters greater accountability and transparency and is necessary if citizens are to participate in the democratic process; Part XX of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality;

Halifax Regional Municipality has committed through its Routine Access Policy to providing individuals with an opportunity to obtain certain types of records without having to file a formal request under Part XX of the MGA;

Halifax Regional Municipality has an Administrative Order Respecting Open Data which further increases transparency and access to data;

Halifax Regional Municipality recently adopted an Administrative Order Respecting Disclosure of Employee Salaries which will assure the public disclosure of compensation paid to employees who receive \$100,000 or more in a year;

Halifax Regional Municipality joins with all other Canadian jurisdictions in supporting and celebrating international "Right to Know Week" to raise awareness of people's right to access government information while promoting freedom of information as essential to democracy and good governance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim September 25th – October 1st, 2017 as "International Right to Know Week" in Halifax.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 25th day of September, 2017

Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor

