



***Proclamation***  
**International Right to Know Week**  
**September 26<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

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" as a way 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 26<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 as "International Right to Know Week" in Halifax.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016

Original Signed

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Mike Savage  
Mayor

