



## **Proclamation Right to Know Week September 28<sup>th</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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 has 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 and democracies world-wide 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 28 – October 4, 2020 as Right to Know Week in Halifax.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
This 28th, day of September 2020



  
Mike Savage  
Mayor