



## **Proclamation**

### **Right to Know Week**

### **September 27<sup>th</sup>-October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

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 27 to October 3, 2021 to be Right to Know Week in Halifax.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
This 27th day of September 2021



  
Mike Savage  
Mayor