



Proclamation

**Access Awareness Week
May 25 – May 31, 2025**

WHEREAS, the week of May 25 – May 31st, 2025 is recognized as Access Awareness Week; and

Access Awareness Week aims to celebrate achievements made both by and for persons with disabilities in the areas of accessibility, transportation, housing, employment, recreation, education and communication; and

This is the 39th year that this public awareness initiative has taken place in Nova Scotia; and
The theme for 2025 Access Awareness Week is *Our Voices Our Votes: Disability Rights in Action*; and
Accessibility barriers are many and interconnected, removing and preventing them is challenging and complex; and

The foundation of Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act is to provide, support, and protect the rights of persons with disabilities to full inclusion and accessibility by the identification, prevention and removal of accessibility barriers; and

The Halifax Regional Municipality's Accessibility Strategy promotes the removal of barriers to accessibility and inclusion of persons with disabilities in our spaces, services, employment, and information sharing; and

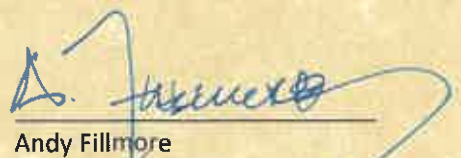
Access Awareness Week promotes the inclusion of all Nova Scotians with disabilities as full citizens within our communities; and

Through public awareness, community partnerships and education, this campaign aims to foster an environment of equal participation for persons with disabilities within Halifax Regional Municipality.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Andy Fillmore, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim May 25th – May 31st, 2025 as "Access Awareness Week" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
This 26th day of May 2025




Andy Fillmore
Mayor