

Proclamation

Chair-Leaders Day May 7, 2014

WHEREAS, "Chair-Leaders" is a national initiative promoting understanding and awareness regarding the challenges for persons with mobility disabilities in Canada; and

Chair-Leaders is an event, which started in Nova Scotia. Members of our community go about their regular business and leisure activities with one big difference - they are using a wheelchair!

The mission of Canadian Paraplegic Association is: To assist persons with Spinal Cord Injuries & other physical disabilities to achieve independence, self-reliance and full community participation; and

Individuals and their families impacted by a spinal cord injury must find a new way to function within their community – OUR COMMUNITIES.

There are approximately 4,200 new spinal cord injuries each year and currently there are approximately 90,000 Canadians living with spinal cord injury as a result of an accident or illness. The percentage of Canadians with a disability is highest in Nova Scotia (20%) with mobility disability reported at 11.5%

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim May 7, 2014 as "Chair-Leaders Day", in an effort to raise awareness of mobility disabilities in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 7th day of May, 2014



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Mike Savage Mayor