



Proclamation

Right to Know Week September 22-28, 2014

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 to access information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality;

HRM has committed through its Routine Access Policy and the Business Unit specific Routine Disclosure Plans to providing individuals with an opportunity to obtain certain types of records without filing a formal request under Part XX of the MGA;

HRM recently adopted an Administrative Order Respecting Open Data which further increases transparency and access to data;

HRM supports and celebrates 'Right to Know Week' as a way to raise awareness of individual's rights to access government information while promoting freedom of information as essential to both 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 22-28, 2014 as "Right to Know Week" in Halifax.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 22nd day of September, 2014.

Original Signed


Mike Savage
Mayor

