

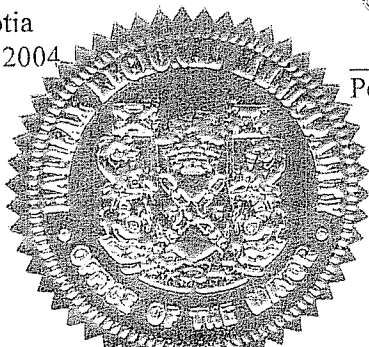
**CAR FREE DAY  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2004**

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS Transportation accounts for 27% of Nova Scotia's greenhouse gas emissions contributing significantly to climate change; and
- WHEREAS Air pollution increases the chance of asthma attacks and respiratory infections especially for the very young, the elderly and those with existing respiratory disease; and
- WHEREAS Automobile emissions are estimated to cost the Nova Scotia healthcare system well over \$200 million/year; and
- WHEREAS Infrastructure for cars consumes farmland, wilderness, and valuable urban space; and
- WHEREAS The majority of car trips in North America are 5 kms and under, and these same trips can often be done by walking, cycling, riding the bus or car pooling; and
- WHEREAS Traffic crashes are the largest killers of Canadian children and youth aged 1-24; and
- WHEREAS One third of car costs are paid for by society at large (via general tax revenues) rather than by the drivers themselves (via licence and fuel taxes).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 22, as *Car Free Day* in the Halifax Regional Municipality and encourage the citizens of HRM to participate by leaving their car at home and using an alternative method of travel.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004



Peter J. Kelly - Mayor