

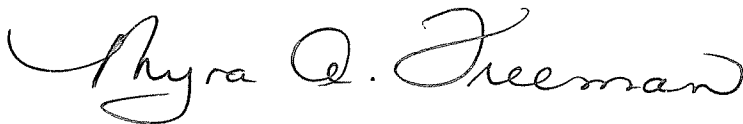
September 23, 2008

Dear Mayor Kelly & Members of Halifax Regional Council,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support as Chair of the Community Leadership Advisory Council to the Admiral. In this role and as Honorary Captain (Navy) to Maritime Forces Atlantic, it has been with pride that I have been involved in a number of initiatives aimed at increasing awareness and appreciation for the Navy in our local community.

Halifax has a strong relationship with the Navy that dates back to the founding of the city. The Navy has played a vital role in the history and development of the city, and the Navy's presence is as strong as ever today. CFB Halifax has the largest number of posted personnel in Canada, and, in fact, Halifax is the top relocation choice for members of the Canadian Forces. DND is the largest employer in HRM, with 10,500 employees contributing \$750 million each year in salaries and local contracts. DND is always ready and willing to provide assistance when needed – events such as Hurricane Juan, White Juan and Swiss Air 111 are but a few examples. The military community and their families contribute significantly to the area in many ways: as community volunteers, patrons of local businesses, and participants in community events.

The Community Leadership Advisory Council wishes to recognize the Navy's significant contributions to HRM. We are proposing that the highway signs at the entrances to the city be altered to include the phrase "Home of Canada's East Coast Navy." We believe this would be a relatively simple and low-cost way of commemorating the strong relationship Halifax has with the Navy and creating goodwill on the part of DND. It is our hope that after the committee's presentation today, Council will approve the request to change the signs and support the continuing bond between HRM and the Navy.



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Honorary Captain (Navy)

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