

Proclamation

Right to Know Week September 26 – September 30, 2011

WHEREAS the Halifax Regional Municipality is dedicated to the principle of open and transparent government and is accountable to the citizens it serves.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act provides for the disclosure of government information and grants citizens the right of access to information in the custody or control of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Access to information promotes open and transparent government and ensures that citizens have an opportunity to participate in a meaningful way in the democratic process.

The Canadian Association of Professional Access and Privacy Administration (CAPAPA), a non-profit organization that takes a leading role in advancing awareness of Access to Information and Privacy rights, is working to increase awareness among people, in and across the Halifax Regional Municipality, about their rights of access to information provided by the laws of Nova Scotia and Canada.

Right to Know Week constitutes an international and a nation-wide effort to raise awareness about the right of access to information, and to inform citizens of their rights and of good information practices.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Peter Kelly on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim September 26-30, 2011 as "Right to Know Week" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Peter Kelly Mayor