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Via e-mail: <u>mccalld@gov.ns.ca</u>

Dear Mr. McCallum:

Further to your recent e-mail correspondence, please be advised that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater considered your request to proclaim September 24 - 28, 2012 as **Right to Know Week** in the Town of Bridgewater at the regular meeting held on September 10, 2012. At that time, the following resolution was unanimously approved

"WHEREAS the Town of Bridgewater has adopted the principles of openness, transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS Part XX of the Municipal Government Act gives Citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the Town of Bridgewater; and

WHEREAS access to information ensures citizens of Nova Scotia have the opportunity for meaningful participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS a celebration of the right of citizens to access information will facilitate informed public participation in policy formulation, ensure fairness in government decision-making and permit the airing and reconciliation of divergent views; and

WHEREAS the Town of Bridgewater joins all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in acknowledging Right to Know Week;

THEREFORE be it resolved that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater hereby proclaims September 24 - 28, 2012 as Right to Know Week in the Town of Bridgewater."

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Council was pleased to bring the issue of citizens' rights to access information to the forefront via proclamation of Right to Know Week.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

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