

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU PROCLAMATION

RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Municipality of the County of Pictou has adopted the principles of openness, transparency and accountability; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, The Municipal Government Act gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under control of the Municipality of the County of Pictou; and

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

<u>WHEREAS</u> a celebration of the right of citizens to access information will facilitate informed public participation in policy formulations, ensure fairness in government decision-making and permit the airing and reconciliations of divergent views; and

<u>WHERES</u> the Municipality of the County of Pictou joins all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in acknowledging International Right to Know Week.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u> that the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou does hereby proclaim September $23^{rd} - 28^{th}$ as "**RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK** in the Municipality..

DATED at Pictou, N. S. this 5th day of September, 2013.

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Ronald Baillie, Warden Municipality of the County of Pictou