



Proclamation Right to Know Week

September 23rd – September 29th, 2019

WHEREAS, Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is committed to being open and accountable to its citizens and providing the public with greater access to government information;

Access to information fosters greater accountability and transparency and is necessary if citizens are to participate in the democratic process; Part XX of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality. HRM has committed through its Routine Access Policy to providing individuals with an opportunity to obtain certain types of records without having to file a formal request under Part XX of the MGA;

HRM has an Administrative Order Respecting Open Data which further increases transparency and access to data. RM has an Administrative Order Respecting Disclosure of Employee Salaries which will assure the public disclosure of compensation paid to employees who receive \$100,000 or more in a year;

HRM joins with all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in supporting and celebrating international "Right to Know Week" as a way to raise awareness of people's right to access government information while promoting freedom of information as essential to democracy and good governance;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim September 23 – September 29, 2019 as Right to Know Week in Halifax.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia,
This 23rd day of September, 2019




Mike Savage
Mayor