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Our HRM Alliance Hosts Mayoral Candidates Debate

Halifax, NS, August 14, 2012 – In anticipation of the upcoming HRM mayoral election on October 20, Our HRM Alliance is hosting a Mayoral Candidates Debate on Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Imperial Ballroom of The Lord Nelson Hotel, 1515 South Park Street. This event is free and open to the public.

“This debate will be an excellent forum to discuss Our HRM Alliance’s ‘Seven Solutions’ that can move HRM closer to the vision of being a more liveable and more sustainable municipality,” said Jen Powley, Our HRM Alliance Coordinator. “The seven solutions include issues such as: greenbelting; investing in the downtown core and growth centres; investing in transit and active transportation; meeting residential growth targets; evaluating development charges; protecting water resources; and measuring successes and deficiencies in the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy.”

All five HRM mayoral candidates will be participating: Fred Connors, Vince Hall, Tom Martin, Mike Savage, and Matt Worona. Any other candidates that declare will be invited to participate. The debate will be moderated by Dan Leger, writer and consultant.

The debate will allow candidates the opportunity to discuss and debate their views. Those in attendance will be able ask questions and those who are unable to attend can ask questions in advance via Facebook and Twitter using the hashtag #HRMAllianceDebate.

About Our HRM Alliance:

Forty groups from the rural, suburban and urban core of Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) have come together to help make the municipality a better place through the Our HRM Alliance. A group of six organizations form the Steering Committee. These groups are: Downtown Halifax Business Commission, Ecology Action Centre, Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust, Fusion Halifax, Sackville Rivers Association, and St. Margaret’s Bay Stewardship Association. Our HRM Alliance covers a variety of perspectives but all members want a more sustainable and liveable HRM. Visit www.ourhrmalliance.ca.

About Dan Leger:

Dan Leger is a writer and consultant as well as a television commentator and public speaker. Leger is a former newspaper reporter and editor, television producer and columnist. He is also a former member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery. He spent a several years as an executive producer in Halifax for CBC Television News and Newsworld. His last position was director of news content for The Chronicle Herald. In 1999, he won a Gemini Award for his part in the CBC’s live coverage of the Swissair disaster and is a two-time Atlantic Journalism Awards winner for commentary (2007 and 2009). Visit <http://danleger.ca>.

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