

Press Release 01 - Recreational Rebates for Voting in HRM Election (2008.09.23)

(Halifax - September 23, 2008) - A recreation program rebate is being proposed for those people who vote in the Halifax Regional Municipality election.

The idea is that when you contribute to the political health of the community by voting, the community contributes back to your health and happiness with a rebate on your next use of a municipal recreation program.

HRM wants to increase voter turnout in the October municipal election by having an additional advance poll for internet or electronic voting on October 4 - 6. This week, letters with personal PIN numbers are being sent to the people on the current HRM Voters List. After the election, an electronic HRM database of those who voted could then be used in processing the proposed Recreation Rebates.

Cameron Ells, the civil engineer and municipal council candidate for Downtown Halifax (District 12), made the suggestion in a press release today copied to HRM Mayoral candidates Peter Kelly, Sheila Fougere, and David Boyd.

“The law in Australia is that you are fined if you do not vote. My proposal is a Canadian approach, using free choice incentives to align different interests, and to achieve common goals.”

“I hope this idea is supported at the Thursday afternoon Mayoral Debate at Neptune Theater. I would be happy to work with any of them on this topic if we are both elected on October 18th.”

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