



*"for the use of the inhabitants of the town of Halifax as Common forever" (1763-2013)*

## **Petition to Mayor Savage and HRM Council**

**Feb. 24, 2020**

This petition is submitted by David Garrett on behalf of Friends of Halifax Common. The 2,882 electronic signatures were collected in a twenty day period between Tuesday Feb. 4 and Sunday Feb 23, 2020. Remedies sought are outlined in each of the four points being petitioned on.

## **Petition to the Nova Scotia Provincial and HRM Municipal Governments:**

We the undersigned hereby petition Premier Steven McNeil and Members of the Nova Scotia Legislature along with **Mayor Michael Savage and Halifax Regional Municipality Councillors** to:

1. Make public all proposed plans for the entire expansion of the QE2 hospital (both the Halifax Infirmary and Victoria General) including its associated parking, power plant and other encroachments, as well as all anticipated costs and then schedule public consultations.
2. Do not allow expansion of any components of the Halifax Infirmary to the east side (Natural History Museum side) of Summer St., rather keep all expansion of the facility to the land assembly (21.5 acres) currently held by the Province to the west side (Hospital side) of Summer St that includes the former Queen Elizabeth High School and CBC TV properties.
3. HRM should commit to not selling any additional parcels of Halifax Common, and Council should seek legislation from the Province that will give legislative protection to the Halifax Common such as is currently given to the Dartmouth Common.

4. In light of the very significant negative economic and environmental effects of demolition and rebuilding, the province should revisit its plan to not keep the present Robie Street parking facility and retain it instead.

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