

October 22, 2012

Mayor Mike Savage
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Dear Mayor Savage:

I am writing to you directly to first congratulate you on becoming Mayor of our great city. As well, I would like to strongly encourage you to step up to this leadership role and seek ways to show that you are a true champion for our city. This leadership is badly needed and, at the Chamber, we will be looking for this from you. You are the one person elected by all of our city, so you can be that “voice” that drives the agenda of growth and opportunity for our city.

I ask that you do not limit yourself to chairing Council meetings and the job description in the Municipal Government Act. That is the minimal job requirements in my view. As we well know, jobs can be expanded to fill the need in any organization, and our city desperately needs leadership.

Throughout your campaign, you spoke candidly on being the Salesman in Chief for Halifax. Not only does the Chamber applaud you on this idea, we strongly advocate for it, and will look for it throughout your mandate. You are Mayor in a time when Halifax is going through a transformation. There are many mega-projects that put Halifax on the map nationally and globally and, we expect you to not only harness these opportunities, but to build upon them. Throughout your mandate, remember, the Chamber acts as the “voice of business for Halifax” and is willing to work with you to create an even stronger voice, ultimately, making Halifax more competitive.

The Halifax Chamber of Commerce looks forward to working with you throughout your mandate in an effort to make Halifax a more business friendly city. I look forward to working with you over the next four years.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Payn
President & CEO