

*Remarks - Councillor Jackie Barkhouse  
Citizenship Swearing-In Ceremony  
Wednesday, August 27, 2008, 2:45 PM  
NSCC Waterfront Campus, Waterfront Theatre, 80 Mawiomi Place*

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Good afternoon distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Halifax Regional Municipality, Mayor Peter Kelly, and my colleagues on Regional Council, it is my pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to everyone here this afternoon.

The Citizenship Swearing-In Ceremony provides us with an opportunity to recognize the value of immigration and to focus on the privileges, rights, responsibilities, and obligations of being Canadian.

I am honored to congratulate our new Canadians, who will receive their citizenship certificates today, as well as their friends and families who have helped them on their journey.

As citizens, you will help shape the values and ideals of Canada. You will contribute to building and sustaining stronger communities and, ultimately, a stronger future for our nation.

This is a huge responsibility you will have as individuals, but also a great privilege. Be rest assured, we will all be behind you, working together to create a brighter future.

Today is a very proud day for all of us and indeed for those of you who are about to take your oath.

Congratulations! Your journey as Canadians is just beginning.

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