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Elections Nova Scotia launches cartoon series for Democracy Week

(Halifax, NS) -- September 15 to 21, 2012 is *Canada's Democracy Week*, a civic education initiative. Elections Nova Scotia is supporting *Canada's Democracy Week* with a portfolio of activities and publications made available on the electionsnovascotia.ca website. The portfolio has a special focus on Nova Scotia's role in the development of democracy in Canada. It contains activities for young Nova Scotians and materials in English and French including a replica newspaper from the mid-19th century, puzzles and quizzes.

A new feature on the Elections Nova Scotia website and launched in time for Democracy Week is *Pillars of Freedom* -- ten episodes of an award-winning Canadian cartoon series featuring a mythical world of dragons. The dragons learn important lessons about democracy and voting.

As well, Elections Nova Scotia has updated its *Growing Great Citizens* website and enhanced the games and activities section with news puzzles and downloadable materials.

Canada's Democracy Week is organized by Elections Canada, a non-partisan agency created by Parliament aims to raise awareness of democracy and the importance of voting, particularly among youth. It builds on the United Nations' International Day of Democracy on September 15 and extends the celebration with a week of activities to highlight Canada's democratic traditions and achievements. Visit www.democracy-democratie.ca.

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