



PROCLAMATION
Access Awareness Week
May 31 – June 6, 2026

WHEREAS, the week of May 31 to June 6, 2026, is recognized as Access Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Access Awareness Week aims to celebrate achievements made both by and for persons with disabilities in the areas of accessibility, transportation, housing, employment, recreation, education, and communication; and

WHEREAS, this is the 40th year that this public awareness initiative has taken place in Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2026 Access Awareness Week is "Disability Justice: Stronger Together, First Voice Leading Change for Collective Action"; and

WHEREAS, barriers to inclusion are many and interconnected, removing and preventing them is central to improving quality of life for all persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act is achieving accessibility by ensuring and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities through the identification, prevention and removal of barriers; and

WHEREAS, Access Awareness Week promotes the inclusion of all Nova Scotians with disabilities as full citizens within our communities; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, community partnerships and education, this campaign aims to foster an environment of equal participation for persons with disabilities within the Town of New Glasgow; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Glasgow has updated their Accessibility Action Plan for the 2025-2028 period, demonstrating a strong commitment to creating a more inclusive community through meaningful actions that improve accessibility in areas such as transportation, public spaces, communication, and municipal services; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, do hereby proclaim May 31 to June 6, 2026, as "**Access Awareness Week**" in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks