



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Citizens & Visitors:

On behalf of my colleagues on Town Council, I hope that you find the first summer 2011 edition of the *New Glasgow Now* newsletter interesting and informative. As you will see, there are many opportunities to enjoy the summer months in New Glasgow.

During this time of year, our town offers many exciting signature events and festivals for all ages and interests. Join neighbors and friends at marquee events such as Pre-Canada Day festivities, the New Glasgow Riverfront Jubilee, the Festival of the Tartans, Race on the River Pictou County Dragon Boat Festival. Enjoy a free heritage tour of our heritage painting series in Town Hall on Thursday mornings and much more. You can also take in local favorites, including the New Glasgow Farmers Market every Saturday morning, walk the Samson Trail or visit beautiful Melmerby Beach, located only 10 minutes from New Glasgow. If you are visiting, I hope you will take the time to experience what New Glasgow offers. If New Glasgow is your home, here's to some extra time for special moments and recreation with family and friends.

Please feel free to contact our Marketing & Communications or Community Development Departments if you have any questions on what is happening in our special community (755-8346 or 752-4800). Town Council, our CAO and I also welcome your feedback and hope citizens will read the new Town Hall Report available on our website at www.newglasgow.ca.

Sincerely,

Barrie E. MacMillan
Mayor of New Glasgow

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TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW APPROVES 2011-2012 BUDGET

From the desk of
Mayor Barrie E. MacMillan

The Town of New Glasgow is increasing its residential tax rate from \$1.80 per \$100 assessment to \$1.82 per \$100 assessment for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. This is a 1.1% increase and translates into an \$11 per year increase for the average home in New Glasgow.

After careful deliberation and analysis, Council deemed it necessary to increase the rate by 1.1% and also made a \$500,000 cut from the initial budget expenses proposed. We are continuing to source ways for all Town departments and operations to run more cost efficiently while still maintaining strong municipal services.

I believe, as do our councillors and our citizens, that it is the quality of these services, which plays a lead role in our town's quality of life, such that our town is a community

in which families may flourish and thrive. We must continue to be an appealing place that attracts newcomers, visitors and investors to New Glasgow.

Even with this increase in our residential tax, this rate is

not equitable for all homeowners.

The 1.1% increase in the residential tax rate came as the result of a very thorough budget analysis as well as budget reductions in all Town operations. Council has taken



a strong business approach to its operations and is committed to continually improving our best practices. Today's global economy, even with recovery in progress, still dictates we must all be willing to do business smarter and in different ways.

the same as the rate of six years ago, which was also at \$1.82. The provincial cap on residential assessments continues to negatively impact municipal revenues. For the Town of New Glasgow, this cap has resulted in reduced revenue of \$789,343 for fiscal 2011-2012. It is unfortunate that the cap program is not working as intended and is

The commercial tax rate will increase from \$4.15 to \$4.40 per \$100 assessment which represents a 6% increase. New Glasgow is the leading commercial service centre of northern Nova Scotia, a role of which we are very proud.

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New Glasgow Farmers Market open for new season

The New Glasgow Farmers Market opened for its fourth season on Saturday, May 28.

The popular market is one of the fastest growing in the province. This year it opened with nearly twice the number of vendors as opening day 2010.

"The opening of the New Glasgow Farmers Market is now a rite of passage that spring has arrived and summer is not far away," says New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan.

"The market has become a Saturday staple not only for fresh produce, delicious home baked goods, and inspiring craftsmanship, but also as the place where our community meets," Mayor MacMillan continues.

On opening day, the market shared its parking lot with the Pictou County Bikers Association for their annual fundraiser Show and Shine.

The family event raises money for prostate cancer while promoting awareness of rider safety.



On July 12 to 14, New Glasgow will host National Communities in Bloom (CIB) judges Arlene Janzen and Hugh Skinner.

Since joining the CIB program in 2003, judges from across Canada have visited New Glasgow each summer to view the progress made in the community over the previous year.

Judges evaluate participating communities through seven criteria. They include tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscaping, turf and groundcovers, and floral displays. Community participation is also a key component of each category.

After their evaluation, judges award a community rating ranging between one and five blooms.

New Glasgow has consistently performed well in its evaluations, earning the highest five bloom rating in the past three years at the national level. In 2010, the town was also recognized with the Community of Gardeners Award.

This year, the judges will bring a wealth of experience from the Prairies.

Arlene Janzen is a chartered account-

The second year in the riverfront dome features improvements completed by the Town of New Glasgow in the off-season, including a new kitchen, lighting, and washrooms. According to Market Manager Natalie Gordon, the enhancements will add to the atmosphere of the Satur-



day morning favorite.

"Last season, the community expressed that they loved the fresh meat, produce, and baked goods, but wished for more prepared food to eat on site. Wish granted. With a new kitchen in place, we will be offering more food to enjoy during your visit to the market," says Gordon.

"The delicious crêpes will be back, joined by waffles, homemade granola, freshly-extracted juice, pasta, cheesecake, lobster rolls and more," she adds.

This season also brings a gluten-free sampling table where visitors can place orders for pick-up the following week.

The farmers market is also continuing its tradition of offering a table for community organizations. The Multicultural Association of Pictou County were featured as the opening day guest.

Other interested non-profit groups may contact Gordon at nataliegordon98@gmail.com to inquire about remaining available dates for the free community table.

The New Glasgow Farmers Market is a non-profit cooperative that believes in the sustainability, health and growth of the community.

National CIB Judges visiting New Glasgow July 12-14

ant from White City, Saskatchewan, a rural town near Regina. She has served as a provincial CIB judge from 2003 to 2005 and a national judge since 2006.

Janzen says her upbringing on a farm in central Saskatchewan contributed to her "love and commitment to rural values, community volunteerism, and rural beautification."

She is active in her community through the White City Parks and Recreation Board, as a member of local theatre troupes, and as a member of the board of directors for the Southeast Connection for Culture, Recreation, and Sports. Janzen has also volunteered financial services for the Mennonite Central Committee since 1983.

Together with her husband Darhl, Janzen is dedicated to maintaining their half acre yard and finding ways to be more environmentally friendly on an individual and communityscale.

Hugh Skinner is a horticulturalist, nursery owner, and author from Roblin, Manitoba, a rural community close to the Saskatchewan border.

Skinner earned a degree in agriculture in 1972 and has worked in the nursery business since graduation. He has served as a provincial CIB judge since 2004.

Skinner enjoys judging with CIB because of the "benefits of the program to communities and seeing the best that participating communities have to offer."

With Sara Williams, he is the author of Best Trees and Shrubs for the Prairies (2004), Best Ground Covers and Vines for the Prairies (2007), and Gardening Naturally: A Chemical-Free Handbook for the Prairies (2011).

Skinner is currently teaching a course on Nursery Crop Production in the Prairie Horticulture Certificate Program and Marketsafe as well as revising the Assiniboine Community College's course on Integrated Pest Management for golf courses and landscape pesticide applicators.



Ella Russell of Cameron Avenue was recently presented the residential Bloomer of the Week Award by Lesley Anne Sobey, Co-Chair of New Glasgow Communities in Bloom.

New Glasgow re-dedicates plot of land to Glasgow, Scotland

Chief of Clan MacMillan special guest at ceremony

Chief of the Clan MacMillan George MacMillan and Chairman of the Highland Family History Society Graeme Mackenzie visited New Glasgow on Monday, June 27, to unveil a rededicated plot of land behind the New Glasgow Library in honour of Glasgow, Scotland.

The land was originally dedicated to Glasgow in 1975 on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of New Glasgow.

MacMillan and MacKenzie accompanied New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan and Chair of the New Glasgow Heritage Committee Councillor Clyde Fraser for the official unveiling of a stone monument recognizing the event.

"In 1975, then Mayor Maurice Harquail dedicated a plot of land to the City of Glasgow, our namesake city, and it was unveiled by then Lord Provost of Glasgow, Pete McCann. Almost 36 years later in 2011, we stand still proudly celebrating our Scottish roots and our connection to Glasgow and Scotland. We look forward to hosting



(L-R) Mayor MacMillan, Councillor Clyde Fraser, Chief MacMillan, Clan Historian Graeme MacKenzie

George and Graeme, showcasing New Glasgow and Pictou County to them, and having them take back home to Scotland the account of their journey. This too will be a story told in both New Glasgow and Old Glasgow as a chapter in our continuing kinship," said Mayor MacMillan in his address at the official unveiling ceremony.

"It is a great honour for us to have the Chief of the Clan MacMillan and the Clan Historian both here in New Glasgow. It is also a great high point to me personally as a MacMillan to be able to be one of the hosts of this visit and it will be a memory I will treasure," Mayor MacMillan added.

Visiting from Scotland, the Chief of the MacMillan Clan and the Clan Historian are currently touring the Maritime provinces and the Town of New Glasgow was one of their official stops.

"I've been to Glasgow, Kentucky, and it doesn't resemble Glasgow, Scotland. But New Glasgow does. It might be one of the places where the name represents its similarity. You have coal and steel and shipping, all the things that are familiar to me from Glasgow, Scotland. I feel so much at home here and so welcome," expressed



(L-R) Chief of Clan MacMillan George MacMillan & New Glasgow Mayor Barrie E. MacMillan

Chief MacMillan in his official response.

Their New Glasgow schedule included a visit to the Pictou County Roots Society in the New Glasgow Library, the Carmichael Stewart House Museum, and a reception at the New Glasgow Town Hall.

They followed with a visit to other Pictou County landmarks at the Hector Heritage Quay in Pictou and the Museum of Industry in Stellarton. Finally, MacMillan and Mackenzie were also special guests at an evening of songs and sweets hosted by the local St. Andrew's Society.

New Glasgow celebrates Canada Day 2011 on June 30



On Thursday, June 30, New Glasgow will hold its annual celebration of Canada's confederation at Glasgow Square.

Mayor Barrie MacMillan believes Canadian pride and community spirit will infuse New Glasgow's Pre-Canada Day party with excitement and energy.

"Canada Day is as much about celebrating Canada's founding as it is about showing pride for our country. We come together as neighbors and friends to reflect on Canada's history and accomplishments as well as what it means to be a Canadian. We also show appreciation for the rights, privileges, and op-

portunities that Canadians are fortunate to have. New Glasgow is pleased to celebrate this great nation along with the rest of the country," says Mayor Barrie MacMillan.

Beginning at 1:30pm, dignitaries will participate in the official flag raising ceremony by the Riverfront gazebo to mark the opening of the festivities.

From 2:30pm to 6pm, the parking lot of Glasgow Square will be transformed with games and activities for kids, concessions, and other fun events.

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CIB begins new season



Column by Kimberly Dickson,
Communities in Bloom Co-Chair

Despite a wet spring, the signs of summer are suddenly emerging in all their splendor.

Tulips have brightened up many public and private spaces throughout our region's three Communities in Bloom towns - New Glasgow, Stellarton and Trenton - while magnificent apple blossoms have also found their way to this part of Nova Scotia. Rhododendrons are flourishing in what we fondly call Scottish mist and the exquisite bells of weigelas are adding magic. There have even been a few sweet magnolia trees in our midst.

Some treasures to remember in visiting our own backyards are the New Glasgow Farmers Market every Saturday morning, the lush Samson trail, the beautiful Trenton Park, the sanctuary of Stellarton's Allan Park, and Melmerby Beach, one of Canada's best beaches.

The three CIB Committees throughout Pictou County are motivated by the change of seasons, as these signs mean the beginning of another amazing summer in one of the most beautiful places in the world.

However, CIB is about much more than just growing flowers and our three participating towns truly appreciate the scope of the program. CIB is a national program committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility, and beautification through community participation and the challenge of friendly competition.

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Town of New Glasgow & NSCAD University complete Year 1 of Community Studio Residency Program

The New Glasgow-NSCAD University Community Studio Residency Program got off to a great start with ceramic Alana Wilson who completed her tenure as New Glasgow's first artist in residence in early April. Three new artists will be in place for the residency program in September 2011.

A unique grassroots partnership designed to help newly graduated artists jump-start their careers, the New Glasgow Community Studio Residency Program offers selected NSCAD graduates the opportunity to develop their professional practice while living and working in the community.

The Town provides studio space in the newly renovated Community Destination Centre—part of an expansion to the New Glasgow Library through Phase 1 of the Downtown New Glasgow Revitalization project—on Dalhousie Street in the former Roots Society offices. In return, the residents work with elementary and secondary school students on art projects, as well as offer workshops and lectures to New Glasgow area residents.

Under the program, the Town of New Glasgow will host one to three artists at a time for terms ranging from six months to one year. Only Lunenburg and New Glasgow have such a community program with NSCAD outside of Halifax regional Municipality.

The first resident, ceramic artist Alana Wilson BFA '10 created and taught in New Glasgow from December 2010 to March 2011. She also exhibited her newest works at the Atlantic Craft Trade Show and NSCAD's "In Residence" exhibition.

"This exciting new partnership is part of our Town's commitment and vision to support the creative economy. It is

also an important completion of yet another element of our Downtown Revitalization plan and will support our strategies to strengthen opportunities for new artists as well as provide our community with broader exposure to a variety of talented artists, specializing in numerous mediums," says New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan.

"This is a program that is progressive and innovative and a tangible representation of our flourish brand in action. We are very proud to have established this partnership with an educational institution of such high creative standard as NSCAD University," Mayor MacMillan continues.

"For these emerging artists, the studio residency is a transition year, from the security of school to the entrepreneurial world of the arts. By taking some of the financial pressure off these new graduates, the program frees them up to create and begin promoting themselves as artists," explains David B. Smith, president of NSCAD University.

"From our five years of experience with a similar program in Lunenburg, we know these residencies are a wonderful way of authentically engaging community members with NSCAD and these amazing young artists. We are delighted to be expanding this successful model to New Glasgow," adds Sharon Blanchard, Director of NSCAD's School of Extended Studies.

The public met Alana along with Town of New Glasgow and NSCAD representatives at a special open house in late spring at the new Community Studio. That evening, NSCAD fashion professor Gary Markle delivered the inaugural New Glasgow Community Studio Residency Program Public Lecture. Stay tuned for the official announcement of New Glasgow's newest artists in residence.

Community spotlight

On February 1, 2011, Canada Post unveiled a new stamp honouring the late Dr. Carrie Best at Town Hall, New Glasgow. "Dr. Carrie Best is among New Glasgow's most accomplished, most respected and most distinguished citizens," says Mayor Barrie MacMillan. The stamp is still available at Canada Post.

(L-R) Manager of Employee Communications for Canada Post Atlantic Region Denise Corra, Sharon Marshall, Canada Post Regional General Manager Nikki Forrest, Mayor Barrie MacMillan, Berma Marshall



Tree Planting Campaign continues to build New Glasgow's urban forestry

New Glasgow Communities in Bloom (CIB) and the Town of New Glasgow's Integrated Community Sustainable Committees teamed up again to recently launch the sixth annual tree planting campaign to kick-off the 2011 Communities in Bloom program.

The goals of this initiative are to improve our natural environment, enhance urban forestry within the Town of New Glasgow and also to add to opportunities for the beautification of both public and private spaces.

It also compliments the values of CIB which support greening of communities through civic pride, environmental stewardship, urban forestry, community involvement, tidiness, heritage preservation, turf and ground covers, and beautification through floral displays and landscaping.

"New Glasgow is dedicated to improving our urban forestry in partnership with our

residents as we value the positive environmental imprint tree planting can make on our neighborhoods and our planet. This tree planting program gives an opportunity for anyone who is interested to contribute towards environmental stewardship, not just for today, but for many years to come," says New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan.

"The addition of trees and shrubs has a year round environmental impact. They reduce energy use by providing shade in the summer and lessening the need for air conditioners and fans during cooler weather. They also add useful protection in the winter from winds, which in turn can reduce heating costs," adds New Glasgow Engineer Earl MacKenzie.

MacKenzie explains that the Town of New Glasgow follows an environmentally mindful practice that replaces all damaged trees with large trees native to this area in order to maintain the character of our parks and public spaces as close to their natural condition as possible.

"The Town is acutely aware of the importance of maintaining and improving our urban forest canopy because of the significant environmental benefit that this will produce for our residents. Trees improve air quality and produce energy savings. It has been estimated that over 50 years it takes just one tree to remove 60,000 pounds of air pollution," says MacKenzie.

"We are working on our urban forestry and a long-term plan for maintenance, replacement trees, and new planting. The sizes of trees and shrubs offered through this program provide an opportunity for just about any budget and does not compete with the product of more mature trees that are available through local nurseries and garden centres," says Town Horticulturalist and Summer Maintenance Supervisor Chelsea Baird.

"The Town is proud to be a long standing leader in the national Partners for Climate Protection program and the ICLEI Climate Adaptation Milestone Program, our tree planting campaign supports our commitment to PCP and

Climate Adaptation while contributing to the important milestones we have reached. Trees also add character and beauty which support the pride that we have in New Glasgow," New Glasgow CAO Lisa MacDonald comments.

"The Town of New Glasgow is committed

to upholding the natural integrity of our local environment. Our Communities in Bloom volunteers and sponsors are also very committed towards enhancing our town through environmental awareness, greening and urban forestry," adds New Glasgow Marketing & Communications Director Kim Dickson who is also Co-Chair of New Glasgow CIB.

Orders for the 2011 Tree Planting Program are now closed. All orders can be picked up at New Glasgow Public Works and Engineering in Parkdale on June 29 between 8:30am and 4:30pm.



In recent years, the Town has experienced challenging weather, putting great stress on urban trees subsequently requiring increased maintenance attention. In addition to tree maintenance, the Town of New Glasgow removes trees on any of the Town's right-of-ways that are deemed a danger to people using our roadways or sidewalks.

"This is an wonderful way for our community to contribute towards building New Glasgow's urban forestry. This annual program provides choices at different price points which enable people to participate if they wish to do so. It has become an annual tradition that homeowners look forward to each summer," says Lesley Anne Sobey, New Glasgow Communities in Bloom Co-Chair.

New Glasgow approves budget 2011-2012

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We are servicing a regional population of 47,000 on a daily basis and a wider catchment of 100,000 on a regular basis. This volume of traffic requires significant infrastructure maintenance and investment in order to provide a suitable level of service as a thriving commercial centre.

The phase out of the Business Occupancy Tax creates a single transparent commercial tax that is the basis for generating the commercial tax revenue necessary to provide strong municipal infrastructure and services for our business base. The phase out of the Business Occupancy Tax has been implemented to simplify the tax structure and is not intended for the purpose of decreasing taxes.

New Glasgow continues to see development and progress. The ongoing infrastructure and development projects taking place in our Town are reflective of the commitment by this Council to improve services and move forward towards a brighter future.

Council is committed to working with private sector investors and developers to provide a climate that supports business as well as service levels and infrastructure that stimulate economic growth for our region. We have just completed two very significant infrastructure projects with the East River Road and MacLean Street initiatives.

The Town partnered as one of three orders of government to improve our community through these important projects.

The MacLean Street project removed storm water from our sewer system and has added new infrastructure that will help reduce incidents of flooding within the downtown. The East River Road project replaced water lines from the 1800s and provided significant changes for the East River Road business corridor, one of the busiest thoroughfares in our town. This has improved the safety and efficiency of the entry and exit points from our regional hospital and many businesses.

These projects have added strength to our overall infrastructure which was boosted the previous year by the Downtown Revitalization project. It has changed the streetscapes of our Downtown core and has given new vitality to the Downtown. The New Glasgow Farmers Market, located along our riverfront, is bursting with vitality and has become a regional destination area for both locals and visitors alike. We have continued to see solid commercial investment, development activity and residential developments underway.

We are now moving forward with Phase 2 of the Downtown Revitalization project and have submitted funding applications to both the provincial and federal governments for their consideration.

The Town's sewer rate will increase from \$3.61 per 1000 gallons to \$3.70 per 1000 gallons. This increase will mean a payment of \$9.00 more annually for the average household. This increase is needed to continue investment in our storm water and sewer infrastructure, such that we are in a position to maintain the current level of service as well as to facilitate future development.

The extreme weather of recent years has placed strains on our sewer and storm water separation systems such that we need to continue to upgrade in preparation for the climate change that

others). It is worthy to note that costs for New Glasgow for the Pictou County Shared Services Authority are in excess of \$1,455,383, due to the funding formula still being reflective of uniform assessment which the Town does not believe is a fair funding formula;

- the provincial decision that municipalities continue to fund the operational deficits of public housing and corrections will cost the town close to \$200,000 for this fiscal year;
- municipalities are also required to fund provincial education costs through its tax revenues. This fiscal year the town is required to contribute \$1,491,000 which is an additional \$26,000 over last year's contribution;
- the CUPE contract, which includes all unionized employees with the exception of police, has a 2.5% wage increase for 2011-2012.

I would like to conclude by emphasizing the Town of New Glasgow's commitment to regional cooperation and growth through our support for projects such as the Pictou County Wellness Centre, which has a sustainable financial model which will not impact our general municipal tax rate.

The Town has also made a commitment and financial support for other regional facilities such as the indoor William M. Sobey Soccer Complex and the new Pioneer Athletics Field. The Town of New Glasgow is also part of the commitment made by six municipalities together with the provincial government regarding expansions to the emergency and pharmacy services for the Aberdeen Hospital operated by the Pictou County Health Authority.

Town Council has had to make very tough decisions and this budget proved to be a challenge. There will continue to be immense challenges in the days ahead and we will work hard to provide an environment for growth while keeping service levels strong and our tax rates reasonable.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all members of Council for their commitment to the stewardship of our Town. I also want to thank our CAO Lisa MacDonald for her operational leadership in these challenging times as well as her expertise. My appreciation goes out to all Department Heads for providing financial accountability, professionalism, transparency, and for managing budgets that will support progress for the Town in a fiscally responsible manner.

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Council Chambers, Town Hall
New Glasgow**



we are now experiencing on a more regular basis. If we do not invest in our infrastructure at this time, the costs would be far greater and far more unmanageable in the long term.

For the fiscal year 2011-2012, the Town of New Glasgow will operate on a budget of \$16,681,549. The majority of budget demands can be attributed to the following factors:

- Repayment of the deficits associated with the police and town pension plans;
- a significant increase in the cost of fuel in the range of 20%, affecting asphalt costs and transportation expenses for all town fleets;
- capital investment requirements and improvements such as paving, sidewalks, recreational equipment and major capital repairs to town owned buildings and community centres;
- increase in electricity costs of 6.2% and a 30% increase in heating fuel costs as well as increased maintenance costs of Town owned facilities;
- increases in levies from outside agencies (i.e. Pictou County Shared Services Authority, East River Environmental Control Centre, Pictou County Solid Waste, New Glasgow Library, Pictou Regional Development Authority, and

New Glasgow's Pre-Canada Day celebrations

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The evening begins with an old-fashioned ice cream social hosted by Mayor MacMillan and Town Council starting at 5:30pm in the Riverfront gazebo.

The evening entertainment kicks off at 7pm with an exciting line-up of local artists. Headlining the night will be Pictou County's own music legend Doris Mason & Friends. The bill also includes Alamo, Oh! Polyphony, and Always Distracted.

New Glasgow's famous fireworks display on the scenic East River concludes the night. Dazzling fireworks will light up the night sky starting at 10pm.

Program and Events Manager Carlton Munroe believes the day will feature fun for all ages.

"These festivities are family-oriented and sure to offer something for everyone to enjoy. There are inflatable bouncers and interactive games for kids, the Mayor's old-fashioned ice cream social, live musical performances throughout the evening, and finally our traditional fireworks display over the East River," explains Munroe.

Summer Assistant Event Coordina-

tor Joel Arbuckle encourages everyone to come out and show their Canadian pride.

"We hope that all of those who come thoroughly enjoy themselves and don't forget to wear red and white, wave a Canadian flag, or just be proud to be Canadian," says Arbuckle.

All events are free of admission.



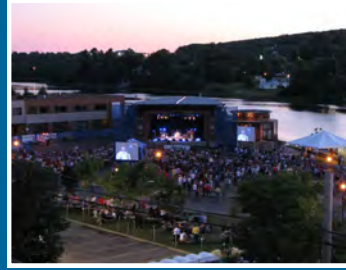
The day is made possible by the Town of New Glasgow and through the generous support of sponsors Scotsburn Dairy, Sobeys, Empire Theatres, Subway, and McDonalds.

New Glasgow chooses to hold its Canada Day events on June 30 instead of the official day July 1. This arrangement allows residents and visitors the opportunity to attend activities in New Glasgow and in the

neighbouring Westville. Westville traditionally holds a week-long birthday party culminating on July 1 with events ranging from a parade, rides and amusements, pageants, a chicken barbecue, a horse pull, fireworks display, and more.

For more information on Pre-Canada Day 2011 in New Glasgow, please contact the Glasgow Square Box Office at (902) 752-4800 or visit www.newglasgow.ca

Upcoming signature festivals & events



Pre-Canada Day
June 30, Glasgow Square

NGFD Chicken Dinner
July 29, New Glasgow
Fire Department

**New Glasgow
Riverfront Music Jubilee**
July 29-31, Glasgow Square

**Pictou County Race on the
River Dragon Boat Festival**
August 5-6, Glasgow Square &
Riverfront

Festival of the Tartans
August 4-7, Tartan Field

**New Glasgow
Farmers Market**
Saturday mornings,
8:30am-12pm, Riverfront Dome

Circle Thursdays
Thursdays, Celtic Circle

www.newglasgow.ca

Community spotlight

Constable Ken MacDonald of the New Glasgow Police Service was recently honoured with the Nova Scotia Justice Minister's 2011 Award for Leadership in Crime Prevention at the 25th Annual Atlantic Coordinating Committee on Crime Prevention & Community Safety Conference in Halifax.

MacDonald is pictured with Mayor Barrie MacMillan receiving special recognition for his recent achievement at the June meeting of New Glasgow Town Council



Councillor Henderson Paris selected as New Glasgow Medal Bearer for Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay

New Glasgow Councillor Henderson Paris—a man who has served as an inspiration to his own community and beyond—has been selected as the medal bearer to represent New Glasgow in the Rick Hansen Man in Motion 25th Anniversary Relay.

Paris was chosen by a local committee consisting of representatives from local organizers of the Man in Motion End of Day Celebrations.

Members include representatives of the Pictou County YM-YWCA, Pictou County United Way, Summer Street Industries, the Chignecto Central Regional School Board, and the Town of New Glasgow.

Spokesperson Janice Hatt says Paris will be an inspiring representative for New Glasgow.

“Henderson was named as New Glasgow’s medal bearer due to his long-standing leadership in making Pictou County, indeed Nova Scotia, a better place by encouraging and building respect and dignity for all. [He] has impacted generations, he has been a tremendous role model—similar to Rick Hansen—and has inspired great positive change,” explains Hatt.

In 1988, Henderson Paris founded the Run Against Racism to raise

awareness in Pictou County schools about racial discrimination, a message he has shared across his town, his region, his province, and beyond. It is now known as the Marathon of Respect and Equality (MORE).

Paris ran with Rick Hansen 25 years ago during his visit to New Glasgow on the original Man in Motion Tour. He cites the experience as a great influence when speaking to students.



Paris has also coached track and field for 10 years and served 20 years with the Royal Canadian Legion Track and Field Championships for Canada.

He has received numerous awards, including the Human Rights Citizenship Award, YM/YWCA Canada Peace Medal, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Race Relations Award, Meritorious Service Medal from Royal Canadian Legion, and was inducted into Pictou County Sport Heritage Hall of Fame. In 2010, Paris was named to the Nova

Scotia Human Rights Commission.

Most recently, he received an honorary diploma from the Nova Scotia Community College Pictou Campus.

Paris is a two term Town Councillor for the Town of New Glasgow and served as Deputy Mayor in 2008.

He was nominated by members of the community to serve as New Glasgow’s representative at the Man in Motion 25th Anniversary Relay.

The local organizing committee selected the medal bearer based on several criteria. These include the candidates’ impact on removing physical and social barriers and encouraging others to live a healthy and active lifestyle.

Two alternative medal bearers, Ron Levy and Iain Smith, have also been selected. Other nominees include Lee-Ann Dalling, Jason MacDonald, Craig Aucoin, Ralph Ferguson, and Philip Fisher.

All are inspiring community leaders who support the values and principles of the Man in Motion Anniversary Tour. The relay visits New Glasgow on September 20, 2011.

New Glasgow CIB celebrates start of new season

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The program strives to educate and involve the entire community in the greening of our neighborhoods, streets, and public spaces, while celebrating our heritage, cultural diversity, and protecting the environment.

Each summer, volunteer judges from across Canada visit the communities who participate provincially and nationally. They evaluate each town or city based on a variety of criteria in which community involvement remains a key factor. They include environmental awareness, landscape areas, urban forestry, turf and ground covers, floral displays, natural and built heritage preservation, and tidiness.

New Glasgow and Stellarton Communities in Bloom programs were recently recognized by the Pictou

County Tourist Association with Awards of Excellence for each CIB program’s contribution towards creating communities that are picturesque and welcoming places for tourists to visit.

Stellarton achieved a provincial five bloom rating while New Glasgow secured another five bloom national rating. New Glasgow was also named the prestigious Community of Gardeners for 2010, a testament to the achievements of the entire community and the municipality.

Stellarton’s Carol and Ken Francis were also honoured with national recognition for their inspiring backyard garden and walking trail.

After a break and recognition as the top town in their population category during their last competition year, Trenton is returning to

the CIB provincial program and promises to have a banner year during its 100th anniversary celebrations. This year, Stellarton is going non-competitive provincially while New Glasgow is competing again at the national level.

The CIB judges will be visiting New Glasgow on July 13 and this year will host its annual CIB awards to thank participants for taking pride in their properties during the judges’ visit. New Glasgow Communities in Bloom is open to homes, businesses, and community groups. There is the option of registering in either the competitive or non-competitive division.

Communities in Bloom is truly a great way to show civic pride. It’s about blooming as a community in every sense of the word.

Special thanks to Nicole MacNeil for her contribution to this column

Pictou Landing First Nation Chief joins Mayors & Warden Committee

The Pictou County Mayors and Warden Committee will soon have a new partner sitting at the table with county's municipal leaders to discuss joint projects and opportunities for regional cooperation.

On Monday, June 13, Pictou Landing First Nation Chief Aileen Francis will join the municipal group for what promises to be a long standing partnership that will create opportunities for innovative and progressive strategies. Band Manager Dan MacDonald also joins the committee.

"To have the Pictou Landing First Nation at the table will enable our group to truly represent every community and all people of Pictou County. This is a partnership that bodes well for

a unified vision for Pictou County," says Warden Ron Baillie.

The committee is comprised of the mayors of New Glasgow, Stellarton, Trenton, Pictou, Westville; the warden of the Municipality of the County of Pictou; and the respective chief administrative officers.

"We believe this will open the door to a whole new level of community cooperation for Pictou County and will open the door for opportunities for innovative and progressive strategies. It represents a significant new level of regional cooperation for Pictou County. The mayors and I are very much looking forward to this new chapter for our communities and our region," explains Baillie.



Community spotlight

CEO of Advocate Printing & Publishing Sean Murray gave the keynote address at the recent Year of the Entrepreneur Business Breakfast at New Glasgow Town Hall

Central Home Improvement donates \$125,000 to Pictou County Wellness Centre

The Pictou County Wellness Centre Campaign has received another significant boost with a generous \$125,000 donation from Central Home Improvement.

"We are proud to be a part of this amazing community addition," said Steve Smith, Central's Owner. "This is a project that is important to our Central associates, customers and contractors and will bring our whole community together and provide us with a facility unlike anything we've ever had."

The announcement was made Saturday during Central's Grand Opening Event running June 17th-21st at their new location at 60 Lawrence Boulevard in the new Albion Power Centre. The new location, which opened May 2, has increased staff by 15 primarily in sales and customer service.

"It's wonderful to see another member of our business community stepping up and making a pledge as momentous as this one," said Dr. John Hamm, campaign co-chair. "This is an exciting and busy time for the team at Central and we want to congratulate them on the

opening of their new store, and thank them for their tremendous contribution to our community through their support of the new Wellness Centre."

Central Home Improvement is a privately owned company that originated in Nova Scotia, operating five main stores located in Antigonish, Sydney, Windsor, New Glasgow and Port Hawkesbury, with two smaller "satellite" stores located in Inverness and Guysborough. Central has been serving Pictou County residents for all of their home improvement needs for over 25 years and proudly support many other community events, and capital campaigns.

In recognition of their gift, the Centre's playground will be named in honour of Central Home Improvement. There are a number of other opportunities for donors to be permanently recognized within the Centre.

To date, over 68% of the \$7 million campaign goal has been pledged with \$3.4 million in land and in-kind services from Sobeys/Empire; \$200,000 from Northern Pulp; \$500,000 from



Michelin North America (Canada) Inc., and over \$500,000 from the volunteer campaign cabinet. Municipal, provincial and federal governments have contributed \$31 million of the \$38 million needed to construct the centre.

The Pictou County Wellness Centre will be a place that supports an active and healthy lifestyle; a place to exchange business ideas; a place for future stars to practice and play sports; and finally, a place for the residents to gather and achieve goals as a community. For more information please visit www.pcwellnesscentre.ca.



Community spotlight

Margie Beck and her granddaughter Marleigh recently distributed "Tussie Mussies" (pictured) at the New Glasgow Farmers Market on behalf of New Glasgow Communities in Bloom. Tussie Mussies were used in Victorian times to express language through flowers.



See you at Pre-Canada Day!

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