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TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW AND COUNTY OF PICTOU ANNOUNCE MAJOR PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT GROWTH OF THE REGION

The Town of New Glasgow and the Municipality of the County of Pictou have announced a partnership of monumental significance that will support the common vision and goals of both units to see Pictou County's economy grow through strong cooperation and set the stage for an ongoing partnership between Pictou County's two largest municipalities.

New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan and Warden Ron Baillie made the announcement jointly at the public meeting with representatives of both Councils in attendance. The partnership encompasses a Master Water Agreement, an infrastructure investment and an intention to develop Exit 23 and Exit 25. A Master Water agreement for the sale of New Glasgow water to the Municipality of the County of Pictou was officially signed.



Warden Ron Baillie (left) and Mayor MacMillan jointly announce a major partnership between Pictou County's two largest municipalities during the Town of New Glasgow's Council Meeting December 17.

This will eliminate the multiple separate agreements that exist for various areas in the County. This agreement also provides capacity for future growth in areas in the County. Examples of the projects and areas affected by this agreement include the Pictou County Wellness Centre and the new correctional facility currently being built in the County.

The County of Pictou will invest \$500,000 into the Town of New Glasgow storm/sewer infrastructure on the west side of New Glasgow which will enable future growth in the county with servicing abilities as well as supporting

new Glasgow's storm sewer separation strategy which is also an important action of environmental stewardship for the entire region.

The municipal partnership also includes a commercial development arrangement for Exit 23 and Exit 25 related to municipal services and commercial tax sharing.

partnership of this magnitude will enable us to make great progress and generate economic development through enhanced municipal cooperation.

As we all know water is one of the most important commodities, and we are proud that New Glasgow's water continues to exceed both provincial and Canadian drinking water standards. The combination of our assets will enable our communities and the region to benefit from more commercial and residential growth opportunities. Good infrastructure and good water are the cornerstones for business development and growth and this is the role municipalities must play to facilitate such growth."

"The impact of this arrangement is very significant for future economic growth throughout Pictou County," says New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan. "The Town of New Glasgow and the County of Pictou combined represent 69% of the population base of Pictou County and 75% of the region's total tax assessment. Therefore, a



Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents:
On behalf of my colleagues on Town Council, I would like to wish each and every one of you the blessings of the holiday season. May this be a time when you can put aside some of the "hustle and bustle" of the season that can sometimes overwhelm us and enjoy some special time with family and friends. I am honoured to have the opportunity and the privilege to serve the people of New Glasgow for the next four years. We have a wonderful combination of veteran and newly elected councillors with the return of Councillors Clyde Fraser, Troy MacCulloch, Henderson Paris and Jack Lewis as well as newly elected Councillors Nancy Dicks and Trudy Vince who will each provide great expertise and dedication. I want our Town to be the best town in Nova Scotia - the best in environmental stewardship, best in economic growth, best in health care, best in security and the best looking town in Nova Scotia.

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OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

The Mayor and Council of the Town of New Glasgow took the Oath of Office during the official Swearing In ceremony held on Tuesday, Nov. 6 in the Council Chambers of the New Glasgow Town Hall.

Mayor MacMillan stated during the swearing in ceremony, "It is with honour and pride for me to have been re-elected as your mayor and to have been given the opportunity to continue to follow in the footsteps of my grandfather, Baxter MacMillan, who served as a councillor representing Ward 1 during the years 1939-1942."

"It is a great privilege to be your mayor because never before in our history has the municipal level of



Seated (left to right) CAO Lisa M. MacDonald and Mayor Barrie E. MacMillan. Standing left to right are: Councillor Trudy Vince (Ward III), Councillor Henderson Paris (Ward I), Councillor Jack Lewis (Ward II), Councillor Troy MacCulloch (Ward I), Councillor Nancy Dicks (Ward III) and Councillor Clyde Fraser (Ward II).

government played such a significant role in the growth and well-being of our community and region," said New Glasgow Mayor MacMillan.

"I look forward to working with our new Town Council that will be comprised of a solid combination of experienced and newly elected councillors with a broad scope of experience and expertise to bring to the council table. I extend a special welcome to our two new Councillors - Nancy Dicks and Trudy Vince, both representing Ward 3."

"I very much look forward to continuing our work with our excellent CAO, Directors and all staff, as well as our invaluable volunteers.

We will serve during an interesting and challenging time as services need to be preserved while finances must be protected. There is much to do, but with dedication and hard work, I am confident that we will succeed."



UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS



The Town of New Glasgow's Mayor, Council and CAO officially signed the Universal Declaration for Human Rights in recognition of Human Rights Day, December 10, 2012.

Human Rights Day presents an opportunity, every year, to celebrate human rights, highlight a specific issue, and advocate for the full enjoyment of all human rights by everyone everywhere.

This year, the spotlight is on the rights of all people — women, youth, minorities, persons with disabilities, indigenous people, the poor and marginalized — to make their voices heard in public life and be included in political decision-making.



Seated are Mayor Barrie E. MacMillan and CAO Lisa M. MacDonald. Standing from left to right are Deputy Mayor Clyde Fraser, Councillor Henderson Paris, Councillor Trudy Vince, Councillor Jack Lewis, Councillor Nancy Dicks, and Councillor Troy MacCulloch

The Town of New Glasgow supports and salutes The General Assembly of the United Nations and, Proclaims this Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and nations and all communities, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and

among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.



New Years Levee - January 1st, 2013 - 12 noon to 1:30 pm
Please join New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan and Town Council as we ring in the New Year!
Town Hall Council Chambers, 111 Provost Street



GLASGOW SQUARE HOLIDAY SHOWS SHINE BRIGHT

Bigger Brighter Lights (BBL) is a pop rock/dance band from New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. The band is set to release their much anticipated debut EP on December 21st, 2012! On December 27th, 2012 BBL will be headlining at the New Glasgow Square for an All Ages event.

The group, made up of three Pictou County natives: Nathan Fleming - Vocals / Guitar, Max Long - Guitar / Vocals, Anto Pellrine - Bass / Vocals, Marcus Cosh - Drums / Vocals; will bring an enormous stage show with a lot of energy for the crowd. Songs like "#Probz" and "Heart Back" have been well received on radio and the whole crowd will be able to sing along!

It has been a long time waiting for this album and this show will be a CD release party to remember.

Ghostrider & the Allied Horns are pleased to be returning to Glasgow Square Theatre for their third annual New Year's Dance. The band will be pounding out their usual high-energy dance show for this occasion. Previous years have sold out in advance and we anticipate the same for this year. Tickets are \$20 advance and \$25 door, and go on sale December 1st at Big Al's, H and R Music and Glasgow Square Theatre.



Whether you're putting on a show yourself, or hoping to play in one of the many shows that we are organizing; Glasgow Square's state of the art in house sound and light system can produce and accommodate the highest quality sound, effects and lighting and can cater to productions of every type.

The auditorium can seat up to 280 people; pub style 220 people; while cabaret seats 180. The outdoor stage can accommodate thousands. The theatre provides full bar facilities and is fully accessible by ramps and indoor stair lift.

Please contact Glasgow Square's Manager Carlton Munroe for more information: carlton.munroe@newglasgow.ca 752-4800

JBM STADIUM WELCOMES NEW & RETURNING CUSTOMERS

The John Brother MacDonald Stadium is pleased to welcome the Pictou County Scotsburn Major Bantam squad to the Stadium. Cliff Taylor, Manager and Assistant Coach of the Scotsburn Crushers Major Bantam team says the team is looking forward to making the Stadium their home rink and that the players are especially excited to have their own designated dressing room and entrance. Taylor also says the team recognizes the tradition and character of the Stadium and its namesake and that the players and coaching staff are very much aware of the great sports heritage of the facility and have a goal to add to that legacy. "We appreciated having the opportunity to have the Major Bantam team become established at the Trenton Minor Sports Complex and that facility offered us

a great experience. The Stadium offers some new assets for us that are important to the continued development of our team and we are excited to host our first game at home on December 2 at 12 pm and to welcome our league rivals and their fans to our new home rink.

"With the transition of the Crushers and Major Midgets to the Wellness Centre some of our prime ice time has opened up, so we are very excited to have the Major Bantams come to the Stadium," says GERALYN MacDONALD, New Glasgow's Community Development Director. "This is a strong and competitive league and they also have a long season to offer hockey fans. It is great to have both new and returning customers at the Stadium."

The JBMS is offering two **Holiday Skates: Saturday, Dec 22, Family Holiday Skate 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm & Adult Skate 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

MONDAY, DEC 24 - CLOSED
 TUESDAY, DEC 25 - CLOSED
 WEDNESDAY, DEC 26 - CLOSED
 (With the exception of **TIM HORTONS HOLIDAY SKATE 1:00PM - 2:00PM**)
SUNDAY, DEC 30 TIM HORTONS HOLIDAY SKATE 2:00-3:00PM
 MONDAY, DEC 31 - CLOSED
 TUESDAY, JAN 1 - CLOSED





NEW GLASGOW SUPPORTS OPERATION CHRISTMAS *Designate a Driver - Please Don't Drink & Drive*



New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan recently extended a warm welcome to National President of MADD Canada, Denise Dubyk to New Glasgow and spoke about the importance of Operation Christmas to our region.

He stated, "Operation Christmas is one of our most important public awareness campaigns and our mission is to have zero incidents of injuries or deaths in Pictou County from impaired driving. It is a strong partnership between our local law enforcement agencies and the Province of Nova Scotia.

A staggering statistic is that on average four Canadians are killed and 174 are injured every day as the result of alcohol or drug related crashes. MADD Canada has more than 100 chapters and community leaders and over 7,500 volunteers across the country. Impaired driving crashes are not accidents- they are preventable tragedies.

"The Work of MADD Canada throughout our nation and projects such as Operation Christmas work towards ensuring such bright lights are able to shine. Thank you for your leadership and for your great work

in making our communities safer and for your compassion and dedication in supporting victims and their families," the Mayor concluded.



CHRISTMAS PARADE RECEIVED RAVE REVIEWS



had a very difficult time narrowing down the trophy choices as there were so many worthy candidates for each category," Dickson added.

"Comments on the street were very positive as people appreciated the efforts that all entries put into the parade and were very also pleased to see church entries back in the parade.

"The Town of New Glasgow and the New Glasgow Christmas Parade Committee are extremely pleased with the great community spirit and creativity evident in this year's parade," says Kimberly Dickson, New Glasgow's Marketing & Communications Director. New Glasgow Regional Police Chief Delaney Chisholm, who led the police escort of the parade, described the turnout as "one of the biggest crowds in years".

The costumes and decorations we saw today were especially well done throughout the entire parade. Traditional participants such as Sobeys, Central Building Supplies, Scotsburn and NGDC always have a great flare to their floats while others such as Zellers and DeWolfe Auto Body gave detailed themed presentations. New entries such as the two charming miniature horses, Taylor and Lexie, and the Starlites Baton Group as well as the women's roller blades team added new sparkle and fun.



"Our parade judges were very impressed with the outstanding participation of schools and community groups as well as the calibre of commercial floats and they

The Mayor's barouche drawn by Donnie Chisholm's magnificent horses and the handsome horses that draw Central's as well as Town Crier Jim Stewart give a nice heritage feel and memories of the parades of yesteryear. Entries that featured children such as The Mariposa Figure Skating Club/Canskate, 4-H, local hockey teams and all of the schools and cadets were the icing on the cake. All should be proud of their participation and community spirit. It was a parade to remember."

New Glasgow Christmas Parade Trophy Winners are as follows: Danny MacLeod Community Spirit Award- Pictou Landing First Nations Elementary School; **Most Festive Entry-** Master's hand Ministry; **Best Youth Float-** Mariposa Skating Club,



CanSkate, Jumpstart; **Best Musical Entry-** New Glasgow Kinsmen and Kinettes; **Best Community Group-** Juvenile Diabetes



Group; **Best Horse Entry-** Miniature Horses- Taylor and Lexie; **Most Creative Costume Award-** DeWolfe's Autobody; **Best School Spirit-** Pictou Academy; **Best Commercial Entry-** Zellers; **Best Marching Group-** Starlites Baton Group

NSCAD-NEW GLASGOW ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

“New Glasgow is proud to be the hometown of one of the three NSCAD Community Studio Residency Programs outside of HRM—the others being Lunenburg and Sydney,” stated New Glasgow Mayor MacMillan at the Official Opening of the 2012 NSCAD New Glasgow Community Studio Residency Program held in early fall.



Sharon Blanchard (far left) NSCAD Director of Extended Studies joins Mayor MacMillan and the three artists in residence (left to right), Katie Hagan, Tyler Durbano and Jimmy Sloan admiring one of Katie's works at the studio's season open-

“This partnership is indicative of our commitment towards developing the creative economy in New Glasgow and is one of the key strategies in the Town of New Glasgow's Community Development Plan.

We are delighted to have as New Glasgow's artists in residence—NSCAD graduates—Tyler, Katie and Jimmy. In these three talented young artists from Barrie, Ontario; Mississauga, Ontario and from Sackville, Nova Scotia, we have yet again an impressive trio - with talent and expertise in oils, water colour, acrylics, drawing, photography, and printmaking.



Art Meets Music—Jimmy Sloan, Artist in Residence, creates a masterpiece painting of *The Stanfields* during their live performance at a recent show at the Glasgow Square Theatre

This progressive and innovative partnership with NSCAD, along with the support from our community, our library and other supportive organizations supports the creative economy of our region, one of Council's key focus areas.

This program is aimed at supporting and encouraging creative thinkers and artists, enriching our community and enabling us to continue to learn from each other.”

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

Work on the Westside Community Centre has begun with local contractor Higgins Construction of Trenton on the project. Town Engineer Earl MacKenzie says the project will improve the functional use of the existing building. “Upgrades are intended to meet today's codes for energy, accessibility, and electrical, as well as improve the aesthetics of the building,” says MacKenzie.

The scope of work is planned to include the following but some adjustments may have to be made to assure the project is completed on budget: New pitched roof; New covered porch; New accessible washroom; Upgrade insulation to meet current code; Electrical upgrade to meet code; Modifications to forced air heating

system; Upgrades to existing washrooms; Minor renovations to canteen; New exterior windows; New exterior cladding; New flooring (possible section of rubber flooring if funds allow); Sound reduction improvements; Renovations to existing storage areas; New entrance foyer; New ceiling and wall finishes; and Energy efficient fixtures and lighting.

Geralyn MacDonald, New Glasgow's Director of Community Economic Development says there is excitement in the community about the improvements and that the facility is always put to great use throughout all seasons.

“We look forward to seeing lots of activity at the Westside Community

Centre this winter and appreciate all that the volunteers do for the facility. It is a great partnership and provides important opportunities for healthy lifestyle and recreation opportunities for our citizens.”

The improvements to the Westside Community Centre facility are expected to be completed by end of January 2013 as weather conditions permit. The budget for the improvements totals \$230,000. The Town of New Glasgow is contributing \$115,000; \$60,000 is being contributed from the Westside Community Centre Board over 10 years; and \$55,000 is being contributed from the Province.



NEW GLASGOW FARMERS MARKET RECOGNIZED AS REGIONAL ASSET 5TH ANNIVERSARY SALUTED

The Town of New Glasgow officially recognized the 5th anniversary of the New Glasgow Farmers Market with a special presentation at the December 17 meeting of Town Council in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Barrie MacMillan presented an etched clear glass plaque to New Glasgow Farmers Market Cooperative Chair Cathy Lavers who accepted the recognition on behalf of the board and the Market vendors, many of whom were also in attendance.

Mayor MacMillan said, "Working with the New Glasgow Farmers Market Cooperative is one of the key strategic priorities of the Town Council and it has had a great impact on the rural and creative economies of the region. We have been very pleased with the growth and development of the regional market and the endorsement it has received from residents across Pictou County. The Cooperative and its vendors have worked very hard, demonstrating strong leadership to reach this five year milestone. In addition to investing in significant infrastructure the Town of New Glasgow has also provided community development and marketing/communications services to the Market and by working together, the New Glasgow Farmers Market and the Town of New Glasgow as well as other local partners

have created a strong regional asset."

Cathy Lavers, Chair of the New Glasgow Farm-



Left to right: Mayor Barrie MacMillan, Cathy Lavers, Chair of the New Glasgow Farmers Market Cooperative and Lisa MacDonald, CAO for the Town of New Glasgow

ers Market Cooperative said, "We are amazed that the first five years have passed so quickly! All those involved with the NGFM have worked hard to achieve what we have today and are encouraged by the support we have received from the Town of New Glasgow and our other local partners. Our customer base grows every year and the local Pictou County producers are excited with the number of people who want to "Buy Local". It means that each producer can expand

their product line and provide a greater variety for our customers. We can only imagine what the next five years will bring!"

Warden Ron Baillie of the Municipality of the County of Pictou who was also in attendance agrees and commented that the County is very supportive of the regional market and all that the Town of New Glasgow has done to assist the local producers to make this project an authentic farmers market. "This is an amazing partnership between the local producers who are residents in the rural areas of our municipality and the Town of New Glasgow who has recognized the need to work together to assure the regional market has a quality facility and central location.

It is very important for the sustainability of our agricultural sector to receive this support. Our farmers provide quality home grown vegetables, fruits, dairy and meat products along with the other creative and talented vendors while New Glasgow identified this growth opportunity for our region and invested in a strategic central setting that brings this wonderful service to residents from all communities of Pictou County. The members of the County Council and I commend both the New Glasgow Farmers Market Cooperative and the Town of New Glasgow on this example of regional cooperation."

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM NEW GLASGOW REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

With the holidays fast approaching the New Glasgow Regional Police Service would like everyone to have a safe holiday.

During this time of year thousands of residents of Pictou County and Nova Scotia travel near and far to visit friends and family. Take the time to plan your travel by making sure your vehicle is in working order for the unexpected weather and road condition by using 511 Road Condition Report. Remember our goal as a policing agency is zero for any injuries or deaths on our roadways.

It is a time for people to be with their families and friends, often leaving their homes unattended for days at a time. It is very important that certain steps be taken before people leave their home each day for work or on vacation. Make sure that you always leave your home looking like it is lived in. Have your driveways shovelled, your sidewalks kept clear and your mail picked up each day. It is also very important that you have a reliable friend or family member check your house regularly. Steps can be

taken also to "target harden" your house. Lights that are on timers, as well as alarm systems can help protect your residence. Keep your windows locked and ensure that properly working door locks are in place. Each year people also leave messages on their answering machine that they will be away on holidays. This is an open invitation for a burglar. Tailor messages accordingly. Other steps can also be taken to protect your house. Have a friend check your home at different times of the day and also place a TV or radio on a timer so that people will see the TV on or if they come to the door they can hear music playing.

During the holidays sometimes people leave their vehicles unlocked while Christmas shopping. A few steps should be taken to protect your vehicle from theft or the contents inside it. Take the time to place your Christmas items in a locked trunk and never leave the doors unlocked. Each year automobiles are stolen during the Christmas season with 30% of them never being recovered. If you lose your credit cards or

cards with personal information on them immediately report the loss to the credit card companies. One of the fastest growing thefts that we have in Canada is Identity Theft. It is very important to protect you identity and not give out your Social Insurance Number, your date of birth, and driver's license numbers that could be used by people who make up fraudulent credit cards and a false identity in your name.



The New Glasgow Regional Police Service would like everyone to take a stand in Crime Prevention. By working together we can reduce break-ins and thefts and make it safer for everyone during this holiday season. Chief Delaney Chisholm and all members of the New Glasgow Regional Police Service wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday!

WELLNESS CENTRE CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$7.6 MILLION GOAL

The Pictou County Wellness Centre announced on December 16th that it is giving Pictonians more than \$7.6 million reasons to smile - they're giving them \$7.75 million reasons.

"Tonight, we're going to talk about meeting significant achievements. Tonight, on behalf of the campaign cabinet, we are proud to share with you, our valued donors, that through your generosity, we've been able to stretch once again," said Co-Chair Murray Hill. "Tonight, we are so proud to announce that we have successfully raised a phenomenal \$7.75 million."



Left to Right: Co-Chairs, Dr. John Hamm and Murray Hill with Communications & Fundraising Manager Nicole LeBlanc

\$7 million of those funds goes towards the commitment to the original capital project and \$750,000 has gone to enhance the complex in both features as well as energy saving equipment.

"It's with no small measure of pride that we're able to reiterate that this phenomena complex was delivered on time, and on budget. By being on budget, we've been able to add some enhancements to make it more enjoyable to be in but also to make it one of the most energy efficient complexes of its type in Canada," said Dr. John Hamm. Constructing this to meet building codes would provide an energy rating of 100; the building we're in is actually rated at 160. That means less ongoing expense for our municipalities."

"Every pledge, every donation, every bit of support has allowed us to share this wonderful news in celebration with you all here this evening, within a couple of weeks of the building opened its doors," continued Hill. "This project is more



than a fundraising effort; it is an investment in Pictou County. The fundraising team will remain focused on pledge follow-up and celebrating and appropriately recognizing our generous donors. Echoing his Co-Chair's comments on generosity Dr. Hamm remarked, "You've stepped up from all corners of the county, pledging your support for making this building go from vision, to reality."

Dr. Hamm also reflected on the generous contributions from Sobeys and Empire Companies, "An early signal of leadership came from Sobeys and Empire Companies who provided \$3.4 million in land and in-kind services. This gift and this support was the foundation upon which this campaign and project was built, and it created the momentum we needed."

The \$38 facility was also made possible with \$11 million contributions from the federal and provincial governments, along with \$9 million from the municipal governments. "Today's generations have achieved a great legacy for Pictou County for years to come."

The Pictou County Wellness Centre Building Authority Inc. along with the campaign also recognized Project Manager Joe Fiander, Sobeys, and Lead Engineer Aaron Bryant, Crombie for their significant contributions and efforts in the project.

"The expertise of these two individuals has been invaluable and particularly showed when the building opened on-time and on-budget," said Hill. The authority and the cabinet also recognized Communications and Fundraising Manager Nicole LeBlanc, and both co-chairs.

The evening continued with a Celebrating Pictou County Gala, which supported the United Way of Pictou County, the

Pictou County Fuel Fund and the two local food banks. "This grand open weekend has been about celebrating our community for this tremendous achievement which will impact the lives of today's Pictonians and those to come. This whole grand opening weekend has really been about celebrating our community and this tremendous achievement of this community asset which will impact the lives of Pictonians and those beyond for many years to come," said Dr. Hamm.



Jason Potter, President, Multi format Operations, Sobeys Inc. delivered remarks on behalf of Sobeys during the official ribbon cutting ceremony of the Pictou County Wellness Centre and the Sobeys Arena held December 6 prior to a game between the Pictou County Weeks Junior A Crushers and the Amherst Ramblers. Also pictured from left to right are: MC Carlton Munroe, Honour Guard of municipal and RCMP police officers; Murray Hill, Co-Chair, Pictou County Wellness Centre Campaign; the Honourable Charles Parker, Nova Scotia Minister of Natural Resources and MLA for Pictou West; Mike Adam, General Manager, Pictou County Wellness Centre; Westville Mayor Roger MacKay; Stellarton Mayor Joe Gennoe, Pictou Mayor Joe Hawes, Trenton Mayor Glen MacKinnon and New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan.

The Government of Canada has contributed \$11 million towards this \$35.6-million project under the Major Infrastructure Component of the Building Canada Fund. The Province of Nova Scotia also provided \$11 million to the project. The six municipalities within Pictou County have contributed \$9 million to the new facility and the community fundraising was responsible for the remaining project costs.

Message from the Mayor

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We must strive to be the best town in Nova Scotia and to create the kind of place that welcomes and attracts new citizens, new investment, new business, increased tourism visitation and new opportunities.

At the same time, today's economy continues to be challenging and the impact is being felt at local, national and international levels. Therefore among our strategic priorities, we will be establishing a New Glasgow Business Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from Council, representatives from all business corridors of our Town and staff. This committee will provide advice to Council and the CAO and her team on the initiatives and support that will be needed to grow and retain a strong and vibrant New Glasgow business community. I very much look forward to personally being a part of this new initiative.

Much excitement has filled the region with the Grand Opening of the Pictou County Wellness Centre. This will be a facility that will serve our community well, not only as a world class recreational and fitness facility that promotes healthy lifestyle options for residents of all ages, but also as a central gathering spot for the region. It will also serve as a tourism destination that will generate significant economic spin offs through major sporting, cultural and business events that will be hosted at the centre.

The Pictou County Wellness Centre is a shining example of community spirit, leadership and municipal cooperation in action. It is a facility that has been built for the community by our community and is critical to our future growth and prosperity. It is symbolic of an united goal of all three orders of government, our business community and many generous individuals and the great team spirit that made this vision a reality.

I hope you will enjoy our newsletter that gives an overview of many recent services, projects and programs. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2013.

Barrie E. MacMillan
Mayor

PHOTO GALLERY OF COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



The Pictou County Help Line hosted "Breakfast With Santa" at the Pictou County Wellness Centre. The breakfast was an overwhelming success with more than 350 people supporting and enjoying the event. Santa and his elf listen to a little girl's Christmas wishes, while volunteers Faber Mackie and his sister Melissa Mackie, along with Mary MacPherson were among the volunteers busy serving the delicious pancakes and sausages.



Above: Hundreds of children turned out to enjoy the New Glasgow Holiday Light Up and a visit from Santa at the New Glasgow Riverfront; To the Right: New Glasgow Remembrance Day Services 2012 - Lest We Forget



Above Right: Members of the New Glasgow Kinsmen and Kinettes gather items from spectators along the New Glasgow Christmas Parade Route. Each year the people of Pictou County generously support this important community initiative to support the local Food Bank.

Above Left: The New Glasgow Christmas Parade showcased many floats that were beautifully decorated, filled with happy children, and even an angel or two came out for the parade!

PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS PLANNED FOR NEW GLASGOW COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In 2010 the New Glasgow Town Council approved the first New Glasgow Community Economic Development Plan. This three-five year plan was developed through public consultations and community input. The Town's Department of Community Economic Development led the sessions which provided a vision for community economic development, addressed opportunities and provided a work plan. Guiding principles in the process of community development planning are: advocacy, access and equity, capacity building, community participation and inclusion, information sharing and innovation.

In January/February 2013 the Town of New Glasgow will host community public sessions to update the plan which will include:

Recreation Facilities, Programs and Services, opportunities for the John Brother MacDonald Stadium, Glasgow Square and Riverfront Marina as well as Community Economic Development initiatives and projects.

The Town of New Glasgow will facilitate sessions to clarify and build on what the people of this community want for their future, and update the plan to achieve that vision. The plan will reflect expectations of our community and ensure the vision and goals are based on local needs, opportunities and capabilities. Our goal is to create a sustainable economy. This community-based approach emphasizes the town's and the region's unique assets, harnesses local expertise, and empowers the Town of New

Glasgow to set plans and priorities in the best interest of the community.

The Community Economic Development Plan is about enhancing our community, setting goals and achieving outcomes through consultation, collaboration and partnerships. Community development planning and implementation lead to improved coordination of services and facilities.

Community input is vital to the success of the plan. Dates, venues and times will be announced in early January. For more information contact: Geryl MacDonal, Director of Community Economic Development, Town of New Glasgow, 755-8315.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE - CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Crews are currently installing sidewalk on Reservoir Street and previously did the sidewalk on Westville Road while a contractor replaced one side of the George Street Bridge sidewalk.

The New Glasgow Water Utility is currently working on a waterline on Ghana Avenue.

A contractor is also doing a water main replacement on North Avenue. An extension of services on Ellis Street has just gone out for

tender and paving was done on several streets this year.

Some examples include East River Road and Stellarton Road, as well as Donald Street, Clyde Street, Blair Street, Athletic Street, North Street, and parts of Cameron Avenue, Elm Street, Terrace Street, Arch Street, Cottage Street, Fraser Street, and the George Street Bridge.



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Warden Ron Baillie stated, "The potential for development from this agreement and partnership is very exciting and there is much promise for more to come. By working so collaboratively and closely with the Town of New Glasgow, we are now able to move forward on several key projects for the County of Pictou.

In addition to the development benefits that the County of Pictou will enjoy there are a number of other benefits to be obtained from this project. Perhaps the most significant benefit from the removal of sanitary sewer flows is the improvement in the quality of the East River.

The East River is the major water way in Pictou County which residents use for recreational activities.

Through the removal of sanitary flows there will also be increased opportunities to utilize the river for recreational purposes, either directly or indirectly through the adjacent trail system.

Through the sharing of strong services and assets from both municipali-

ties, we have just taken a major step forward for the entire region. This agreement has taken a lot of hard work and we are proud to tell our wider community of the great progress that has made. Pictou County is truly moving forward together."

"As a family of communities we have recently celebrated the team work of Pictou County and the great accomplishment of turning the vision of the Pictou County Wellness into a reality. Today marks yet another outstanding milestone in the history of our region that will also strengthen economic development, infrastructure improvements and environmental stewardship in Pictou County," concluded Mayor MacMillan.



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