



National Economic Abuse Awareness Day

WHEREAS November is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS domestic economic abuse is a pattern of control, exploitation or sabotage of money, finances and economic resources (car, food, education, transportation) which affects an individual's capacity to acquire, use and maintain economic resources and threatens their economic security and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS a lack of access to economic resources undermines a woman's independence, such as leaving abusing relationship, limiting her access to social support services, undermining mental and physical well-being and exacerbating other risk factors contributing to homeless, generational trauma and other forms of marginalization affecting women; and

WHEREAS women who experience economic abuse are five times more likely to experience physical and other forms of gender-based violence; and 99% of situations which include coercive control will lead to economic and financial abuse.

WHEREAS economic abuse has severely impacted numerous generations of Canadians and continues to occur regardless of socio-economic status, race, age or other identity factors; and

WHEREAS it is of utmost importance that government, at all levels, take action to **support survivors of financial and economic abuse;**

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Nancy Dicks for the Town of New Glasgow hereby proclaim November 16, 2021 as "**Economic Abuse Awareness Day**" in the Town of New Glasgow.