



Proclamation Access Awareness Week May 25 – May 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the week of May 25th – May 31st, 2025, 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 39th year that this public awareness initiative has taken place in Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2025 Access Awareness Week is *Our Voices, Our Votes: Disability Rights in 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.

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;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, on behalf of the New Glasgow Town Council, do hereby proclaim May 25 to May 31, 2025, as "Access Awareness Week" in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks