



PROCLAMATION
World Suicide Prevention Day
September 10, 2026

WHEREAS, suicide is a multidimensional public health problem that is rooted in biological, psychological, social and spiritual factors and leads to the death of many each year; and

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most common causes of death among youth and young adults between 15 and 34 years of age; and

WHEREAS, in Canada, suicide disproportionately affects Indigenous people, with higher rates of suicide among Indigenous populations than among non-Indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, those who already experienced poor mental health before the COVID-19 pandemic, including those from the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, were affected even more by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the International Association for Suicide Prevention, The LifeLine Canada Foundation, the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention and similar organizations worldwide have designated September 10, 2026, as World Suicide Prevention Day, a day people around the world come together to remember loved ones who have lost their lives, to demonstrate support and compassion for those whose lives have been touched by suicide and to learn more about suicide prevention, intervention and postvention to reduce the number of people affected by suicide; and

WHEREAS, in New Glasgow, Suicide Prevention Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of suicide prevention and how to access help for personal reasons or to help others, to support mental wellness and wellbeing; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2026, as “**World Suicide Prevention Day**” in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks