



Council Brief – Monday, August 18, 2025

Due to the cancellation of last month's regularly scheduled Council meeting following an emergency, this Council Brief contains updates from the reports for both July and August.

Attendance

The individual meetings for Council and Committee of the whole attendance for Monday, August 18, 2025, included, Mayor Nancy Dicks, Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Dorrington Councillors Jim McKenna, Dawn Peters (virtually via MS Teams), Clyde Fraser, Jessica MacDonald and Joe MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer, Lisa MacDonald; Deputy Clerk Alison Tait; and Town Solicitor Frank DeMont.

The following Senior Staff Members were also in attendance, Kim Livingston, Earl MacKenzie, Michelle Ward, Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Ross White, Kim Dickson, Jeff Hamelin, Blair Bannerman, and Kaila Reid.

Petitions/Delegations/Presentations

July Proclamations

Nelson Mandela International Day, July 18, 2025

The Town of New Glasgow is proud to recognize Nelson Mandela International Day on July 18, this observance aligns with the United Nations declaration and honors Mandela's birthday, life, and legacy. The proclamation recognizes Mandela's courage, humility, integrity, and commitment to democracy, reconciliation, and human rights. It calls on citizens to embrace his values of non-violence, tolerance, service, and community impact, while paying tribute to his enduring contributions to peace, equality, and justice worldwide.

National Drowning Prevention Week, July 20 to 26, 2025

National Drowning Prevention Week, July 20-26, 2025, serves as a vital reminder of the importance of water safety and drowning prevention. With thousands of preventable water-related incidents occurring each year across Canada, the Town is committed to supporting public education and awareness efforts that help keep our residents—especially children and youth—safe around water. By recognizing this important initiative, Mayor and Council reaffirm their support for community action, swimming education, and safety measures that protect lives and promote responsible water activity in New Glasgow and beyond.

Emancipation Day, August 1, 2025

The Town of New Glasgow is proud to recognize Emancipation Day as an opportunity to honour the strength, resilience, and enduring legacy of people of African descent. August 1 marks a significant moment in history, the abolition of slavery across the British Empire in 1834—and serves as a time for reflection, education, and action. Our Town's historic



African Nova Scotian community has shaped the social and cultural fabric of New Glasgow for generations. By acknowledging this past and committing to a future rooted in equity and inclusion, we reaffirm our dedication to addressing anti-Black racism and building a more just community for all.

International Day of The World’s Indigenous Peoples, August 9, 2025

The Town of New Glasgow proudly recognizes International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples on August 9 as an opportunity to honour the history, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous peoples around the world, including the Mi’kmaq, on whose ancestral and unceded territory our town is located. This day serves as a reminder of the resilience of Indigenous communities and the ongoing need for truth, reconciliation, and meaningful action. By recognizing this day, the Town reaffirms its commitment to respect, partnership, and working toward a future grounded in equity and understanding.

Acadian Heritage Month & National Acadian Day, August 2025

The Town of New Glasgow is proud to recognize Acadian Heritage Month and National Acadian Day on August 15 as a celebration of the vibrant culture, deep roots, and lasting contributions of the Acadian people. Their rich traditions in language, music, and community life have helped shape the social and cultural fabric of our region. Honouring this heritage not only reflects our respect for Acadian history but also strengthens our shared commitment to diversity, inclusion, and cultural pride.

August Proclamations

New Glasgow Black Gala Home Coming Week, August 8-15, 2025

The Town of New Glasgow is proud to recognize the 35th Anniversary of the Black Gala Homecoming as a celebration of the rich heritage, culture, and lasting contributions of our Black community. This cherished tradition brings residents and former residents together to reconnect, reflect, and celebrate the achievements and resilience of Black citizens who have shaped the Town’s history. Honouring this milestone not only acknowledges the enduring impact of the Black community but also strengthens our shared commitment to diversity, inclusion, and cultural pride.

World Humanitarian Day, August 19, 2025

The Town of New Glasgow is proud to recognize World Humanitarian Day on August 19, as a celebration of the dedication, courage, and selflessness of humanitarian workers around the world. Their tireless efforts provide life-saving assistance, support resilience, and strengthen communities affected by crisis. Honouring this day not only acknowledges their invaluable contributions but also reminds us all of the power of collective action and our shared responsibility to help those in need.



International day for People of African Descent, August 31, 2025

The Town of New Glasgow is proud to recognize the International Day for People of African Descent on August 31, as a celebration of the rich heritage, achievements, and contributions of people of African descent. This day highlights the resilience, culture, and knowledge that have enriched our community and continue to inspire future generations. Honouring this observance reinforces our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, and to building a community where all individuals are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness.

Arthritis Awareness Month, September 2025

The Mayor and Council proudly recognize September as Arthritis Awareness Month to support the millions of Canadians living with the daily challenges of arthritis. This month serves as an important opportunity to raise awareness, promote early diagnosis, and highlight the need for continued research and support services. By recognizing Arthritis Awareness Month, the Town affirms its commitment to health, inclusion, and improving quality of life for all residents affected by this chronic condition.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, September 2025

The Town of New Glasgow is proud to recognize Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in September as an opportunity to raise awareness about prostate cancer and the importance of early detection and screening. This observance highlights the impact of the disease on men and their families, and promotes education, support, and research efforts aimed at improving outcomes. Honouring Prostate Cancer Awareness Month reinforces our commitment to health, wellness, and the well-being of all members of our community.

Suicide Prevention Day September 10, 2025

The Town of New Glasgow is proud to recognize World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, 2025, as a day to raise awareness about suicide, promote mental health, and support those affected by suicide. This observance highlights the importance of education, early intervention, and community support in preventing suicide and fostering hope. Honouring this day reinforces our commitment to the well-being of all residents and to building a compassionate, connected community where everyone has access to help and support.



International Celiac Disease Awareness Day September 13, 2025

The Town of New Glasgow is proud to recognize International Celiac Disease Awareness Day on September 13, 2025, as an opportunity to raise awareness about celiac disease and its impact on health. This observance highlights the importance of early diagnosis, education, and support for those living with this autoimmune disorder. Honouring this day reinforces our commitment to health, wellness, and ensuring that all residents have the knowledge and resources needed to manage celiac disease effectively.

Town Council Reports

Committee of the Whole Report

The Council approved the following recommendations in the Committee of the Whole report:

- Recommendation to approve the adoption of the revised Carmichael Park Policy, replacing the following policies: Use of Carmichael Park Policy no 12-718-19(03) dated August 17, 1992; Structures and Monuments in Carmichael Park dated November 9, 1998; and Carmichael Park Policy effective November 3, 2009.
- Recommendation to approve the adoption of the Credit Card and Purchasing Card Policy.
- Recommendation to award the contract to the sole bidder, I. Matheson and Company Ltd., for \$142,970 net HST, for the construction of accessible stairs and ramp at the Ward One Recreation Centre.
- Recommendation to approve the adoption of the policy on Processing Requests for Children Playing Traffic Awareness Signs, prioritizing a comprehensive education and enforcement strategy.
- Recommendation to approve the adoption of the Safewatch, Public Safety Camera System Policy as the governing framework for the use, management, and oversight of public safety camera technology within the Town of New Glasgow.
- Recommendation to award the 2025/26 Asphalt Patching Contract to the lowest bidder, Webster Brothers Paving and Concrete Ltd., for estimated quantities at a cost of \$156,500 net HST.
- Recommendation that the Jubilee event be granted an exemption to the Smoking Bylaw for the weekend of August 1–3, 2025, in accordance with liquor licensing requirements for the event site plan.
- Recommendation that the appointments for Committees of Council for 2025 – 2028 be approved as presented:
 - Accessibility Advisory Committee – Ivan Willis and Jessica Nairn
 - Forbes Lake Watershed Source Protection Committee – Nick Munro (Ward 2)



Finance Report

April 1-July 31, Revenue Actuals equated to \$ 18,204,288 with a budgeted sum of \$18,275,400 leading to a variance of \$ 71,112.

Expenses for the month of July included but were not limited to:

Department or Program	Actuals July 2025	Budget 2025/26
Protective Services - NGRP	\$1,907,729	\$ 5,825,310
General Government	\$896,793	\$2,730,700
Community Development	\$415,826	\$1,269,400
Town Owned Properties	\$37,180	\$310,000
Other Protection-Fire Department	\$721,989	\$2,309,767
Transportation Service	\$936,914	\$3,701,900
Transportation Equipment	\$202,341	\$787,500
Refuse Collection & Disposal	\$188,079	\$735,186

Engineering and Public Works Department Report

Engineering and Public Works provided an update on the major projects and/or initiatives throughout the months of June and July, which include but are not limited to:

- The 8th Street Sanitary Sewer Expansion Project is progressing well with contractor, B.D. Clifton. The project is currently 85% complete and on budget with paving and restoration remaining.
- HVAC Energy Upgrades work remains ongoing at the Fire Hall, with the new electrical service still not installed, and Town Hall work delayed due to late equipment delivery. The project has not been progressing well. The schedule has continued to slip, with completion now expected in September or October. The Contractor for the project is Bird Mechanical Ltd.
- The Wastewater Capacity Study is currently underway and the report is in draft format by the consultant, Dillion Consulting Ltd. A consultant has made recommendations to provide further analysis of the ERECC trunk sewer, which is a change to the scope of the project.
- The Library Renovation Project commenced on June 23rd and is being overseen by PCL Constructors Canada. Environmental Services installed a new water line, two

storm lines and one sewer as a part of the work. Demolition is currently underway, and work is progressing well with no major issues identified.

- The contract for the Westside Water Pressure Study was awarded to the sole bidder, Dillon Consulting Ltd. While the validation hydraulic model is complete, the consultant is experiencing validation issues, and the Town will be providing additional survey data. Work on finalizing the water model continues, with the draft report now expected by mid-to-late September.
- The Forbes Lake Dam and Spillway Upgrades project has been awarded to MECO Engineering and design work is currently underway. The Environmental Assessment is 95% complete, with the draft report received for comments.
- The waterline replacement for Little Harbour Road is currently in design phase and nearing 95% completion, the project is expected to be issued for tender in 2026.
- The RFP for a Design-Build contract for the Ward One Accessible Ramp closed on May 29, 2025. The award of contract has been awarded to sole bidder I. Matheson & Co. The work is expected to take 14 weeks to complete from the date of the award, the project is estimated to cost \$142,970, plus hst.
- Work is progressing on the Southend Sewer Separation. Storm and sanitary sewer work is mostly complete, while waterline work is complete, with the overall project being over 95% complete. The work is being overseen by S.W. Weeks.
- The Asphalt Patching Tender closed on June 12, 2025, and has been awarded to Webster Brothers Paving and Concrete, the work is currently underway and will run throughout the summer months.
- The tender for the Capital Paving Project closed on July 10th and has been awarded to Webster Bros. Paving. The work & improvements includes concrete curb installation (now 95% complete), replacement of the Westville Road culvert by Town staff, and milling on Westville Rd., Provost St., and MacLean St. Curb reveal work on other streets is still to be completed.
- The Grade Cross Improvement Project for John Street is awaiting contract documents from Harbourside Engineering who are challenged to get the necessary timing information from Genesse and Wyoming Railway. A permit application and fees have been submitted to the Railway.
- Community Development is overseeing the Viola's Way project, with support from Engineering and Public Works, who will work concurrently on design and construction to meet delivery timelines. Fathom completed conceptual designs; however, full contract drawings, which could take up to 12 months. Staff are developing a basic street plan in-house design and have reviewed the conceptual work with GALMA. Public art and metal feature discussions are ongoing with Darren Martin.



- The reconstruction of accessible spaces in the Downtown area was completed in June with two new spaces constructed on MacLean Street.
- The Vale Road Intersection Project, carried over from FY2024/25, is now underway. Fill and shaping work is nearly complete, with topsoiling and hydroseeding planned next. A tree planting plan is also being developed by the Town Forester

Solid Waste (PC Shared Services Authority – PC Solid Waste)

A total of 105.04 tons of organics was collected during the month of June 2025, as compared to 122.31 tons of organics collected for the month of June 2024. 48.22 tons of garbage was collected during the month of June 2025, as compared to 54.50 tons of garbage collected for the month of June 2024, a total of 36.06 tons of recycling was collected during the month of June 2025, as compared to 39.15 tons of recycling collected for the month of June 2024.

A total of 114.70 tons of organics was collected during the month of July 2025, as compared to 110.70 tons of organics collected for the month of July 2024. 62.04 tons of garbage was collected during the month of July 2025, as compared to 56.05 tons of garbage collected for the month of July 2024, a total of 41.14 tons of recycling was collected during the month of July 2025, as compared to 38.49 tons of recycling collected for the month of July 2024.

New Glasgow Regional Police

June Public Safety & Operations

Police are currently investigating a robbery that occurred on Riverside Parkway on June 1, 2025

Police have charged a 22-year-old male in relations to hate crimes, the individual has been charged with public incitement of hatred, willful promotion of hate and advocating genocide.

On June 16, 2025, police charged a 50-year-old male on Marsh Street with assault police, uttering threats, obstructing police, cause disturbance and assault with a weapon.

A 29-year-old male was arrested and charged with x2 assault, mischief, and failure to comply with probation after an incident which took place at the Aberdeen Hospital last month.

The Province of Nova Scotia has awarded the Town of New Glasgow and the New Glasgow Regional Police a grant of \$25,000 to support the establishment of a Senior Safety Program.



July Public Safety & Operations

Police are continuing to investigate an arson and break and enter at Pizza Delight, involving multiple suspects who were in disguise.

A willful promotion of hate crime investigation has been referred to the Public Prosecution Service for review and recommendation to the Attorney General for charge approval.

A 27-year-old male was arrested in connection with an incident on High Street in Trenton. The accused faces eight Criminal Code charges, including Assault Police, Fail to Comply with Court Orders, Uttering Threats, and Mischief. While in custody, the accused damaged a police vehicle.

Police charged a 37-year-old male with theft of a motor vehicle, possession of stolen property, driving while prohibited, and six counts of failing to comply with various orders after incidents on Fourth St., Trenton, and Aberdeen Ave., New Glasgow. A 29-year-old female was also charged with theft of a motor vehicle and failing to comply with a court order. The Major Crime Unit assisted officers in obtaining a warrant to enter a residence to arrest the male accused.

New Glasgow Regional Police participated in several community events in July including Tim Horton's Camp Day and the Special Olympics Torch Run.

Following updated information provided by the Public Prosecution Service (PPSC) regarding the approval of single-use drug charges, and in response to community members expressing deep concern about ongoing drug use and challenges within the unhoused community, it has been recommended that a public engagement session be held upon completion of the homelessness survey. The session will provide an opportunity to hear community concerns and gather recommendations as part of the ongoing open dialogue. Staff will work to determine a date in the near future.

NGRP Training & Development

Throughout June and July, New Glasgow Regional Police officers participated in several training opportunities, including:

- The Psychology of Criminal Harassment
- Use-of-Force/Officer Safety Instructor Course
- Pistol Qualifications and Sig Sauer P320 Transition Course, ongoing firearms training to maintain annual certification and support the transition to new service pistols.
- One Officer is participating in practical training with the Provincial Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit at RCMP Headquarters, Dartmouth



- The New Glasgow Regional Police participated in the development of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program, a collaborative initiative with Nova Scotia Health's Mental Health and Addictions team that trains officers to work alongside clinicians in real time to better support people experiencing a mental health crisis, reduce hospital apprehensions, and build community trust.

Occurrences

In June, the New Glasgow Regional Police responded to a total of 640 occurrences, resulting in 31 arrests. Notable call drivers included 109 suspicious person/property/vehicle, 72 motor vehicle act, 70 assistance, 35 theft, 30 protection of property and 11 assault. Other calls involved mental health concerns, sexual assault, child pornography, forcible confinement, and threats.

In July, the New Glasgow Regional Police responded to a total of 737 occurrences, resulting in 34 arrests. Notable call drivers included 85 protection-of-property calls, 63 suspicious person/property/vehicle reports, 64 Motor Vehicle Act violations, 30 assistance calls, 15 thefts, and 16 assaults. There were also 10 incidents of flight from police. Other call drivers included offences under the Fire Safety Act, Forest Act, Sexual Assault, and Explosives Act.

Throughout June & July, the Community Response Officer (CRO) addressed various incidents in the Downtown area, including those under the Mental Health Act, Wellbeing Act, Trespass Act disturbances, and assaults. While on patrol, the CRO also regularly engages with business owners, employees, and visitors to the Downtown, fostering positive relationships and supporting a safe and welcoming environment.

Department of Community Development Report

June Report

Throughout the month of June, the Community Development Team has focused on preparing for summer events and enhancing Town-owned spaces. Significant work was completed at the New Glasgow Riverfront Marina, including dock repairs and safety improvements, along with team training in fueling and spill response, supported by the New Glasgow Fire Department. The Marina is now staffed on weekends, with 10 seasonal boaters already in place. After months of coordination, a temporary location was secured for the New Glasgow Library and PARL headquarters at the Aberdeen Business Centre, with staff and students supporting the move and renovations now underway. A major milestone was the successful installation of the EZ Launch One-Way Accessible Canoe and Kayak Launch, providing inclusive river access. The Pre-Canada Day celebration drew over 300 attendees and was a great success.



Active Living & Community Programs

The Community Development Team is preparing to re-install mobile pedestrian counters at the S.W. Weeks Sports Complex Track, Sierra Drive Playground, and Samson Trail (north of George Street Bridge) in July 2025, following the receipt of replacement batteries. Engineering and Public Works will also be installing permanent counters at additional trail locations including the Pioneer Trail and Johnny Miles Memorial Trail.

The Go Play Fund has been renewed for the 2025-26 fiscal year, with seven applications submitted so far, one approved and six under review. The Go Play Pictou County Equipment Loan Program has seen increasing engagement at the New Glasgow location, with 10 pickups in April, 16 in May, and 21 in June, totaling nearly 100 items loaned across the three months.

Significant progress has been made with the Make Your Move New Glasgow initiative. A draft Strategic Plan was reviewed by Nova Scotia Health and provincial departments, with final edits underway before presentation to Council. Highlights from June included the return of the A.G. Baillie Bike Bus, which saw growing weekly participation, and the "Coffee Outside" series which fostered community engagement on active commute routes. Events like "Fun Fridays" and weekly "Ward Walks" further encouraged active living.

July programming includes a variety of inclusive community events such as Pop-Up SUP, Art in the Park, and a First Tee golf program for children. The popular Coffee Outside continues, alongside e-bike trials, pop-up play sessions, and a community-led Wimbledon Tournament at the West Side Tennis Courts. Coastal guided hikes, organized in collaboration with neighbouring municipalities, have been well-attended, and transportation support via CHAD Transit is helping newcomers and residents without vehicles take part in these outdoor activities. Social media engagement for Make Your Move NG continues to grow, with over 72,000 views and more than 4,000 interactions in one month.

Events

June events included Carillon Singers, Autism NS Event, The Feed Nova Scotia Tour, Johnny Miles Running Event, HCRS Banquet, No Days Off Comedy Tour, and the Pre-Canada day celebration. Upcoming summer events include but are not limited to: 150th Anniversary Summer Concert Series events including performers, venues, and vendors. The Program, Culture, and Events Coordinator was also involved in meetings with the planning of Disability Pride, the International Town Crier competition, Race on the River, and the Jubilee.



Environment & Sustainability

Over the past month, the Environment & Sustainability Lead has been actively engaged in capacity building and stakeholder collaboration. This includes attending 11 Community of Practice sessions with the Tamarack Institute, participating in a roundtable focused on Indigenous perspectives on climate, and completing hands-on training related to marine fuel handling and oil spill response. In addition, over 10 meetings were held with diverse stakeholders such as Pictou County Partnership, Torchlight Bioresources, Net Zero Atlantic, Clean Foundation, Carbon Run, and Efficiency One, in addition to regular internal organizational meetings.

The Town continues to advance its Community Resiliency Hub initiative, known provincially as comfort centers, designed to provide emergency support such as shelter, charging stations, information, and light refreshments during emergencies. In June, the Director of Community Development and the Environment & Sustainability Lead met with the Northend Recreation Center Board to discuss implementation, the Community Development Team has procured and is preparing emergency supply boxes for deployment.

Progress is also being made on Carbon Run's River Alkalinity Project with plans to install a limestone doser on the East River by Fall 2025. The proposal has received positive feedback from community members, Stellarton, and Pictou Landing First Nation. The Town has applied to join Clean Foundation's 2025 Community Climate Capacity (CCC) Program, which would assign a dedicated climate specialist to help advance local sustainability efforts.

Further, discussions continue around the District Energy Project with meetings held alongside Torchlight Bioresources and woodlot owners. Efforts are underway to secure biomass sources and conduct research into regional sawmill conditions and potential financing models. Meanwhile, the Town proudly celebrated Pollinator Week in June by erecting "Bee City" signs, hosting educational events, and launching a pollinator garden certificate program recognizing local gardeners for their eco-friendly efforts.

July Report

Department of Community Development Report

July is traditionally one of the busiest months for the Department of Community Development, with the Beautification, Streetscaping, and Maintenance Teams engaged in the upkeep of gardens, parks, and public spaces while supporting numerous community events. The Events and Active Living teams delivered a variety of activities and signature events that brought residents together and encouraged active participation.



At the New Glasgow Riverfront Marina, 11 seasonal boaters were moored in July, with regular visits from transient vessels. Fuel sales have been strong, and operations continue to run smoothly. Work also progressed on the Viola's Way Placemaking Project, with the Department of Community Development collaborating with the Department of Engineering and Public Works and members of the New Glasgow GALMA Society to advance project planning.

Active Living & Community Programs

In July, replacement batteries allowed for the reinstallation of mobile pedestrian counters at the S.W. Weeks Sports Complex Track, Sierra Drive Playground, and Samson Trail (north of George Street Bridge). Permanent counters are awaiting installation on the Samson Trail (south of George Street Bridge), Pioneer Trail, and Johnny Miles Memorial Trail.

The Go Play Fund, renewed for the 2025–26 fiscal year, received seven applications this month. Four were approved, while three were redirected to alternate funding sources. As part of the Make Your Move New Glasgow (MYMNG) initiative, a partnership with Crombie REIT will see a designated “Make Your Move” parking space at Highland Square Mall, encouraging visitors to park further from entrances to add more steps to their day.

July MYMNG highlights included:

- Art in the Park – Weekly movement and craft sessions in celebration of NG150 and community events.
- Coastal Guided Hike Series – Nine hikes over nine weeks, drawing 75 hikers who collectively walked 828 km, with 20 participants earning the Hike Nova Scotia Pictou County Coast Hiker Challenge Badge.
- Ward Walks – Biweekly walking groups from New Glasgow's three community centres.

Events

The Program, Culture, and Events Manager transitioned into their role this month, overseeing major July events such as Disability Pride, the Dragon Boat Race on the River, the Glasgow Square Movie Series, and the ongoing NG150 Music Shapes New Glasgow Concert Series. Planning also advanced for upcoming events including the International Town Criers Competition, Festival of the Tartans, 150 Drone Show, Black Gala Homecoming, and the Run Against Racism Tribute.



Environment & Sustainability

Progress continues on the Community Resiliency Hubs initiative, with emergency supplies now procured and ready for deployment. Carbon Run's East River limestone doser project is on hold pending updates to the river alkalinity enhancement protocol to include estuarine and coastal measurements.

The Town was successful in securing a climate lead through the Community Climate Capacity (CCC) Program for a two-year term. Additional achievements include the conclusion of the Bee City pollinator garden certificate program (eight certificates issued), a \$2,500 Divert NS Litter Intervention Fund grant for waste infrastructure improvements, and an extra \$100,000 from Natural Resources Canada for the Towards Net Zero Homes Project.

Business Development Report

The East River Business Park is progressing with key development activities in June and July, which includes but is not limited to:

- Lot A-1 & Adjacent 1.4-Acre Parcel: The Purchase and Sale Agreement has been executed and dated June 23, 2025. NSBDI is projected to close within 30 days, with a mid-to-late summer construction start still anticipated. The subdivision plan for this parcel has not yet been registered, as the Municipal Development Officer is awaiting deeds from the solicitor.
- Lot 10A: Geotechnical assessments continue. Subdivision approval remains pending due to land consolidation requirements.
- Lot 5C: A contractor has expressed interest in developing an office on Lot 5C. Consideration is being given to an overbuild to allow for additional leasable office space.

Department of Fire and Fire Inspection Reports

The New Glasgow Fire Department responded to a total of 18 calls during the month of June. Major call drivers included 6 alarms, 6 MVC, as well as one hazmat, structure fire, smoke in air and planter fire. In July, the department responded to 26 calls. Major drivers included 3 structure fires, 1 gazebo fire, 10 alarms, 3 mutual aid, and 1 water rescue.

In addition, a total of eight fire inspections and follow-up visits were conducted throughout the month of June and four in July.

Mayor Nancy Dicks expressed her sincere thanks to Chief Ross White and his team for their efforts in last week's Lulan display and event.



Building Permits Report

Throughout the month of June, the Town received requests for 8 Building Permits. Permit requests included renovation, residential and commercial developments. Permits issued throughout the month of June equate to an estimated value of \$11,492,800 in local building and renovation costs. Accumulated permits from January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025, equate to \$20,585,139. In comparison, permits generated from January 1 to June 30, 2024, amounted to \$11,286,233.

During the month of July, the Town received requests for 10 Building Permits. Permit requests were primarily single residential and one significant Institutional & Government request. Permits issued throughout the month of July equate to an estimated value of \$90,582,818 in local building and renovation costs. Accumulated permits from January 1, 2025, to July 31, 2025, equate to \$111,167,957. In comparison, permits generated from January 1 to June 30, 2024, amounted to \$11,595,799.

Information Technology Department Report

The Information Technology Department made notable progress throughout June and July on a number of key projects and ongoing initiatives, supported by the Town's 2025–2026 fiscal capital budget, which includes but was not limited to:

SafeWatch Camera Expansion: Several new cameras were installed and integrated into the centralized recording system at the New Glasgow Community Garden, the Farmers Market Dome, and the intersection of George Street & Archimedes Street.

Flourish Wi-Fi Repairs: Coverage issues in the Town's free public Wi-Fi network were resolved with the replacement of aged and failed outdoor equipment.

Camera Maintenance & Optimization: In effective outdoor SafeWatch cameras were replaced and connected to the centralized recording system. A full review of 85 cameras has also been completed, with recommendations made.

NGRP Digital Video Support: Staff continue to assist with in-car and body-worn camera systems for New Glasgow Regional Police, including retrieving and ensuring access to footage for evidentiary use.

Human Resources and Corporate Communications Department Report

June and July, recruitment efforts focused on search and interview processes for the following positions: Communications Specialist, Operator III, Dispatch Communications Officer, and Court Operations Administrator.



Employee Relations

Work continued in support of collective bargaining with the Atlantic Police Association. Additional focus was placed on union-related urgent performance management matters.

Learning & Development

In June, employees were invited to participate in “Preparing for Duty to Cooperate” and were also provided a weekly email series which focused on National Safety Month recommendations and training opportunities. Upcoming sessions will include Introduction to Canva, Healthy Eating Advice with a Registered Dietitian, and Balsam Indigenous Ally Training.

Marketing & Communications

In June, Communications supported several initiatives, including the successful delivery of the Business Wall of Fame event and ongoing collaboration with local historians to highlight New Glasgow’s history through weekly posts. The team developed and shared a broad range of themed content across platforms, covering Pride, Men’s Health, Period Awareness, Graduation, National Indigenous Peoples Day, D-Day, and local summer events. Updates and photos from New Glasgow 150 events were also featured. Staff continued to support internal and external communications needs, ensuring timely updates to proclamations, website content, and social media on topics such as employment opportunities, procurement, traffic notices, and community programming.

Throughout July, Communications focused on continuing to promote New Glasgow’s 150th anniversary through a variety of initiatives. Efforts included highlighting 150 sponsors on the website and social media, distributing posters, and supporting major events such as the Festival of the Tartans, Summer Concert Series, Mayor’s Tea & Book Launch, Fire Department Exhibit, Drone Show, and the International Town Crier Competition with targeted promotion, social media graphics, programs, and event photography. Weekly historical articles were shared online and with the Advocate. At Glasgow Square, Communications managed ticket giveaways, event promotion, and early planning for the 25th anniversary in 2026. Active Living programs were promoted through weekly recaps and social media, while environmental initiatives included developing eco-friendly signage. Additional responsibilities included proclamations, road closures, alerts, newsletters and creating email lists for committees, sponsors, and the public to streamline communications for town events and initiatives.

Strategic Initiatives & Projects Department Report

Over the past two months, work on New Glasgow 150 initiatives has progressed through strong collaboration among town leadership, community partners, and volunteers. The



Town continues to expand branding efforts, strengthen partnerships, and successfully engage sponsors, surpassing budget targets. Key developments include event planning for a tribute to Henderson Paris and the Run Against Racism, production of house flags and commemorative swag. Artistic and cultural initiatives, such as the Heritage Painting Series and exploratory meetings with creative groups, are underway. Community enthusiasm remains high, with committee meetings and strong public engagement.

Committee of the Whole

Matters for Senior Staff

Recommendation – Capital Paving Tender-2025, Director of Engineering & Public Works

Council approved the recommendation put forth by the Director of Engineering & Public Works to award the 2025/26 Capital Paving Project to the lowest bidder Webster Bros. Paving of Mount William.

Memo-NS Walks, Walking Audits, Active Living Manager

Council was provided a memo outlining the results of the Ward One Community Walking Audit, which took place on May 20, 2025. The audit, using the NS Walks Walkability Tool, scored the area 77.75/120, indicating it is “okay, but needs work.” Key improvement areas were identified along Marsh Street, Washington Street, and East River Road. Walking audits for Wards Two and Three were not held due to low turnout, but feedback was collected through other channels. Staff plan to continue audits annually and have applied for funding to implement small-scale improvements along the identified routes.

Recommendation - Tender Award for Two Tandem Trucks, Assistant Director of Engineering and Public Works

Council approved the recommendation to award Tender #TNG25-PW-007 to Nova Enterprises Limited for the purchase of two new Model 66,000 lb GVW Tandem Axle Trucks — one for the Water Utility (\$212,393.29 Net HST) and one for the Public Works Department (\$218,001.72 Net HST). Funding for these vehicles is included in the approved 2025/26 Water Capital Budget and 2025/26 General Capital Budget, respectively.

Recommendation - Implementation of Speed Humps, Chief of Police

Council approved the Chief of Police’s recommendation, as endorsed by the Municipal Traffic Authority, to implement a pilot project for the installation of two to three speed humps during the 2026–2027 fiscal year. These will be placed strategically following data collection, environmental review, and adherence to best practices to improve safety and reduce speeding in residential and pedestrian-priority areas.



Memo - Proposal to Establish the Constable Anthony Cordeel Thomas “Heart and Hands” Award, Chief of Police

Council received a memo recommending that the Town of New Glasgow formally adopt the Heart and Hands Award as an annual recognition for a Town employee who best reflects the legacy and values of Cst. Anthony Thomas—kindness, empathy, compassion, teamwork, and dedication to community.

Memo - Sign Permit 56 Provost Street, Planning & Development Officer

Council approved the recommendation from the Planning and Development Officer regarding a permit application for new signage at 56 Provost Street, part of a redevelopment/change of use project. The property falls under the Town’s Architectural Guidelines for the Provost Street Precinct and is classified as a Type “C” Compatible Building with Significant Features, including sandstone and brick façade materials, parapet and window alignments, and decorative brick motifs.

Although the developer installed the signage prior to permit approval, staff found that:

- The west-facing sign aligns well with the façade and does not detract from key architectural elements.
- The east-facing sign is centrally placed on a recessed rear façade not covered by the guidelines and is not visually disruptive.
- The north-facing vertical corner sign complements the building’s vertical brick detailing.

Staff concluded the signage does not undermine the building’s architectural character and recommended Council approve it as installed, in accordance with Section 40.3.5 of the Downtown New Glasgow Architectural Guidelines.

Memo- Exterior Façade Renovations, Planning & Development Officer

Council approved the recommendation from the Planning and Development Officer regarding an application for exterior renovations at 114/116 Provost Street, owned by MacGillivray Properties Ltd. The property is within the Town’s Architectural Guidelines for the Provost Street Precinct and is classified as a Type “C” Compatible Building with Significant Features, including second-level window arrangements and sandstone accents.

The renovations aim to improve the street-level façade, with large-scale tiles in a colour consistent with other MPL properties, replacing a previous tile treatment that undermined the original design. Staff found the proposal maintains key architectural features and aligns with the style and façade themes of adjacent MPL buildings.



Unfinished Business

Memo- Capital Paving List, Director of Engineering & Public Works

Council approved the recommendation put forth by the Director of Engineering & Public Works to complete outstanding work using a combination of the remaining Capital Paving funds following the Westville Rd. (Town Limits to Western Ave.) project estimated at \$490,350.75 Net HST and the remaining Operation and Maintenance funding estimated at \$143,000 Net HST. The additional streets to be paved include:

- Forbes Street (Temperance Street to Albert Street)
- Forest Hill Drive (Reservoir Street to Belmont Street)
- Maplewood Drive (Birchview Crescent to Forest Hill Drive)
- MacKay Street (George Street to Forbes Street)
- Sanborne Street (Maple Avenue to Bennett Street)
- Pleasant Street (East River Road to Granville Street)
- MacLean Street (Archimedes Street to Provost Street)
- Provost Street – overlay (George Street to Jury Street)
- Merigomish Road (Marsh Street to Douglas Street)
- East River Road (small section)

Response Letter from the Town of Trenton – Police Services

Council received the letter from the Town of Trenton dated July 8, 2025 acknowledging receipt of the Town of New Glasgow's letter dated June 17th which acknowledged the Town of Trenton's decision to not renew their contract for police services and confirmed that New Glasgow will discontinue police services on March 31, 2026.

Memo – Grant Allocations

Council approved \$5,000 in grant funding within the operational grants line of the Town's budget. It was agreed the allocation be divided, with \$3,000 directed to the New Glasgow Academy Playground project and \$2,000 to the Ship Hector Society.

Municipal Corporation and Committee Reports

Memo – Pictou County Transit Authority

Council received a memo from the Director of Corporate Services on the Pictou County Transit Authority regarding their regularly scheduled board meeting on May 6, 2025, at the Stellarton Town Hall, which highlighted the increase in ridership, financial reporting, budget, and planning.



Memo – Pictou County Shared Services Authority

Council received a memo from the Chief Administrative Officer on the Pictou County Shared Services Authority annual general meeting and regular board meeting held on July 21, 2025, which highlighted the audited financial statements for March 31, 2025 as well as updates on operations for the Pictou County Solid Waste and the East River Environmental Control Centre.

New Business

Memo – Development Agreement Discharge for 225 McColl Street

Council approved the recommendation to discharge a development agreement on PID 65149593 – 225 McColl Street as provided for under Section 229 (1) through (3) of the Municipal Government Act. The agreement, originally approved in 2021 to allow a non-conforming use for a commercial storage facility, was never acted upon. The property later changed ownership, but redevelopment was halted due to fire damage and building code deficiencies. The discharge will now allow for future development aligned with current Residential Two Unit zoning and policies.

Memo – Appointment of Planning and Development Officer

Council approved the appointment of Roland Burek as the Planning and Development Officer for the Town of New Glasgow. This appointment supports the transition period as our current Planning and Development Officer who is preparing for retirement in October. The Town has been grateful for Jeffrey Turnbull's dedicated service and leadership in our planning and development services, and we are committed to ensuring a smooth and effective transfer of responsibilities in the interim as we prepare for the permanent posting of the role.

Memo – Equity and Anti-Racism Plan

Council received a memo from the Director of Community Development providing the first quarterly update on the Town of New Glasgow's Equity and Anti-Racism Plan. A key deliverable of the plan is the creation of a detailed workplan outlining actions, activities, timelines, outcomes, and key indicators to support regular and consistent reporting to Council. The attached workplan to the memo identified objectives, responsibilities, and current status for each area.

Funding Request – Women Alike Breast Cancer Society of Pictou County

Council received a request from the Women Alike Breast Cancer Society of Pictou County for the Town to consider a donation in support of their team's participation in the 2026



IBCPC International Dragon Boat Festival in Aix-les-Bains, France. This request will be considered as part of the Town's 2026/2027 fiscal budget planning process.