



## TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

### WHEREAS:

The Town of New Glasgow recognizes that the threat posed by climate change to our community, constitutes an emergency.

The annual mean temperature in New Glasgow is projected to increase 1.9° C from 2021-2050, under a “business as usual” scenario. Our region is projected to experience a rise in sea levels, extreme rainfall, more extreme heat, more frequent and severe storms, etc. These changes result in direct and indirect impacts on the environment, the economy, infrastructure, and health. Everyone will experience climate change impacts, but our most vulnerable populations are the most heavily hit.

### Climate Emergency Actions:

**Leadership:** The Town of New Glasgow commits to bold and transformational actions and decision-making, compatible with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to keep global warming under 1.5° C. We are committed to the timely implementation of the Community Climate Action Plan, and the pursuit of immediate and ongoing GHG emission reductions.

**Embedding Climate Emergency Action:** The Town of New Glasgow will incorporate a climate lens in all future decisions, and prioritize the solutions or pathways that are positive for the climate, environment, sustainability, and biodiversity. Our municipality will stress the integration of climate and sustainability concerns in a cross-disciplinary manner in all municipal tasks, and foster collaboration across departments to advance high-priority strategies towards deep emission reductions at emergency speed. Climate change projections will guide our Asset Management efforts, and natural assets will be appropriately valued to account for their services and benefits.

**Advocacy and Collaboration:** Whenever possible, we will endeavour to collaborate and coordinate our climate efforts with other local or regional governments. The Town of New Glasgow will aim to align our local action with the Government of Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia to accelerate immediate actions, and increase the impact of our work. We will advocate for significant changes in policy, legislation, and funding to enable effective climate action and transformational change in our community and Province.

**Community Resilience:** The Town of New Glasgow will balance climate mitigation and adaptation efforts, to build adaptive capacity and strengthen community resilience and preparedness to address current and future impacts.

**Engagement and Mobilization:** The Town of New Glasgow is committed to meaningfully engaging residents, businesses, organizations, and particularly young people in our climate work to mobilize citizen participation and to increase climate literacy.

**Funding:** Annual funding will be dedicated to climate and sustainability work through the development of the Sustainability Fund.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Council declare a Climate Emergency in the Town of New Glasgow on March 1st, 2022, and adopt these Climate Emergency Actions to minimize the catastrophic threat of climate change.

Mayor Nancy Dicks