



**PROCLAMATION
POLLINATOR WEEK
June 16th to 22nd, 2024**

WHEREAS: Pollinators, including bees, butterflies, birds, bats, and other insects are biodiversity champions and are responsible for pollinating about 75% of flowering plants and nearly 75% of crops. This means they play a crucial role in maintaining the biodiversity and ecological balance of our environment. This also makes them an essential cog for overall food security;

WHEREAS: Nova Scotia is home to a variety of native pollinators, including over 200 species of bees, butterflies, and many moths and flies. These native species are adapted to our local environment and play a crucial role in pollinating local flora;

WHEREAS: With a changing climate, pollinators are key to helping local ecosystems adapt and thrive. Healthy pollinator populations enhance the resilience of our ecosystems;

WHEREAS: The Town of New Glasgow is the first Bee City in Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS: Being a Bee City entails three core commitments: 1. Creating and enhancing pollinator habitat; 2. Education and awareness; 3. Celebrating the 3rd week of June as Pollinator Week;

WHEREAS: The Town of New Glasgow has 72 flower beds and planters including 2 flower beds made out of reused canoes, 4 bee hives and bird baths laid out across the Town;

WHEREAS: The New Glasgow is leading other municipalities by example as Nova Scotia's first Bee City. This leadership in environmental stewardship can inspire other communities to take similar steps. This initiative further cements New Glasgow's identity as a forward-thinking, environmentally conscious community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Nancy Dicks, Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow, do hereby proclaim June 16th to June 22nd, 2024, as Pollinator Week in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks