



## Proclamation

### National Forest Week

September 22-28, 2024

**WHEREAS** Canada's forests are a valuable, renewable resource that contribute to our economy and the livelihoods of our communities.

**WHEREAS** Canada's forests play a crucial role in maintaining healthy ecosystems, clean air and water and wildlife habitat whilst being an important aspect of climate change mitigation efforts.

**WHEREAS** the Town of New Glasgow and its citizens rely on the surrounding forests for livelihood, health, and recreation.

**WHEREAS** the forest products industry is an important employer in the Town of New Glasgow and surrounding Pictou County.

**WHEREAS** a market for low-grade wood fibre and residues is essential to sustainable forest management and an economically viable forest products industry.

**WHEREAS** the closure of Northern Pulp eliminated the largest market for low-grade wood fibre and residues in Nova Scotia and resulted in economic hardship for many families residing in the Town of New Glasgow.

**WHEREAS** the Town of New Glasgow is determining the feasibility of a community-wide district heating system that would create a market for low-grade wood fibre and residues, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and lower energy costs for residents and businesses in New Glasgow.

**WHEREAS** this annual one-week campaign with the theme of "Canada's Forests: Supporting Biological Diversity" will be celebrated across Canada by individuals and organizations.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Nancy Dicks, Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim September 22 to 28, 2024, as "NATIONAL FOREST WEEK" in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks