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New Glasgow  
*flourish*



## New Glasgow Swears in New Mayor & Council

Barrie MacMillan, a former Executive Director of the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce and business owner, was sworn in as New Glasgow's newest mayor in Council Chambers on November 17.

The ceremony, which took place in Council Chambers in front of a packed audience of residents and media, was the first official council meeting of the newest elected representatives to serve New Glasgow.

Mayor Elect MacMillan won by a wide margin and received 1,925 votes, nearly doubling his nearest competitor, Rick Beaton, former director general of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency who received 1,024 votes, while Ken Langille, a local business owner and a past member of Council, was third at 604.

Mr. MacMillan was formerly president and general manager of Cameron & Fraser Limited in New Glasgow for 15 years and was also Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of the County

of Kings earlier in his career.

While Executive Director of the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce, a position he held for 19 years, Mr. MacMillan was an executive member of the Northumberland Strait Marketing Group.



NSMG successfully worked to help offset the loss of tourism traffic to Pictou County and Eastern PEI when the newly constructed Confederation Bridge was negatively impacting the tourism revenues of these two important tourism regions.

Mr. MacMillan has a long history of community service and involvement.

He has held volunteer positions such as President, New Glasgow Rotary Club; President, St. Andrew's Society of Pictou County; President, Pictou County Historical Society; President, Pictou County District Council, Scouts



**Mayor Barrie MacMillan**

Canada; Treasurer, Summer Street Industries, and Chair, Business Campaign, United Way of Pictou County.

### New Glasgow Celebrates 60th Anniversary of Declaration of Human Rights

On December 10, the Town of New Glasgow joined in worldwide celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

Motioned by Deputy Mayor Henderson Paris, the Town of New Glasgow renewed its own commitment to upholding the principles of the declaration and joined the "Dignity and Justice for all of us" campaign which coordinated symbols of support around the world.

"The Town of New Glasgow supports and salutes the General Assembly of the United Nations and proclaims this Universal Declaration as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations and all communities," Paris remarked at the official ceremony.

"Every individual and every organ of society must keep this Declaration constantly in mind and promote respect for rights and freedoms in order to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance," Paris added, believing that education and teaching was key to achieving the commitments of the document.

In 1948, the UDHR was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in what it committed to be the "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights" of all.

Its preamble also includes principles of rebellion against tyranny and oppression, friendly relations between nations and the equal rights of men and women. All members of the United Nations are taking part in celebration of the principles the UDHR enshrined. Over 360 language versions of what the UN called a living document are being used around the globe to remind that

### New Glasgow Releases Audited Financial Statements

Auditor Kevin MacDonald, CA of AC Williams MacDonald Inc., presented the Town of New Glasgow year end consolidated financial statement for the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2008 during the regular monthly meeting of Town Council on December 15 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall.

Consolidated statements provide a more comprehensive review than non-consolidated statements and report on all funds, including operating costs, capital, reserves, and transfers to various funds.

On a consolidated statement, the Town of New Glasgow finished the year with a decrease in fund balances, from \$2,800,900 to \$1,656,200. The decrease in fund balances can be attributed in large part to the unfunded liability in the Police Association of Nova Scotia's (PANS) pension fund.

Although the Town does not administer the plan, the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal has ordered New Glasgow along with six other towns across the province to pay for this unfunded liability.

"Council is committed towards rebuilding the Town's reserves through strategic cost controls," said Mayor Barrie MacMillan. "The Town needs to strengthen its financial position as a result of this unfortunate development with the PANS plan and the significant negative impact of poor market performances affecting the plan."

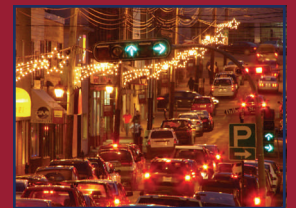
"We will be examining our priorities closely and creating a new strategic plan as well as looking at new opportunities to partner with other public and private partners," continued Mayor MacMillan.

"We need to find new ways to continue to deliver a high level of service and create an environment for growth and investment, while maintaining solid fiscal management and strategic costs that result in a reasonable tax rate," he continued.

During the 2007-08 fiscal year, the Town invested \$430,700 in streets, curbs, and sidewalks; \$540,100 in a major sewer separation waste management project; and \$240,000 was spent on public works equipment and \$67,200 for fire equipment.

"The Town will pursue long term sustainable financial management and operational practices, while balancing these fiscal challenges and delivery of good core services and a quality of life that our citizens deserve and have come to expect," said New Glasgow CAO Lisa M. MacDonald.

Mayor MacMillan also offered his appreciation and thanks to Town Council, CAO Lisa MacDonald, all members of the Senior Management team, and all town employees for their dedication and said he looks forward to working with Council and staff to develop a sound financial strategy and a



### Free Parking in Downtown New Glasgow

In celebration of the holiday season, the Town of New Glasgow is offering free parking on Provost and Archimedes Streets, for the full month of December.

### New Year's Day Levee

Mayor Barrie MacMillan and members of Town Council extend a warm welcome to all citizens to join us for our annual New Year's Day Levee. Residents may join Council in the Council Chambers of the New Glasgow Town Hall from 12 noon to 1:30pm. Please join neighbors and friends as we celebrate the arrival of 2009 together as a community.



## New Glasgow Earns High Rating in National Communities in Bloom

*Also First-runner up in National Environmental Category*

New Glasgow was blooming with pride as it received national recognition of its achievements in environmental standards, beautification and community building.

The town received a top rating of five blooms in the 2008 National Edition of Communities in Bloom.

As a national finalist in the 8,001 to 10,000 population category, which also saw entries from municipalities of similar size from Amherst, Nova Scotia, to towns in Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Ontario. The Town received commendation for what the judges described as the "flourishing" of New Glasgow.

This paid tribute to New Glasgow's new brand and revitalization projects. Kim Dickson, Communities in Bloom Co-Chair and Marketing and Communications Director, feels this is indicative of the spirit displayed by the community in its efforts that support all of the ideals of CIB.

"It is fitting that the word 'flourish' was inspired from the inscription on the original coat of arms, and this shows a respect for the richness of the town's heritage," Dickson described.

New Glasgow also achieved first runner up across the nation and for all population categories in its commitment to upholding environmental standards.

"The New Glasgow community flourishes on a daily basis with tidiness, environmental awareness, community involvement and heritage conservation," she added, referencing the eight categories in which Communities in Bloom judges assess a town.

A participant in the Communities in Bloom program for the past six years, New Glasgow has committed to a personal challenge of growing every year and has successively increased its standing in the program dedicated to environmental responsibility and beautification.

After participating in the program at the provincial level and placing first in its population category in 2005 and 2006, New Glasgow took on the challenge of the national level in 2007. In their first year of national competition, New Glasgow received four blooms.

In 2008, New Glasgow



continued to build upon its gains and challenged residents to "Strive for Five." In addition to its annual projects, new projects included the Bloomer of the Week Awards for residents, businesses and institutions, as well as recognition of corporate sponsors with commemorative signs placed at their projects.

Judges Gaetan Deschenes of Saint-Bruno, Quebec, and Lorna McIlroy of Grande Prairie, Alberta, arrived in July to view the work of the residents, businesses, the volunteers of the Communities in Bloom Committee and the Town of New Glasgow.

The results were announced at the annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, September 20, in Lethbridge, Alberta. Jamie Stevens, Co-Chair of Communities in Bloom, accepted the award on behalf of the community.

## Series of Historic Paintings of New Glasgow Unveiled

Town Hall will now hang historic paintings of New Glasgow and its notable pioneers. This is very fitting for a meeting place that has seen many famous faces and generations pass through its doors.

The paintings, which were unveiled by former Mayor Ann C. MacLean and New Glasgow Heritage Committee Chair Councillor Clyde Fraser, in an official ceremony in Council Chambers on November 13. They are the work of local artist David MacIntosh.

The majestic canvases include portraits of Adam Carr Bell, the first mayor of New Glasgow; Dr. Carrie Best, human rights activist and founder of the first newspaper for African Canadians in Nova Scotia.

James Carmichael, one of the town's first entrepreneurs and a shipbuilding leader, and his daughter, Dr. Caroline Carmichael, a social activist are also included.

In addition to these portraits, picturesque scenes are taken from New Glasgow's past to create memorable historic street-scapes.

"This series of historic paintings has been a long awaited heritage jewel for our town," described MacLean at the ceremony. "These pioneers and street-scapes capture our town's spirit and represent who we are, what we have built, where we have come from, and how we have

flourished."

MacIntosh, who was born and raised in New Glasgow and self taught, has received great acclaim for his works of the Ship Hector at the Hector Heritage Quay in Pictou. Using oils, the full time and self taught artist draws his inspiration for his uniquely "Old World" style from pictorial books featuring the works of early European painters.

The paintings themselves were inspired by a best practices mission and invitation to New Glasgow's namesake city, the City of Glasgow, Scotland, in 2006. In addition to nurturing the long standing special relationship with Glasgow, the mission also helped to shape the vision for the regeneration of the downtown.

Today Glasgow, Scotland, is known as Glasgow, Scotland with Style, a new brand that inspired New Glasgow to seek its own symbol to represent a similarly rich history and identity. As part of the major Downtown Revitalization, the series have long been in the works.

The paintings project was completed through the work of the New Glasgow Heritage Committee, Town Council, the Office of the CAO, the Marketing and Communications Department, and the Pictou Regional Development Commission who together brought the original vision to life.

The paintings will be hung in the Town Hall in the late spring with the goal of having tours available

## Sobeys Grand Slam Brings World Class Athletes to New Glasgow

For the second consecutive year, New Glasgow hosted the Sobeys Slam, a Women's Grand Slam of Curling event.

From November 26<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>, 17 of the top teams in the Canadian Team Ranking System descended upon John Brother MacDonald Stadium and the Bluenose Curling Club. Part of the World Curling Tour, it was the only event of its kind to be held east of Winnipeg and also included two teams from the United States and Team China, this year's

silver medalists in the 2008 World Championship.

2008 World Champion Jennifer Jones also joined the ice.

The 2008 Sobeys Slam was built upon the success of the 2007 inaugural match held in New Glasgow, which was named the Best Women's Event on the World Curling Tour for the 2007-2008 curling season. And this year's return yielded even better attendance results.

"As you may be aware, New Glasgow bears the name of the City of Glasgow, Scotland, and we are very proud to host this prestigious showcase and competition of Scotland's beloved game of curling," said Mayor Barrie MacMillan in his welcoming remarks to the players, volunteers and audience.

"Congratulations to Sobeys Slam Chair Jim Nix and Event Manager Donalda Buckingham of Sobeys and to all the wonderful volunteers who

have made this Slam unfold with great dedication, care and precision," he added.

Over four days and more than ninety games, at two venues, attendance exceeded 5,000 curling fans, representing more than a 10% increase over last year. The Sobeys Slam website also recorded more than 16,000 visits from more than 5,200 unique visitors. Over 250 enthusiastic volunteers also joined in to make the event a success.



## New Glasgow Declares Workplace Safety Day in Memory of Michael Bonvie

On October 27, the Town of New Glasgow declared New Glasgow Workplace Safety Day in memory of New Glasgow town employee Michael Bonvie.

Town of New Glasgow Council members and employees gathered at the Scott Weeks Sports Complex to unveil plans to dedicate a Place of Reflection in Bonvie's honor. In addition, the Town planted an oak tree and laid a large rock donated from a Scott W. Weeks quarry.

In 2007, the Town also planted an oak tree at the sports complex in his memory.

The day, October 27, was the closest working day to the date of Bonvie's death, October 26, 2006, which took place as the result of an industrial accident at a town work site.

Promoting safe workplaces has since become a com-

mitment of the Town. "We continue to be greatly saddened about this loss and continue to think of Michael's family and loved ones and their sorrow," said Former Mayor Ann C. MacLean.

"We are ever mindful of the tragic loss of a loving father, a caring husband, a good employee, a loyal friend, a loving son, and a good family person."

"New Glasgow Workplace Safety Day is a reminder to each and every member of the Town of New Glasgow that workplace safety belongs to us all," she continued.

The Town of New Glasgow pledges to work towards ensuring a safe workplace and has implemented new measures to ensure such a tragedy never occurs again.

The Workplace Safety Awareness Campaign undertaken by the Town of New Glasgow will reach all municipalities across the



## Public Works Employee Les Morrison Honored on His Retirement

Les Morrison, a long serving employee of the Town of New Glasgow Public Works, received recognition of his dedication during a meeting of Town Council on December 15. After 23 years of service, Morrison is now retiring.

Mayor Barrie MacMillan presented Morrison with a Long Service Award for his achievements and efforts in the New Glasgow Water Utility, the department Morrison first joined and stayed in until his retirement. In addition, Morrison also received a Long Service Award cheque and gifts from the Town of New Glasgow.

"Les was an exceptionally dependable employee who was usually one of the first to respond to a water leak," said Mayor MacMillan at the ceremony, who continued, jokingly, "I've been told by those who worked closely with Les that they often suspected he slept with his boots right beside his bed as he was always read to answer the call when needed."

"Les always took pride in a job well done," added Mayor MacMillan. While he explained Morrison will be missed by all his co-workers, Mayor MacMillan assured that Morrison will not be far away. Morrison will always be able to be found at the softball diamond as a still active player. Whether on the job or on the pitch, Morrison continues to be a valued team player.

## LIGHTING UP THE TOWN SIGNALS START OF THE CHRISTMAS



## New Health Care Clinic to Open in New Glasgow

Pictou County residents will gain improved access to health and wellness services next year through the opening of the East Side Collaborative Practice, a new health clinic in New Glasgow.

The clinic, established through a joint partnership between the Pictou County Health Authority and the Nova Scotia Department of Health, will bring together three to five family doctors, a nurse practitioner, a chronic disease management nurse, a social worker, a nutritionist and a practice coordinator, in effort to facilitate access to essential services in the county.

The clinic will also be part of a province wide effort to enhance health care access. Because of wait times to see doctors, an aging population, and an increase in chronic diseases both locally and across the province, local as well as provincial health authorities are committed to transforming the current system in order to meet these new demands.

"This aligns with the vision for the Nova Scotia Department of Health Primary Health Care and the district health authorities' vision for a return to community-health-based family practices and interdisciplinary teams to meet people's health needs," says

Duane MacInnis, Director of Primary Health Care for PCHA.

By employing this comprehensive approach and utilizing diverse health care professionals, administrators believe the new clinic will ease backlogs. Under the traditional arrangement, people sometimes see doctors for issues that could be handled by another health care provider.

A nurse practitioner can prescribe some medications, can order laboratory and diagnostic imaging tests and scans and may be able to spend more time screening clients and preventing illness in the

future. This allows doctors to have more time available to see patients/clients who do need to see a doctor to resolve their issue.

Medical students will also be present at the clinic as they finish their degree requirements. The clinic will also provide patient consultation for information on living with chronic conditions, as well as promote preventive care in order to follow an overall healthier lifestyle.

"It's really about someone needing health care seeing the right provider at the right time in the right place, recognizing that family doctors cannot be expected to do

## New Glasgow Pays Tribute to Ann C. MacLean for Many Years of Service

Councillor Ross Hamid  
Elected  
to Town Caucus Board



The Town of New Glasgow bid farewell and paid tribute to Mayor Ann MacLean, New Glasgow's longest serving mayor and first female mayor, on November 25 at Glasgow Square Theatre.

A large turnout of Town, County and provincial officials, Town employees and members of the community came out to say goodbye and thank you to Mayor MacLean for her years of service to New Glasgow. Newly elected Mayor MacMillan welcomed guests to the celebration and turned the proceedings over to Deputy Mayor Henderson Paris who is the last Deputy Mayor to serve with Mayor MacLean.

The Deputy Mayor said this was an opportunity for the community to come together to say thank you to Mayor MacLean for her dedication, leadership and legacy.

"New Glasgow has been the chosen town of your heart," he said to Mayor MacLean. "You have served her and us very well. You have been not only a leader but an ambassador that has represented us with intelligence, dignity and grace."

Letters of congratulation were read by Deputy Mayor Henderson Paris, CAO Lisa MacDonald and Marketing and Communications Director Kim Dickson. The letters of congratulations and commendation came from the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Defense and MP for Central Nova; the Honourable John Hamm, former premier of Nova Scotia; Lord Provost Robert Winter of the City of Glasgow, Scotland; Mayor David Miller of the City of Toronto, and Alderman Kenneth Ferguson, Mayor, City of Fernando, Trinidad and Tobago.

Tributes were delivered by

Bob Funke, Town Engineer and a special cry was delivered by James Stewart, New Glasgow Town Crier. Mr. Pat Dunn, MLA for Pictou Centre, also paid tribute and delivered greetings from the Honourable Cecil Clarke, Minister of Justice. He informed Mayor MacLean that a special resolution was being presented by Jamie Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations in the Legislature, in her honour.

Other presentations and remarks by guests in attendance included: Honourable Ron Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, who also

### Tributes to Former Mayor Ann C. MacLean

*Ann MacLean is a true leader and a trail blazer. You have not only served the residents of New Glasgow well but also Canadians in municipalities from coast to coast who have benefited from your wisdom. The Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Defense, MP, Central Nova*

*Your work is a positive model for those dedicated to a life of public service - Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto*

*The success you have had in UNSM and FCM has given you and the Town of New Glasgow a national profile - Dr. John F Hamm*

*Mayor Ann MacLean's dedication to the residents of New Glasgow, and indeed to municipal government, is highlighted through her impressive array of accomplishments, which includes being a president of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities; leading environmental work in her community that led to national recognition and promoting equality and women's rights - The Honourable Jamie Muir, Min-*

New Glasgow Town Councillor Ross Hamid was recently elected to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, seven member Town Caucus Board of Directors.



Following the recent Municipal elections held in October, the UNSM Town caucus met in Truro to replace the vacancies created by members who were unsuccessful at the October elections.

Councillor Ross Hamid who was elected for his sixth term to represent the Ward 3 constituency in New Glasgow, stated he was very happy and pleased to serve on the Town Caucus Board of Directors.

"I am honored and privileged to have been elected by my municipal colleagues at the UNSM Town Caucus meeting. I feel I will bring diversity to the table and a voice able to articulate the needs of the Town Caucus membership."

Mr. Hamid is well known among the UNSM membership. He has 18 years of municipal council experience.

He has served 3 terms as Deputy Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow and represented the Town at many UNSM and FCM conferences.

He has also served on many committees at the Town and Regional level. He served on various sub-committees at UNSM Workshops and conferences and served as a member of the UNSM Resolution Committee.

He is the recipient of the Union of Nova Scotia - 15 year Long Service Award.

## Operation Christmas Working to Make Roads Safer this Holiday Season

Ensuring the enjoyment of the holiday season means ensuring safety as well.

Operation Christmas is an effort by Pictou County municipal police and the RCMP to deter the incidence of impaired driving in Pic-

tou County. Until January 7, motorists will be stopped at checkpoints across the county to monitor and campaign against drunk driving.

Impaired driving is one of the leading contributing factors in

fatal and serious collisions in the province. There were 21 collisions involving drivers who were impaired in Nova Scotia over the first 11 months of 2007, resulting in 24 fatalities.

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