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New Glasgow Sparkles during CIB *Christmas Night of Lights Bus Tours*

The inaugural *Christmas Night of Lights Guided Bus Tours* established a memorable new holiday tradition, selling out for the first ever guided bus tours of the seasonal splendor in New Glasgow at Christmas.

Hosted by the New Glasgow Communities in Bloom Committee in partnership with the Town of New Glasgow, the bus tours visited many historic and beautiful homes

and businesses decorated for the season on Friday, December 10 and Monday, December 13.

New Glasgow Mayor Barrie Mac-Millan says organizers were pleased with the results of the first tour. We are delighted to be a partner with Communities in Bloom New Glasgow and we were delighted to welcome so many guests from around the Town and County. *Continued on page 3*



"Littlest Angel" Marleigh Rondelet was found under the tree during the Christmas Night of Lights reception

East River Road Transformed by Infrastructure

Improvements to East River Road are now completed for the winter months.

Beginning in July 9, 2010, a major renewal project has transformed one of New Glasgow's busiest roadways. Paving began on December 10, marking the final phase of the on-going development.

The project has updated water and storm sewer lines and added a fifth lane in the center of traffic for turning. About 26 utility poles also had to be moved to make way for the additions.

Bob Funke, Project Manager and owner of A.R. Funke Engineering Services, explains updates were necessary to replace aging infrastructure and prevent potential service disruptions in the future. Two replaced water mains were 124 years old alone.

"Had a proactive approach not been taken," Funke continues, "problems could have resulted in large sinkholes or major interruptions to New Glasgow's water supply."

Work took place on approximately 1.2 km of roadway concentrated between the Aberdeen Business Centre and the Tara Motel. Temperance Street also saw some construction.

Improvements from the project now provide a more renewable water source to major centres at the Aberdeen Hospital and Business Centre while preparing areas of future growth in the nearby business park.

East River Road is one of the major thoroughfares in New Glasgow and used by 22,000 vehicles daily, with more expected in the future. Through twelve major connections, it provides access to many businesses,

malls, hospitals, seniors' homes, the YMCA, John Brother MacDonald Stadium, and North Nova Education Centre.

The added lane will improve efficiency on this congested thoroughfare. Vehicles making a left-hand turn will now be able to move into the centre lane in order to wait to complete their turn, allowing the other lanes to continue without obstruction. The centre lane functions the same way on Westville Road as well.

Other features include radar-driven traffic lights which will increase green light spans during heavy traffic flow.

In the coming weeks the New Glasgow Police Service will maintain a presence on the road as drivers become accustomed to the changes. The new structure cost



\$2.5 million not including utilities. Two-thirds of the funding was contributed by provincial and federal governments and one third by the Town of New Glasgow.

The Town of New Glasgow thanks East River Road businesses, motorists, and pedestrians for their patience during road construction.

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Season's Greetings from the Town of New Glasgow



On behalf of my colleagues on Town Council, CAO Lisa MacDonald, and all Town of New Glasgow staff, we wish the great people of New Glasgow a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for good health and happiness for you and yours in the New Year.

- Mayor Barrie E. MacMillan



NEW GLASGOW POLICE RECEIVE LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Sgt. Stephen Chisholm, Corporal David Fulton, and Sgt. Kevin Scott of the New Glasgow Police Service were recently honoured with Long Service Awards in Halifax by the Government of Nova Scotia. Also attending the ceremony were New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan, Chief Delaney Chisholm and Deputy Chief Eric MacNeil.



*New Year's Day Levy at New Glasgow
Council Chambers, Town Hall
on January 1, 2011
from 12 noon to 1:30pm*

Iain Dall Mackay Chanter Donation Ceremony takes place in Glasgow

This year's St. Andrews Day hosted on November 30 was a special day for the Sinclair family of New Glasgow. A bagpipe chanter belonging to the family was formally donated to the National Piping Centre Museum of Piping in Glasgow, Scotland. The chanter originally belonged to Iain Dall Mackay (the Blind Piper), and is the oldest highland bagpipe antiquity in existence (estimated to date from the latter part of the 17th Century). It was brought to New Glasgow in 1805 by John Roy Sinclair (the grandson of Iain Dall), who was also a very talented piper. It has been with the family in New Glasgow and Halifax since that time. Iain Dall was an important composer of Pibroch ("classical" pipe music), as well as a talented poet. He could perhaps be considered the "Bach of the Highland bagpipes". Michael Sinclair presented a gift from New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan to Roddy MacLeod, the Director of the National Piping Centre on this special occasion. The gift is a framed photograph of the statue of a piper that is located in Carmichael Park in New Glasgow. The gift was very well received by the Scottish hosts.



From left to right: Michael Sinclair presenting the Iain Dall Mackay chanter to the Piping Centre Museum representatives Barnaby Brown, Roddy MacLeod and Hugh Cheape

Night of Christmas Lights

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"This is our first adventure of this nature, and the Communities in Bloom Committee members worked hard to make this a huge success. We are delighted to be able to have Town Hall as part of the Christmas Lights Tour and welcomed many guests to our historic building," explains Mayor MacMillan.

Both evenings began at Glasgow Square where passengers were greeted with an official cry by New Glasgow Town Crier Jim Stewart.

The buses then proceeded throughout the Downtown core and then to the residential areas of Temperance Street, Marsh Street, Washington Street, Forbes Street, Almont Avenue, Dover Avenue, High Street, North Provost Street, George Street, Terrace Street, Terrace Heights and Abercrombie Road.

Along the route tour guides offered interesting facts and vignettes about many historical properties and landmarks, including the LeFrance 1917 fire truck, the Town Bell, Carmichael Stewart House Museum, the home of Kay and Keith Bowman, and much more.

Stops to enjoy carolers, bell choirs, performers and church bells also

created a festive atmosphere along the way.

Upon return to the New Glasgow Town Hall, participants enjoyed an open reception hosted by Mayor Barrie MacMillan and members of Town Council with entertainment provided by vocalists Emma Lee Stewart and Eric MacNeil.

Hot chocolate, hot apple cider, eggnog and Christmas cookies were served to warm up visitors.

Members of the Pictou County Multicultural Association were also on hand to share some other holiday customs including a Japanese origami tree.

Many new members of the community represented by the association donated flags from their home countries to trim Provost Street, but unfortunately inclement weather prevented their display on the 13th.

CIB Committee member John Carter hopes the tour becomes an annual event.

"This is a first for many of our citizens and one that we hope will become a yearly event. Christmas is a special time of year for rejoicing and we want to be a part of providing this opportunity for this lovely community gathering," says Carter.

New Glasgow CIB Co-Chair Lesley Anne Sobey believes the tour is special because it gives the community an opportunity to enjoy their hard work to beautify their homes and businesses for the holidays.

"Our inaugural tour was a wonderful celebration of our community and the joy of being with family, friends and neighbours during this festive time of year. It also offered an opportunity to those who are new to our area to experience the sights and sounds of this holiday season," Sobey elaborates.

The New Glasgow Communities in Bloom Night of Christmas Lights Bus Tours was presented by CIBC Wood Gundy and Tim Hortons. Other corporate and community sponsors include Glen Haven Manor, Northern Pulp & Paper, The News, CKEC East Coast FM, Pictou County Progress Club and the Pictou County Multicultural Association as well as many other contributors.



A family of carolers at the home of Keith & Kay Bowman of Washington St.



Lesley Sobey, Mayor Barrie MacMillan, Councilor Henderson Paris, Father Christmas Bob Whitman, Trudy Vince, and Councilor Jack Lewis.



(L-R) Town Crier Jim Stewart, CIB hosts Kim Dickson, Trudy Vince, John Carter



Sparkling lights at the Riverfront gazebo and Town Christmas tree

Operation Christmas wants Pictou County to drive safely during the holidays

New Glasgow Police and the RCMP are urging motorists in Pictou County to have preparations for a safe drive home this Christmas.

Operation Christmas kicked off in Pictou County last weekend with a spot check on Westville Road in New Glasgow. Drivers were reminded not to drive while impaired and instead make alternate arrangements.

Volunteers from the Pictou County Crime Prevention, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Crime Stoppers, New Glasgow Fire Department and the New Glasgow Youth Troop program joined officers at the check to raise awareness about the dangers of driving under the

influence. Other checks will be held throughout the season in an effort to prevent drinking and driving and ensure everyone has a safe and healthy holiday.



**Nominate
your favorite
festive house
or business at
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SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR MOST FESTIVE HOMES AND BUSINESSES

The Town of New Glasgow is looking for nominations for the first-ever Most Festive House or Business Awards.

Kim Dickson, Marketing and Communications Town of New Glasgow states, "Christmas time in New Glasgow brings out the creative holiday spirit in residents and the business community."

The new seasonal awards will recognize a special residential property in each of the three wards as well as an award for small to medium and large businesses, all that embody the holiday spirit.

Nominations may be submitted on the Town of New Glasgow's website at www.newglasgow.ca. Awards will be presented jointly by New Glasgow Communities in Bloom and the Town of New Glasgow on December 23.

Sobeys Slam Rocks New Glasgow

From November 11 to November 14, New Glasgow welcomed the Sobeys Curling Grand Slam event, a world-class curling competition which brought many well-known athletes to Pictou County, including Jennifer Jones, Eve Muirhead, Colleen Jones, Sherry Middaugh, Rachel Homan and Colleen Pinkney.

For five days, 26 teams participated in 17 draws in front of 6,000 spectators who visited John Brother MacDonald Stadium to watch the world's best female curlers compete for \$55,000 in prize money.

The event, now in its third and final year, brought together sports-lovers from Pictou County and beyond. Not only shining a spotlight

on the vibrant winter sports scene of New Glasgow, the Sobeys Slam also made a significant impact on the local economy.

Overnight accommodations and restaurants see major spin-off benefits as well as convenience stores, retail outlets and service stations.

The final match pitted the Jennifer Jones team against the Chelsea Carey team, with Jones ultimately clinching victory. Fans were treated to spectacular curling throughout the weekend during both the women's and the men's events and the curlers expressed their delight with the quality event and the hospitality.



Sobeys Slam champion Jennifer Jones and her team at award ceremonies

Communities in Bloom workshops bring out the Christmas spirit in local homes and businesses

A series of Christmas workshops were held during November to offer tips for making the most of the season.

Sponsored by New Glasgow Communities in Bloom and the Town of New Glasgow's Community Development Fall-Winter Recreation Program, the workshops were an opportunity for businesses and residents to learn new ideas for Christmas decorating and create one-of-a-kind gifts.

Each seminar was led by members of CIB and business leaders. Trudy Vince of *Yours Trudy* gave ideas for storefront decorating as well as seasonal home décor during two separate classes.

Instructor Margie Beck showed children how to make Christmas crafts they could take home as

special keepsakes. The Pictou County Progress Club also sponsored holiday treat bags for participants.

Suzanne Makin of *McKeans's Flowers* demonstrated how to create memorable Christmas greenery and arrangements.

The New Glasgow Communities in Bloom co-chairs hoped the seminars gave participants a head start for the busy holiday season.

"With a variety of festive events to choose from, residents and business leaders took an hour or two to learn a new skill by watching a detailed demonstration by experienced instructors. They brought back ideas to brighten any home or business," says Lesley Anne Sobey.

"Each workshop created a lasting holiday

memory as participants returned home with many creative ideas. This was a great start towards enjoying this magical season," adds Kimberly Dickson.



This month at Glasgow Square



Dec. 21—*Winter Solstice Serenade with Doris Mason, the Mason Sisters, Robyn Foote, Andrew & Janice Alcorn, Wildkat Blues Project*

Dec. 31—*New Year's Eve Show with Ghost rider Blues Band*

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Sights of

Christmas Splendor in New Glasgow



Sightings from the 2010

New Glasgow Christmas Parade



Wind & Rain Batters Legion Gazebo at Carmichael Park

An intense wind and rain storm buffeted New Glasgow from December 13 to 14.

The windy weather dissipated by Wednesday morning, leaving branches littered across New Glasgow.

The impact of the storm was visible in Carmichael Park where a large tree was uprooted by the high winds, landing across the iconic gazebo.



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