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2019 SUMMER IN NEW GLASGOW DIVERSE FESTIVAL SEASON ENJOYED BY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY

It has been another wonderful summer in the Town of New Glasgow, with returning festival favorites and some exciting new additions.

Festival season kicked-off with the annual *Festival of the Tartans*. This community event has taken place in New Glasgow for 62 years, celebrating Scottish culture and heritage with a variety of activities and events for all ages. Thanks to all involved for maintaining this cultural event in our community year after year.

The *Race on the River Dragon Boat Festival* had their 18th successful year

and celebrated a special milestone with the 20th anniversary of the Women Alike ABreastARiver Dragon Boat team. The Town of New Glasgow was pleased to be a part of this signature event again this year as both a sponsor and participant with the team, Melody's Dragon Slayers.



The Town of New Glasgow's Dragon Boat Team, Melody's Dragon Slayers.

Pictou County rocked the riverfront at Glasgow Square Theatre for the annual *New*

Glasgow Riverfront Music Jubilee. The three-day music festival hosted pop-



A large crowd takes in performances at the Riverfront Jubilee.

ular acts including Kim Mitchell, Sass Jordan, Ria Mae, Wintersleep, Trooper and Big Wreck. We are already looking forward to next year's 25th anniversary event!

Ride the River took place for its second year where paddlers in kayaks, canoes and paddle boards jour-

neyed across the beautiful East River to Blueberry Island and back. Although the winds were blowing and the air was cool, the weather couldn't keep the dedicated paddlers away from riding the river!

The first annual *Pictou County Ribfest* was held in New Glasgow in August. The organizing committee did an amazing job putting together the event, which was incredibly well attended and enjoyed by residents of Pictou County and beyond. Read more on the 2019 Pictou County Ribfest on page three.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW HOME OWNERS WANTED - LEAD TESTING

Due to new Health Canada regulations, all communities in Canada are required to begin testing for lead in residential homes on an annual basis. Health Canada determined the number of homes to be tested based upon size of population served.

The Town of New Glasgow is looking for samples of 40 locations annually during the period at which our drinking water is the warmest - in August and September.

Water Utility is asking for volunteers from home

owners in New Glasgow that would like to have their tap water sampled and tested for lead. It is a quick process done through sampling protocol that is based upon the Random Daytime sampling method (RDT), where one litre of water is drawn from a tap at a random time during the day.

To volunteer to have your tap water sampled, please contact New Glasgow Water Utility at 902-755-2237 or craig.gerrior@newglasgow.ca.

THANK YOU 2019 SUMMER STUDENT STAFF

Each year we are lucky to have the best summer student staff join us for the season and this year was no different. We are so grateful for all of the hard work our students do for our community.

A big thank you and best of luck to each and every one of our summer student staff in their next endeavors!

Mayor Nancy Dicks stands with summer students from the Community Economic Development team. From left to right: Emma Curley, Mayor Nancy Dicks, Luke Henderson, Carson Ripoll, Jake Martin, Max Van Zyl, Rebecca Taylor and Laura Sellers. Missing from photo is Jamie McCarron.



NEW GLASGOW RANKS 3rd AS BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN NOVA SCOTIA

Worldatlas.com recently published an online article of the top 10 cities/towns to live in Nova Scotia. We are so proud New Glasgow ranked number three on the list as

one of Nova Scotia's best places to call home!

"It offers an experience of both urban life and country charm and is one of the best places to bring up a family", the article

stated. "New Glasgow has numerous employment opportunities, education, and quality lifestyle. It is the Pictou County region's largest town and among the busiest commercial

service centers in northeastern Nova Scotia."



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- September 7: **Multicultural Association Fusion Festival**, 11:30am-4:00pm, Glasgow Square Theatre
- September 27-28: **New Glasgow Culture Days**, Downtown New Glasgow

**NEW GLASGOW
FARMERS MARKET**
Every Saturday from
9am-1pm



OCTOBER

- October 5: **Momentary Lapse: A Pink Floyd Show**, 8:00pm, Glasgow Square Theatre
- October 12: **New Glasgow Farmers Market Raise the Barn Fundraiser**, 7:00pm-2:00am, Wranglers Bar & Grill
- October 13: **Thanksgiving Turkey Trot**, 10:00am, Downtown New Glasgow
- October 26: **Harvest Time Festival**, 9:00am-1:00pm, New Glasgow Farmers Market

FIRST PICTOU COUNTY RIBFEST A HUGE SUCCESS

The very first *Pictou County Ribfest* was held at Glasgow Square Theatre on August 23-25, 2019. The event included two first-class ribbers: Camp 31, originally from Alabama, USA and Silver Bullet, joining us from Ontario. In addition, there were a variety of other food vendors, children's activities, a beverage tent, entertainment and more. Admission was free with donations being accepted for Habitat for Humanity Pictou County and Viola's Place. The total donation amount for these charities is still being calculated.

The event saw over 10,000 people attend during the weekend and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to the organizing committee for all of your hard work to bring this community event to New Glasgow and congratulations on the huge success that it was!

There was something for all ages at Ribfest, including bouncy houses and a rock climbing wall for kids.



The Pictou County Ribfest organizing committee. From left to right: Campbell Demont, Matthew March, Co-Chair Tammy MacLaren, Gene Mills, Yvonne McChesney, Co-Chair Lori-Anna Jenkins, Ruth Martin, Stephen Moores, Gillian MacKenzie and Paula Irving.



Attendees begin lining up for ribs as gates open.

NEW GLASGOW RECREATION

BENCFIT SYSTEM INSTALLED ON NEW GLASGOW TRAILS TO PROMOTE AGE-FRIENDLY HEALTHY LIVING

In June, MP Sean Fraser announced funding from the New Horizons program for ten Benchfit units to be installed throughout New Glasgow's trail system. We are excited these units have now been fully installed on all three of our beautiful trails and are ready to use.

The units include a park bench and a pole with examples of different age-friendly exercises that can be performed using the bench. Watch for a video on how to use them coming soon.



NSCAD YEAR END EVENTS

The Town of New Glasgow's NSCAD Artist in Residence, Sarah Mosher, along with recreation summer student, Rebecca Taylor, spent eight weeks facilitating a Summer Art Camp for children aged 9-12. The students explored a variety of different art mediums including weaving, stop motion animation, book making and more. They displayed their talented work at an end-of-summer showcase at the NSCAD Art Studio. Great work by all students and camp facilitators!

Sarah also held her own year-end showcase as her NSCAD residency in New



A sample of the art work created by students during the Summer Art Camp.



Sarah Mosher (right) and Mayor Nancy Dicks stand with members of the vision loss support group whom created this beautiful quilt.

Glasgow concluded at the end of August. During her residency at the New Glasgow NSCAD Art Studio, Sarah participated in community events such as Art at Night, facilitated a weekly art group for people with visual impairments, conducted the summer art camp for children, was involved in this year's community piano project and much more. We wish Sarah best of luck on her future endeavors and thank her for all of her community contributions!

We are excited to have our 2019/2020 NSCAD Artist in Residence arriving this month.

NEW GLASGOW RECREATION

UPCOMING RECREATION PROGRAMS & EVENTS

New Glasgow Walking Group

Walking has many physical and mental health benefits. Do you need someone to walk with? We've got you covered. Join us for a weekly walk along the beautiful Samson Trail.

Date: Tuesdays beginning September 10
Time: 9:00am
Location: Goodman Rotary Park
Age: Age-friendly (all ages)
Cost: FREE
Registration: Not Required



50+ Reserved Court Time

The West Side Tennis Courts are now reserved for use by the 50+ community on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00am to 11:00am. Court time is free for members. A \$2.00 drop-in fee will apply to non-members and is payable at New Glasgow Town Hall located at 111 Provost Street.

Date: Mondays & Wednesdays
Time: 9:00am-11:00am
Location: West Side Tennis Courts
Age: Adults 50+
Cost: \$2.00 for non-members, free for members
Registration: Not Required

END OF SEASON TENNIS MIXER

The Town of New Glasgow would like to thank all of our tennis members for a wonderful 2019 season. Join us to celebrate another successful summer with a few matches, a free BBQ and prize draws.

Date: Thursday, September 26
Time: 1:30pm-4:00pm
Location: Ward One Community Centre
Age: Age-friendly (all ages)
Cost: FREE
Registration: Not Required



Tennis memberships are 50% off for the rest of the season!

KEEP YOUR EYE OPEN FOR THE 2019/2020 FALL & WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE COMING SOON!