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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR NANCY DICKS:

Welcome to the January 2023 issue of New Glasgow Now. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. December was a festive month with many of us taking in the Evergreen Festival, the Santa Claus Parade, and more. It was wonderful to see everyone supporting local this holiday season by visiting the many small businesses that call New Glasgow home.



Another year has come and gone and there are many things to reflect on now that 2022 has come to an end. I am proud of the many ways we moved forward as a municipality, from climate action, to age-friendly planning, and many other events after long a hiatus due to the pandemic.

There is lots to look forward to for 2023. We will be continuing to work towards the many exciting initiatives we are executing, as well as getting started on new things to come. We are looking forward to collaborating with the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library to retrofit the New Glasgow Public Library into a dynamic Community Destination Centre. This project goes beyond updating the public library. The space will serve many facets of our community, such as seniors' programming, newcomers, up-and-coming artists, virtual health care support, and more. Community groups and non-profit organizations will use the space for support services, project collaborations, and mentoring opportunities.

I, along with with my Council colleagues, our CAO, and staff of the Town of New Glasgow - and from my family to yours - wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2023.

Sincerely,

Mayor Nancy Dicks

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Town Hall:
902-755-7788

Engineering & Public Works:
902-755-8351

After Hours Public Works:
902-755-4208

Recreation Field Hotline:
902-755-0214

NGRP Non-Emergency Line:
902-752-1941

NG Fire & Police Emergency Department:
911

Nova Scotia 211 - Community & Social Services:
211

JANUARY 2023 PROCLAMATIONS

Black Loyalists Exodus January 15

January 15, 2023 is the 231st anniversary of 15 ships departing the harbour of Halifax in 1792, and the conditions and causes that led to the exodus of 1,196 self-liberated Black Loyalists were conditions of abject institutionalized racism and that this departure took place at the height of the transatlantic chattel slave trade, one of the cruelest chapters in the history of humanity.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 16

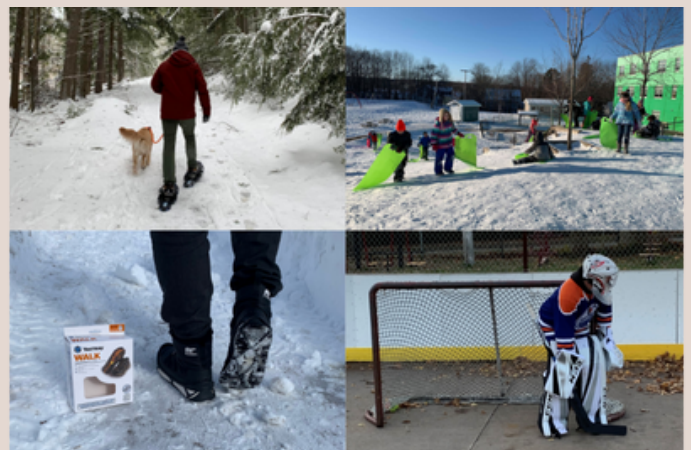
January 16th is the day that is celebrated in countries around the world to mark the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, an African American Civil Rights Leader and Nobel Peace Prize recipient who led the Civil Rights Movement in the US to end racial segregation and discrimination in America during the 1950's and 1960's.

The GO PLAY Pictou County Equipment Loan Program offers an inventory listing of recreational equipment that is currently available for loan by the various municipal units in Pictou County.

The following winter equipment is available to borrow at New Glasgow's Town Hall (111 Provost St, New Glasgow):

- Audible Tennis Sets
- Polar Stroller 4x4
- Polar Stroller 4-Wheel
- Yaktraxs
- Crazy Carpets

To borrow a piece of equipment, visit:
www.newglasgow.ca/programs-and-activities.html



PICTOU COUNTY EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

**Borrow winter
gear for FREE!**

**GO
PLAY**
PICTOU COUNTY EQUIPMENT
LOAN PROGRAM

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED FOR POST-HURRICANE RELIEF

When the Town of New Glasgow was significantly impacted by Hurricane Fiona, community members stepped up to help.

With widespread power outages impacting the entire municipality for both businesses and residents, the folks from the Ward One Recreation Centre, the North End Recreation Centre, and Summer Street went above and beyond to establish Comfort Centres, welcoming all residents to charge their phone, get a hot meal, and connect with others during the aftermath of this historical weather event.

The Mayor, Council, and CAO of the Town of New Glasgow are very grateful for the hard work and dedication from everyone involved in running the various Comfort Centres across New Glasgow. Mayor Nancy Dicks recognized their work at a recent Council Meeting.

Volunteers from the Ward
One Recreation Centre



Jannesta Sharpe from
Summer Street



Jennifer Thibeau and Marina
Lafferty from the North End
Recreation Centre



Town of New Glasgow *Holiday Decorating Contest* **Winners**

A BIG congratulations to the winners of our Holiday Decorating Contest and thank you to all participants for entering. We hope everyone got the opportunity to see the many beautiful holiday light displays across our Town.



Zelda's Flower Studio
Business Winner



151 Almont Avenue
Resident Winner

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Adult Mixed Darts

Saturdays starting January 7 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Ward One Community Centre (487 Brother Street)
For more information, please call 902-752-7691

Adult Craft Connection

Thursdays starting January 12 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Ward One Community Centre (487 Brother Street)
For more information, please call 902-752-7691

Kids First Indoor Playgroup

Saturdays starting January 14 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Ward One Community Centre (487 Brother Street)
To register, contact Kids First at 902-755-5437
*adult supervision required

Poi Spinning Workshop with Asa Nodelman of the Watch and Spectacle Circus (ages 10+, registration)

Saturday, January 14 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
New Glasgow Public Library (182 Dalhousie Street)
For more information, please call 902-752-8233.

Making Stop Motion Animated Movie Shorts, 2-part Workshop with Asa Nodelman (ages 12+, registration)

January 14 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
January 21 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
New Glasgow Public Library (182 Dalhousie Street)
For more information, please call 902-752-8233.

Book Club (WAITLIST)

January 24 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
New Glasgow Public Library (182 Dalhousie Street)
This Book Club is now full, call 902-752-8233 to be added to the waitlist.

Tea, Talk, and Technology

Friday, January 27 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
New Glasgow Public Library (182 Dalhousie Street)
Come on in and listen to a talk from our Technology Trainer, Matt. There will be light refreshments and plenty of chances to ask questions as well.
For more information, please call 902-752-8233.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, January 28 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
North End Recreation Centre (534 High Street)
\$6 per adult, \$3 per child, \$15 family of 4

Music Bingo

Saturday, January 28 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
North End Recreation Centre (534 High Street)
To pre-register, please email northendrec16@gmail.com.
\$10 per team.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES NEW GLASGOW LIBRARY

Programs are all at the New Glasgow Public Library, 182 Dalhousie Street.
For more information and to register, please call 902-752-8233.

Knitting Circle (drop-in)

Mondays 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join us for some stitching and some conversation at the Community Room of the New Glasgow Library.

LEGO Time

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Drop by the New Glasgow Library to play with our LEGO! All ages are welcome.

Family Story Time

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join us at the library for stories, songs and a craft to take home! (for ages 0 - 18 months).

Technology Training

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Need help navigating your new cellphone/tablet/laptop? Or maybe help using a computer in general? Call the library at 902-752-8233 to set up a one hour one-on-one appointment with our Technology Trainer.

ABCs for Babies

Wednesdays 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

ABCs for Babies (for ages 0-18 months) returns to the New Glasgow Library! Join us for songs and stories!

*Weekly registration is required as space is limited.

Mark
YOUR
Calendar

BRING COMFORT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY TO YOUR HOME WITH CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING



"You can feel the air coming in through the windows and up from the basement."

It's a common refrain from countless Nova Scotians preparing for another long winter. Many of our homes are poorly insulated, and some are barely insulated at all. Blake McDonald of Bridgewater would often see ice on the inside of his windows. His family's 19th-century farmhouse certainly had character, but not a whole lot more in the walls.



"We were drawn to the house because of its history and location," says Blake, "and we knew it would be cold. But even with some electric space heaters, we went through three tanks of oil between mid-October and the end of December in our first year. And it was going to get worse."

Blake, his wife, and two young children, moved into the house knowing it needed work: the floors were in rough shape, and the earthen basement still housed the original well. They also wanted to insulate and draft-proof, add a heat-pump and, maybe someday, install some solar panels. They wanted to reduce their energy usage and make the energy they use cleaner. Blake – like many Nova Scotians – wanted to invest in energy efficiency upgrades to make his home warmer, and to save money in the long run.

Unfortunately, for too many homeowners, the large upfront costs of clean energy retrofits are prohibitively high. A more realistic solution is often donning a thicker sweater while trying not to think about your wallet as the furnace grinds on and on. That's why the Town of Bridgewater and 8 other towns and municipalities in Nova Scotia - including the Town of New Glasgow - joined forces with the Clean Foundation to run a unique program that helps homeowners make clean energy and efficiency upgrades to their homes in a way that's affordable for them.

Through Clean Energy Financing, participating towns and municipalities pay the costs upfront for energy efficiency and clean energy upgrades, and the homeowners pay back the low-cost financing to the municipality over time. The Clean Foundation, a non-profit environmental organization based in Nova Scotia, manages the program on behalf of the nine towns and municipalities.

Here's what makes Clean Energy Financing so appealing – through a careful assessment of your home's efficiency and energy use, and then tailored recommendations from an experienced energy advisor, you could save as much or more on energy bills than what you are paying for the retrofits and cost of borrowing. The program even makes sure you get all the Efficiency Nova Scotia, SolarHomes, and Canada Greener Homes rebates you are eligible for.

It's an investment in your home that should pay for itself, make your house warmer, and reduce your carbon footprint. Upgrades can include insulation, energy efficient windows and doors, as well as high efficiency heat pumps, hot water heaters, and heat recovery ventilators. For some homes, solar panels also make sense. A Home Energy Assessment determines what upgrades are the best 'bang for the buck' for each individual house.

"Over the course of the financing, the upgrades should save you more money than what you are repaying on a monthly basis," says Leon de Vreede, the Sustainability Planner for the Town of Bridgewater. "It doesn't cost you any money out-of-pocket, and you are saving money from day one."

Blake McDonald of Bridgewater agrees that this financing approach is a great selling point. "By paying back the financing on a monthly basis, it makes it much more manageable, budget-wise. And because of the program, we were able to get cellulose insulation blown into our attic, which is a pretty big space, and spray foam in the basement. We also had some windows replaced, because drafts were a big problem."

Putting the kettle on for tea in his family's inviting and now much warmer kitchen, Blake says their home is so much more comfortable. "And we went down from three tanks of oil in two-and-a-half months to just half-a-tank in a month-and-a-half."

"It's had an immediate, positive impact on our finances. It's been dramatic."

Learn more about the program by visiting CleanEnergyFinancing.ca or call 1-844-727-7818.