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New Glasgow Now



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR NANCY DICKS:

Welcome to the February 2023 issue of New Glasgow Now. January was a great month for reflection of the past year and we kicked off the new year with a number of different things to celebrate.

One of the highlights since entering the new year was getting to see a number of Town of New Glasgow and New Glasgow Regional Police employees receive medals at the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal Presentation Ceremony for their hard work and dedication to Public Service. I congratulate everyone who received this special honour.



On behalf of Council, I attended the Bluenose Curling Club to welcome curlers who came to New Glasgow all the way from Scotland to carry on the 120 year tradition of the Strathcona Cup. It was a wonderful event that brought our curling community together and celebrated our Scottish roots. I even got to meet two curlers from Glasgow, the city in Scotland in which New Glasgow is named after.

February is African Heritage month, which we will be celebrating at our launch ceremony on February 2nd. I am very pleased that the Town of New Glasgow will be hosting this special occasion for our region to honour its African Nova Scotian history.

I, along with my Council colleagues, our CAO, and staff of the Town of New Glasgow wish you a wonderful February along with a safe and enjoyable winter as we continue through the season.

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

FEBRUARY 2023 PROCLAMATIONS

African Heritage Month (Provincial)

February is African Heritage Month in the Province of Nova Scotia. People of African ancestry contributed significantly and positively to the shaping of our Canadian society for 150 years and have been residents of Nova Scotia for more than four hundred years. The Town of New Glasgow is provincially recognized as one of the more than 50 African Nova Scotian communities in the Province of Nova Scotia. The Town of New Glasgow values and celebrates the rich cultural diversity of its community; and salutes the sacrifices and leadership of our African Nova Scotian citizens of New Glasgow, Pictou County and across Nova Scotia.

International Mother Language Day

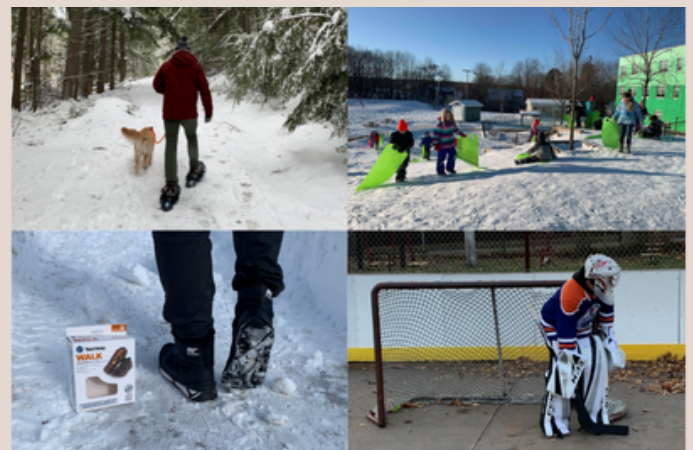
February 21st is International Mother Language Day. International Mother Language Day recognizes that languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion in our communities.

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2023

African Heritage Month 2023 Official Launch

Thursday, February 2 - 11:45 a.m.

Glasgow Square Theatre (155 Riverside Parkway)

To RSVP, call 902-755-8338.

Sensory Friendly Story Time (drop-in)

Saturday, February 4 - 10:15 a.m.

New Glasgow Public Library (182 Dalhousie Street)

An inclusive story time program with songs, stories, and rhymes, meant to be more comfortable for children with autism and sensory processing disorders. Ages 3 to 9.

For more information, please call 902-752-8233.

Stop Motion Film Festival

Saturday, February 4 - 1:30 p.m.

New Glasgow Public Library (182 Dalhousie Street)

All welcome to join us and enjoy a screening of the stop motion animations created by the students in last months' workshops.

Chair Yoga

Friday, February 10 - 10:15 a.m.

New Glasgow Public Library (182 Dalhousie Street)

Join Gillian for a gentle yoga session, open to all but especially suitable for people with balance issues or injuries. All welcome to drop by and join us!

For more information, please call 902-752-8233.

Family Movie Matinee (drop-in)

Saturday, February 11 - 1:30 p.m.

New Glasgow Public Library (182 Dalhousie Street)

Bring the whole family to a screening of Encanto. We have popcorn, or bring your own snack.

For more information, please call 902-752-8233.

Winter Bike Week - Light Ride

Wednesday, February 15 - 5:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. rollout)

Join us for a bright bike ride in New Glasgow! We will be meeting at Rotary Park on Clyde Street.

NFB Film Club at the Library

Thursday, February 16 - 6:00 p.m.

Drop by and join us for John Ware Reclaimed. Follow filmmaker Cheryl Foggo on her quest to re-examine the mythology surrounding John Ware, the black cowboy who settled in Alberta before the turn of the 20th century. This film contains explicit language. Viewer discretion is advised.

Trivia Night with Gene Mills

Friday, February 17 - 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Glasgow Square Theatre (155 Riverside Parkway)

\$10 per person

Cash bar, bring your own snacks

To register, email inquiries@glasgowsquare.com or call 902-752-4800.

Tea, Talk, and Technology

Friday, February 24 - 10:00 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.

Learn About Kente Cloth for African Heritage Month

New Glasgow Public Library (182 Dalhousie Street)

Drop by anytime and pick up a Take n' Make craft.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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.

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.

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 10:15 a.m.

Join us at the library for stories, songs and a craft to take home! For ages 0+.

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.

ABCs for Babies (for ages 0-18 months) Join us for songs and stories!

**Ward One Community Centre
(487 Brother Street)**

For more information, please
call 902-752-7691

Adult Craft Connection

Thursdays 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Youth Fun Nights

Fridays 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Adult Mixed Darts

Saturdays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Kids First Indoor Playgroup

Saturdays 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

To register, contact Kids First at 902-755-5437

*adult supervision required

North End Recreation Centre

(534 High Street, New Glasgow)

Walking at North End Recreation Centre

Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

534 High Street

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YOUR
Calendar

WEST SIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

WINTER CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 17.- 19

FRIDAY NIGHT

KIDS DANCE 6-8P; FIREWORKS 8:15P

SATURDAY

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8-10:30A

FAMILY YOGA 11:30A-12:15P

COOKIE & BIRD HOUSE DECORATING 2-3:30P

CARNIVAL GAMES 5:30-7:30P

BONFIRE & SMORES START AT 6:30P

SUNDAY

DOG WALKING GROUP 10:00AM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FOLLOW WSCC FOR UPDATES & SIGN UPS:



Applications Open for Expanded Heating Assistance Rebate Program

The newly expanded Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) is now accepting applications to help more Nova Scotians than ever with rising home heating costs.

On December 14, Premier Tim Houston announced a \$100-million funding increase to the program to allow more Nova Scotians to qualify and to provide a higher home heating rebate this winter. The rebate is now \$1,000, up from \$200. Households with a net income of up to \$85,000 are eligible, a substantial increase from the previous income thresholds.

Anyone who has already qualified for a HARP rebate this year does not need to reapply. They will receive an additional payment to top them up to \$1,000. People who were denied the rebate also do not need to reapply - their applications are under review, and applicants who meet the new eligibility criteria will receive the full rebate.

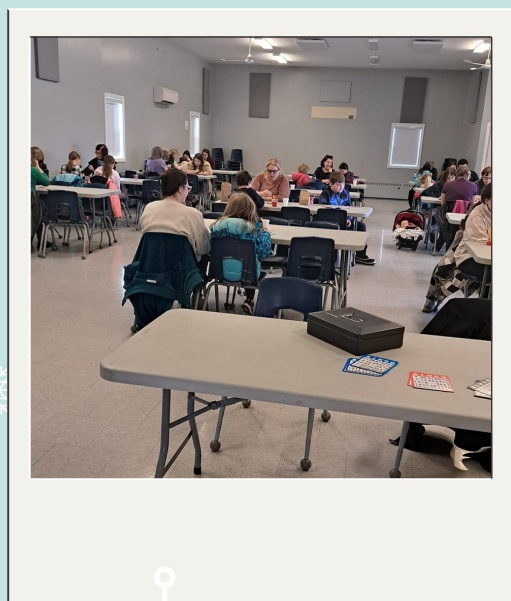
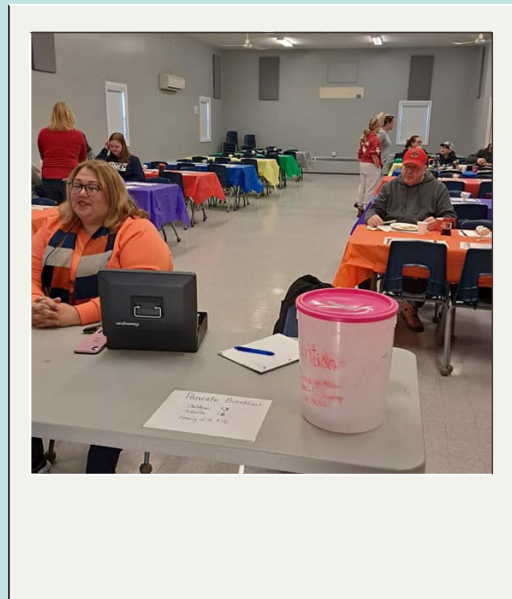
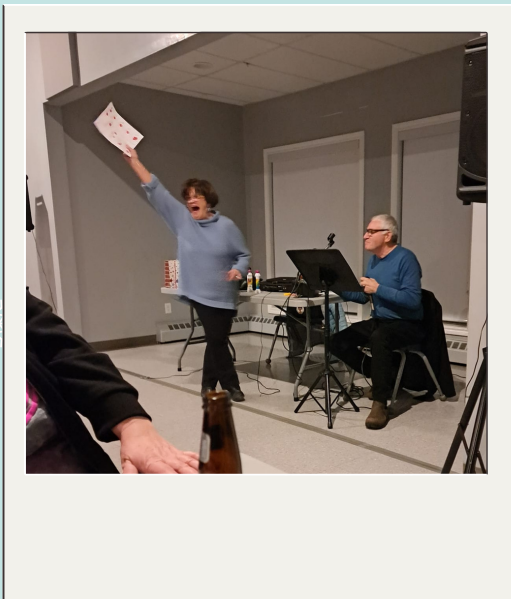
All eligible applicants will receive the rebate in two to eight weeks.

For more information on the program or to apply, visit the [Province of Nova Scotia's website and select Programs and Services](#).

The deadline for applications is March 31.

NORTH END RECREATION CENTRE WINTER CARNIVAL

It was a weekend of good food, Bingo, and fun for the North End Recreation Centre's Winter Carnival. Congratulations to everyone at the Recreation Centre for making this community event possible.



TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW EMPLOYEES AND NEW GLASGOW REGIONAL POLICE MEMBERS RECEIVE THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL

A number of individuals representing the Town of New Glasgow and the New Glasgow Regional Police Department have received medals at the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal Presentation Ceremony.

The ceremony honours the service and dedication of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and recognizes exceptional Nova Scotians who have given their time and talents in service to their communities, province, and country.

The Platinum Jubilee Medal commemorates the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada, and serves as a tribute to her life of service.

Prior to her death, at the beginning of the Platinum Jubilee Year, Her Late Majesty expressed a wish that Jubilee events be an occasion for enjoying a sense of togetherness and optimism about the future. The Platinum Jubilee Medal Ceremony does this by celebrating the achievements of people who make their communities better.

The following people received the Platinum Jubilee Medal:

Town of New Glasgow Employees:

- Jeff Grant
- GERALYN MacDONALD
- EARL MacKENZIE
- Kelly Sloan

New Glasgow Regional Police:

- Gary MacPherson
- Acting Corporal Kelly Moore-Reid
- Sergeant Darryl Paris

Congratulations to all medal recipients for receiving this special honour.



Right to left: Jeff Grant, GERALYN MacDONALD, Mayor Nancy Dicks, EARL MacKENZIE, Kelly Sloan, Acting Corporal Kelly Moore-Reid, Sergeant Darryl Paris, New Glasgow Regional Police Chief Stephen Chisholm, Deputy Chief of Operations Ryan Leil

BLUENOSE CURLING CLUB CELEBRATES SCOTTISH ROOTS WITH STRATHCONA CUP TOUR

Mayor Nancy Dicks went to the Bluenose Curling Club to greet the curlers who came all the way from Scotland to carry out the 120 year tradition of the Strathcona Cup Tour.

Mayor Dicks also got to meet Gus Storrie and John Henderson (pictured below), curlers from Glasgow, Scotland - the city that New Glasgow is named after for its Scottish roots.



PICTOU COUNTY FUEL FUND RECEIVES TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW PARKING METER DONATIONS



Donations collected from the parking meters throughout Downtown New Glasgow during the month of December 2022 were presented to the Pictou County Fuel Fund on behalf of the community by Mayor Nancy Dicks. The tally collected was \$4,308.69.

"I am pleased to see that many people supported fellow community members by donating to the Pictou County Fuel Fund through the December parking meters." Mayor Dicks said. "It is a great opportunity to give back while supporting local during the holiday season."

The Pictou County Fuel Fund is an assistance program for those in urgent need of fuel for heating their homes. Other community organizations to have received donations from the December parking meters in the past included Pictou County Food Bank, Kinsmen Christmas Needy Families Project, the Life Shelter and the Pictou County Help Line.