

NEW GLASGOW NOW

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A Message from Mayor Nancy Dicks:

We are pleased to bring back New Glasgow Now, a quarterly newsletter to highlight the latest happenings within the Town of New Glasgow. We hope the newsletter will help spread the word and encourage everyone to get involved in the many exciting events and initiatives taking place in our community.

On behalf of the Town of New Glasgow, I hope everyone had a wonderful summer, and that you are feeling relaxed and refreshed from time spent with family and friends. We are thrilled to have been able to see many popular and widely loved events happening New Glasgow over the past summer, and all signs point to a great fall season ahead.

Together with my council colleagues, the CAO and staff of New Glasgow, we wish all the students, teachers, and parents a wonderful and safe school year. Work hard, have fun, and enjoy this new beginning.

Best,
Mayor Nancy Dicks

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Summer 2024 in review - recreational activities highlights

The Town of New Glasgow's Department of Community Development had a busy summer offering many active living and recreation opportunities for the community.



June started the summer off with a bang. We celebrated International Trails Day on June 1 with our 6th Annual Trail Trivia Hunt and organized several cycling activities for Bike Month including the World Bicycle Day Ride on June 3, E-bike Try-it Session on June 12, Annual Ice Cream Ride in partnership with the Town of Stellarton on June 25 and New Glasgow's first Bike Bus to A.G. Baillie Memorial School on June 7, 14 and 21. Our summer team celebrated Eid al-Adha with the YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs Pictou County on June 21 and took over Robin Row on June 22 to celebrate the first birthday of the Free Little Library, placed by resident Rosemary Davis in June 2023.

July brought even more fun with our tennis program beginning at the West Side Tennis Courts. Lessons with Coach Logan were well attended, and the courts hosted a 70+ Tennis Tournament on July 3 as well as the New Glasgow Open Adult Tennis Tournament on July 15. Tennis Nova Scotia visited the courts on July 17 to offer beginner tennis lessons for children and youth. July also marked the beginning of two successful Pop Up Play programs with the YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs Pictou County and Pictou County Kids First. Our summer team joined People First Pictou County's Disability Pride Parade with a lawn games station on July 7 and organized Pop Up Lawn Games on July 3, Stand Up Paddleboard Try-it on July 10, Rock Painting at Rotary Park on July 17, Pop Up Volleyball with Pictou County Invasion on July 23, Pop Up Lawn Games on July 24, joined the North End Recreation Centre's 50th Anniversary celebrations on July 27 and hosted a "Mini & Me" Walk and Craft on July 31.

August ended the summer off strong with the continuation of our Pop Up Play programs. Our summer team joined the Jubilee with lawn games for Carlton's Community Bash on August 3 and also provided lawn games for the Cultural Connectors Initiative Advisory Committee's Emancipation Day Celebration on August 8. We held a Youth Tennis Tournament on August 12 and Tennis Nova Scotia was back in New Glasgow on July 14 to host adult skills sessions. Pop Up Paddleboarding took place on August 14, a Skatepark Engagement Session on August 15, Pick Up Cricket started on August 17, the Ecology Action Centre's Pop Up Bike Hub visited New Glasgow August 19-21 and our summer team finished things off with Tie-Dye in Rotary Park on August 21.



Summer 2024 in review - events highlights

It was a fun-filled summer in New Glasgow this year with popular events and recreational activities.

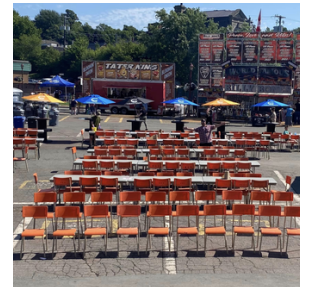
The fan-favourite events like Race on the River Dragon Boat Festival, Riverfront Jubilee, Pictou County Ribfest, and Fusion Festival all were a major hit, as always.

New Glasgow is proud to support and host the Pictou County Dragon Boat Festival on the scenic East River in New Glasgow. This year, a total of 31 teams participated in the thrilling adventure to raise \$81,400 in funds for the Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association, Special Olympics Northern Region, and Women Alike Breast Cancer Survivors. The Town's very own team 'Flourishing Firecrackers' also enjoyed the adventure on the river.



The Jubilee East Coast Music Festival, despite bad weather made the audience groove to live music featuring international headliners, Canadian music legends, up-and-coming East Coast rising stars, and local artists from Pictou County's own vibrant music scene. Thousands of people joined this three-day music celebration at the Glasgow Square Theatre.

The Pictou County Ribfest brought delicious food, thrilling entertainment, and a special kids' zone to New Glasgow this year. This three-day event is something the entire Pictou County looks forward to each year, and despite the rain this year, the festival welcomed a large crowd to enjoy food and entertainment, with emphasis on improved accessibility to vendors this year.



Thank you and farewell to our summer students

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 future endeavors!



Upcoming Fall events and activities

Events

- Every Tuesday - Weekly Tea at Carmichael Stewart House Museum, 86 Temperance St., New Glasgow, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Every Saturday - New Glasgow Farmers Market, 261 Glasgow St., New Glasgow, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- New to the Crew - Wednesday, November 6, 2024, New Glasgow Public Library, 182 Dalhousie St., New Glasgow, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Activities

- Pictou County Fall Guided Hikes - Pictou County Hiker Badge Challenge
 - Sept. 18, 2024, 6 p.m. at Caribou Provincial Park
 - Oct. 2, 2024, 6 p.m. at Trenton Park
 - Oct. 23, 2024, 6 p.m. at Acadia Park
 - Nov. 6, 2024, 6 p.m. at Samson Trail
 - Nov. 20, 2024, 6 p.m. at Jitney Trail
 - Dec. 4, 2024, 6 p.m. at Fitzpatrick Mountain Trail
 - Dec. 18, 2024, 6 p.m. at Hikers Choice (TBD)
- Playboxes
 - The New Glasgow playboxes are located at the Ward One Social & Recreation Centre (487 Brother Street), North End Recreation Centre (534 High Street) and the West Side Community Centre (181 Lavinia Street). Playboxes include games, toys and sports equipment so you can get outside and have tons of fun with your friends and family!
- Go Play Pictou County Equipment Loan Program
 - 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. Our goal is to promote an active lifestyle while encouraging people to explore our beautiful community.
- West Side Tennis Courts
 - The West Side Tennis Courts will remain open until late October (weather permitting). As of August 26, 2024, new members can purchase a 2025 tennis membership at regular price and receive access to the courts for the remainder of the 2024 season free of charge. Contact 902-755-8363 or recreation@newglasgow.ca for details. Memberships can be purchased Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at New Glasgow Town Hall.



Coyotes are usually shy,
until they're not.

Coyotes are normally shy and fearful of people. When this behaviour changes and they lose that fear, there is cause for concern. A coyote's loss of fear of people, called habituation, is nearly always caused by direct or indirect feeding by people, or by the presence of non-threatening humans in coyote habitat.

Reduce the attractiveness of your property to coyotes. Work with your neighbours to follow these steps:

- Trim trees and shrubs to reduce hiding places for coyotes and their prey.
- Store bird feeders indoors at night. Clean up spilled birdseed to avoid attracting rodents, small mammals, and other coyote prey.
- Pick tree fruit and berries as soon as they ripen.
- Install motion-sensitive lighting around your yard.
- Manage compost piles carefully - no meat, fat, bones, or seafood shells.
- Store garbage in tightly closing or locking containers.

Fear of a coyote encounter should not stop you from enjoying outdoor recreational activities. Take these steps to reduce your risk of an unwanted encounter with a coyote.

- Hike with friends.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Use a walking stick and carry a noisemaker such as a bell, a whistle, an air horn, or a personal alarm.
- Do not feed animals in the woods or along trails.
- Never discard food in the woods. Coyotes with access to human food or garbage lose their fear of people.
- Always walk your dog on a leash. If your dog is attacked, never get between your pet and the coyote as the coyote may turn its aggression toward you.



Feeding wild animals
can have severe
consequences.

Feeding wild animals poses safety risks for you and those around you.

- Animals may become dependent on human food, losing their natural foraging skills.
- Human food can cause malnutrition and other health issues in wildlife.
- Animals accustomed to being fed by humans may become aggressive, posing danger to people.
- Feeding sites can facilitate the transmission of diseases among animals and to humans.
- Overfeeding certain species can upset the local ecosystem balance.
- Animals may venture into hazardous areas, increasing the risk of accidents.

Effective March 30, 2023, no person shall feed one or more wild animals, as per the Feeding of Wild Animals By-law. The full details of the by-law are available on the Town website.

Persons failing to comply with the By-law are subject to penalties ranging from \$100 to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment.

Schools in, Slow Down.



It's that time again when students, parents, guardians and teachers are busy preparing for the first day of school. The New Glasgow Regional Police will also be preparing for busier school zones and to remind motorists to drive with care.

Each year, police receive reports of vehicles passing school buses and speeding in school zones so when school starts, New Glasgow Regional Police officers will be out patrolling to make sure motorists are obeying the rules in areas where children are present. In Nova Scotia, you can be fined and lose six points off your license for failing to stop for a school bus.

Police are also reminding motorists that when driving in school zones when children are present, they must slow down. With School Zone speeds of 50 km/h, motorists must slow to a maximum of 30 km/h when children are present. This law also applies on weekends, evenings and holidays, when children are present during a school activity.

- Stop for red lights and stop arms on school buses. Remember, it is illegal to pass a school bus when it's red lights are flashing red. Drivers on both sides of the road must remain stopped until the flashing red lights are turned off.
- Drivers, obey speed limits and be prepared for sudden stops. Stay alert and aware of pedestrians crossing the street, especially children getting off of buses.
- Be courteous at school pick-up and drop-off times. Try not to block other cars, driveways or fire lanes.
- Think twice before you post on social media about the first day of school about your child that includes personal information.
- Approach crosswalks with caution and remember that pedestrians have the right of way.

We all have an important role to play to help keep everyone safe on our streets. For more back to school safety tips, follow us on Twitter (@NGRegPolice) and on Facebook.

Remember, "Schools In, Slow Down"

New Glasgow Regional Police
Emergency 911
Non-Emergency 902-752-1941



The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June to November.



The best way to protect yourself and your family in case of a hurricane is to follow these steps:

- Identify a safe space on lower floors but not the basement; evacuate when instructed by authorities.
- Turn around, don't drown – avoid flood waters.
- Prepare for secondary risks such as flooding, landslides and damaged buildings.

Before a hurricane occurrence:

- The key to staying safe is to prepare and to have an emergency plan in place.
- Listen to local news and weather reports for any potential hurricane watches and warnings in your area.
- Find out if you live in an area where hurricanes could happen and sign up for local alerts.
- **Know the difference between a hurricane warning and a hurricane watch:**
 - A hurricane warning means a hurricane is already occurring or will occur soon in your area. Evacuate if advised to do so.
 - A hurricane watch means a hurricane is possible in your area. Stay alert for more information.
- Trim dead branches and cut down dead trees to reduce the danger of these falling onto your house.
- Secure everything on your property that can be blown around or torn loose.
- Secure windows and doors; move electronics and valuables away from breakable glass.
- If you live on the coast or in a low-lying area near the coast, be ready to move inland or to higher ground. High winds can create large waves, which may become storm surges when they reach the shore.
- Have your emergency kit ready. Families should be prepared to be self-sustaining for at least three days. Kits should include practical items such as drinking water, food, cash, and a portable radio. However, they should also include items that are unique to your own family's needs. This could include baby items, medical prescriptions, pet food, etc.
- If you have already dipped into your emergency kit and food supply while staying at home, consider safely getting the supplies to replenish it following your local public health authorities' guidelines for leaving your residence.



Being prepared
is key.

During a hurricane occurrence:

- Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.
- Stay informed by listening to the latest warnings and advisories. Tune in to the radio or local news channels, and/or follow your local news outlet and emergency officials on social media. You can also find information on the Canadian Hurricane Centre website.
- Turn around - don't drown! Avoid walking and driving through flooded areas.
- Never go out in a boat during a storm. If you are on the water and you see bad weather approaching, head for shore immediately. Do not go down to the water to watch the storm.
- Evacuate if advised by authorities or community leaders. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.
- If the eye of the hurricane passes over, there will be a lull in the wind lasting from two or three minutes to half an hour. Stay in a safe place on the main floor but not in the basement during this time. Remember once the eye has passed over, the winds will return from the opposite direction.

After a hurricane occurrence:

- Tune in to the radio or local news channels, and/or follow your local news outlet and emergency officials on social media.
- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.
- Be prepared for secondary disasters such as flooding, landslides and building damage.
- If you suspect your home is unsafe, do not enter. Rely on the professionals to clear your home for re-entry, if you are unsure.
- Do not use water that may have been contaminated. Throw out food that may have been contaminated, including from refrigerator and freezers.
- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes when cleaning up.
- Examine your walls, doors, staircases, and windows for damage.
- Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance claims.
- Check with local authorities on how to properly dispose of damaged items from your home.

I want to...	Number to call
change my address for receiving tax and/or water bills	902-755-8354 Town Hall
make an unsightly and/or dangerous property complaint (including lawn issues)	902-755-8333 Town Hall
have my water connection disconnected temporarily for an extended period	902-755-7788 Town Hall
get information regarding tax and water bills	902-755-7788 or 902-755-8354 Town Hall
report concerns about sidewalks or streets	902-755-8351 Public Works and Engineering
report a street light problem (such as burnt out or flickering light)	902-755-8351 Public Works and Engineering
report discoloured water	902-755-8351 Public Works and Engineering
have my water turned off for repairs or I need to have my water turned back on after repairs	902-755-8351 Public Works and Engineering
report a a sewer back up	902-755-8351 Public Works and Engineering
report a broken water pipe/line in the Town	902-755-8351 Public Works and Engineering
get a a building permit	902-396-2982 Planning
have a building inspected	902 755-8390 Building Inspector

Just a call away!

I want to...	Number to call
have a fire inspection done	902-752-4037 Fire Department
get information on garbage pick-up/compost/landfill/recycling	902-396-1495 www.pcwastemgmt.com
ask questions regarding a soccer field, park, trail, or playground	902-755-8363 Community Development
ask questions about recreational programs or the equipment loan program	902-755-8363 Community Development
book a rental at Glasgow Square Theatre	902-755-4800 Glasgow Square Theatre
get information on how to find my lost dog or report a stray dog	902-755-7788 Town Hall
inquire about a paid monthly parking spot	902-755-7788 Town Hall
find out the date for a Town festival or event	902-755-4800 Glasgow Square Theatre
trace my family tree	902-752-8234 New Glasgow Library
request an item to be placed on the Council agenda or date of a council meeting	902-755-8333 Town Hall
see a bylaw	902-755-8333 or newglasgow.ca