

New Glasgow **NOW**

MARCH 2025



From left to right: New Glasgow 150 Committee Member Crystal States, Co-chairs Jack Kyte and Mayor Nancy Dicks, Committee Member Jamie Playfair.

New Glasgow 150 Anniversary Logo Unveiled

The Town of New Glasgow and the New Glasgow 150 Anniversary Committee, unveiled a special logo. It has been designed by New Glasgow based graphic design company Celsius, led by Jamie Playfair. The anniversary logo is reflective of the strength and breadth of the community and its citizens.

The sun rays and colour scheme of red and gold gives an energy that is reflective of a meaningful journey, a rich heritage, and a new chapter about to begin. The red symbolizes joy and the courage of pioneers while gold symbolizes achievement, warmth and welcoming. The sun is a symbol of strength, vitality, resilience, life, and light. It is in honour of the privilege of being on the land of the Mi'kmaq people, the significance of being a designated African Nova Scotian community, deep rooted Scottish connections and a long-standing breadth of diverse heritages of which to be proud. The connection between the elements represent community coming together, and supporting one another. It signifies a time to rally together as a community and as a nation. Its crisp look has a strong celebratory feel, marked by community pride; and vibrant energy.

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Citizens:

We are very pleased to announce planning for our New Glasgow 150 Celebrations is well underway with a launch set for May 6. This date in 1875 was the actual incorporation day of our riverside town. This special milestone will be celebrated throughout the year with a broad variety of free community events, concerts, festivals, historical features, exhibits, memorable legacy projects, and more, bringing residents together in a spirit of pride and togetherness.

We have an impressive committee with more than 20 members who are bursting with ideas. Our committee and also the oversight team consist of citizens, town team members and councillors who are each dedicated to ensure celebrations are ones to remember.

As Co-Chairs, Jack Kyte, a New Glasgow citizen, who is recently retired from the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce, and I are grateful for the enthusiasm, talents and unwavering commitment being demonstrated. We have begun communications to a broad scope of community groups, citizens and businesses to further invite engagement and participation.

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Logo Unveiled continued

The interaction among the elements represents the journey, coming together, engaging, respecting, and supporting one another. The logo represents something bigger than any one or group of individuals but rather the community in its entirety.

"The logo stands for rejoicing in the storied journey since 1875. Not only the early history as the river gave rise to a trading post, mercantile centre, steel and shipbuilding stronghold but all through the years straight through to New Glasgow 2025 as a commercial and cultural centre, alongside the promise of a bright future," states Mayor Dicks.

"New Glaswegians of yesterday and today have built and sustain our town and there is a very real sense of community and caring as well as a great work ethic and a continuing desire to learn and grow. The multicultural fabric of our community and region, from the earliest of beginnings to 2025, enriches, shapes, and defines New Glasgow."

Co-chair Kyte adds, "New Glasgow and its citizens have and continue to excell in many areas- entrepreneurship, business, human rights, education, environmental stewardship, the arts, and music, alongside leadership, diversity, sports, volunteerism, enterprise and so much more. There are intriguing stories to be shared and applauded. Some are very familiar and often retold, others may be less well known but are equally important."

IWD-Strength in Every Story

March 8 is International Women's Day and the Canadian theme is *Strength in Every Story*. This theme highlights the importance of amplifying the voices of all women, especially those who continue to face barriers to success. We have come a long way but there are miles and miles to go. And everyone faces unique challenges.

Not only as your mayor, but as a mother and as a retired teacher, I recognize ensuring a broader scope of opportunities for women and girls unlocks potential, inspires forward thinking, motivates innovation, supports our Canada's economy, and helps build a more sustainable future for all. Women and their influence and insights are core to the foundation and well being of communities and countries around the world. History reveals this time after time, throughout the ages. Each woman's story is a testament to resilience, determination, the power of opportunity and the force that is strength, grace, kindness, fortitude, and caring combined. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who have shouldered challenges and hardships before us- our mothers, our grandmothers, our aunts, and our sisters- both by blood and by choice.

I would like to acknowledge the historical significance of Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Dorrington as the first elected African Nova Scotian woman to New Glasgow's Town Council, and to note that our Council now consists of four women and three men as elected officials. This is a first for our town. There are women in senior leadership roles, from Administration, to Corporate Services, to HR and Corporate Communications, to Community Development, Engineering, Strategic Initiatives, Police and Fire. They with their male colleagues are talented and dedicated and together we recognize it is a privilege to represent and serve our community.

The late Dr. Carrie Best, a pioneering civil rights activist and journalist, born and raised in New Glasgow, is known internationally for her extraordinary impact and courage in fighting racism. Former Mayor Ann MacLean is New Glasgow's first female mayor and the longest serving one. Mayor MacLean also held the position of Chair of the Canadian Federation of Municipalities for many years, a position usually held by mayors of very large urban centres. Both Dr. Best and Mayor MacLean are honoured and remembered for their legacy contributions as part of our very special Heritage Painting Series in Town Hall, created by artist David MacIntosh. Today we are seeing more women entrepreneurs and business leaders than ever before, not only nationally but right here at home. It is very evident in our Downtown core but in other business corridors as well. Inroads are being made in many occupations and professions and girls are being empowered to pursue their dreams and not to limit their choices. This International Women's Day, please celebrate the women and girls in your lives and communities and share their stories. – Mayor Nancy Dicks

Message from the Mayor

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This will be a year long celebration that celebrates the journey and multifaceted story of New Glasgow that began 150 years ago in an inclusive, positive, respectful and joyful approach.

The goal is to create a lasting legacy that remembers and pays tribute to New Glasgow's past, celebrates the present and helps shape the future as we mark 150 years.

Mayor Nancy Dicks



Audited Financial Statements for FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Fiscal 2024 was another strong year for New Glasgow

On a consolidated basis, the Town of New Glasgow had a surplus of \$4,048,700 as of March 31, 2024, driven mainly by grant funding received for various capital projects. The consolidated investment in capital infrastructure totaled \$8,314,600. During the fiscal year, new debt was issued in the amount of \$942,900 primarily related to investments in transportation and public works equipment, paving, traffic lighting and town owned building upgrades. Total debt repayment for the fiscal period was \$1,517,600. This spending was necessary in order to ensure we could continue to provide the highest level of service delivery, which residents of the Town of New Glasgow have come to expect and deserve.

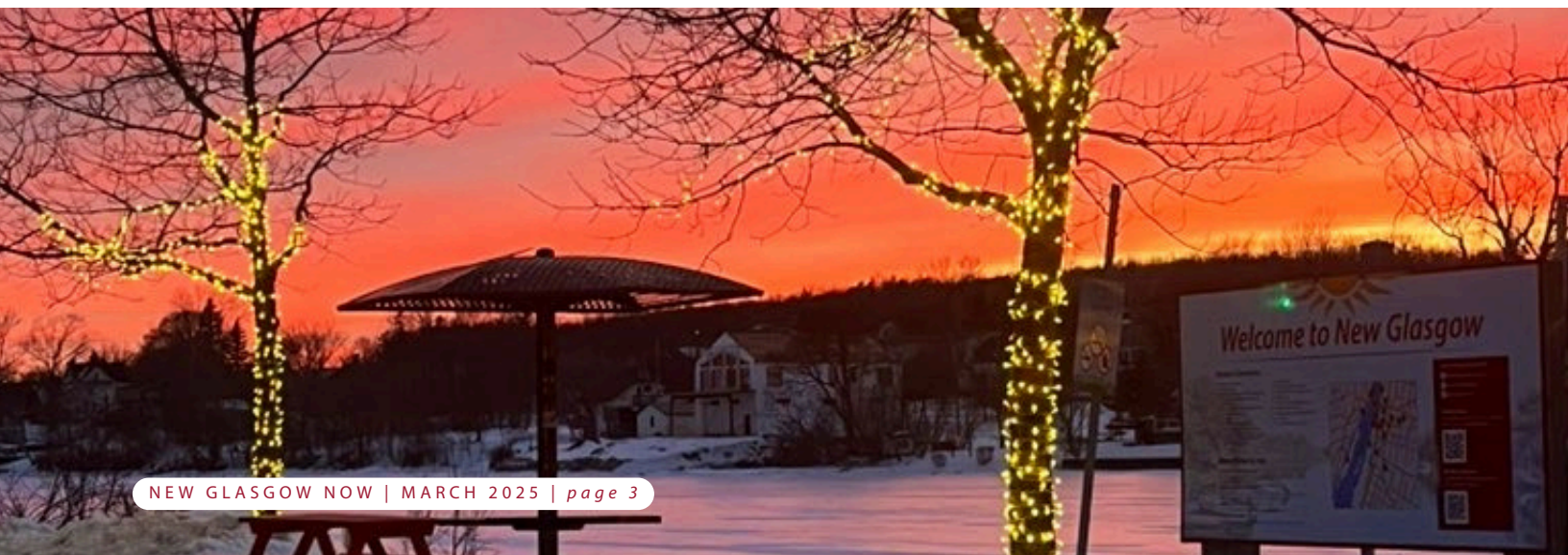
On a non-consolidated basis, the general operating fund had a surplus of \$350,800, which will be transferred to the operating reserve. The Town's operating reserve as of March 31, 2024, totaled \$5,524,800. This will support the Town in maintaining high service levels while continuing to save for future operating needs.

During fiscal, 2023-2024, the Town invested \$4.53 million to purchase and improve its' general tangible capital assets-including paving, curbing, purchasing of public works equipment, storm sewer and sewer separation projects, purchasing of protective services equipment, downtown capital development and upgrades to Town owned properties.

The New Glasgow Water Utility's operating fund for 2023-2024 had a deficit of (\$368,500) and a \$3.78 million investment in water capital infrastructure.

Stewardship of our taxpayer dollars has and will continue to be a top priority for the Town. Strong fiscal management by directors over their departmental budgets is evident in the financial results. Council members and I would like to express our sincere thanks to our CAO Lisa M. MacDonald, the senior management team and to all Town employees for their expertise and dedication in these ever-changing times.

Thank you.
Mayor Nancy Dicks



Celebrating African Heritage Month Launch

The Town of New Glasgow proudly hosted the African Heritage Month 2025 Proclamation Ceremony & Poster Unveiling at Summer Street on February 3. This year's launch recognized the provincial theme: Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance with emcee Deanna Mohamed leading the program with grace and passion.

Mayor Nancy Dicks delivered a video message stating, "New Glasgow has a proud history of celebrating and honouring the legacy of African Nova Scotians. From the deep roots of the historic Black community in our town to the cultural and social contributions that continue to enrich our daily lives, we know and understand that this legacy is not just about the past—it is very much alive today. It is in the artists who express their heritage through creativity, in the educators who inspire new generations, in the leaders who advocate for equity and justice, and in the young people who carry forward the dreams of those who came before them."

"This is a time for reflection, celebration, and learning. It is a time to honour the stories that have shaped us and to amplify the voices that deserve and need to be heard. It is also a time to reaffirm our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity—ensuring that Black history, culture, and contributions are not only recognized in February but celebrated all year round."



Crystal States and Colin Campbell, Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs



Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Dorrington signs the African Heritage Month Proclamation

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Dorrington officially declared February as African Heritage Month in New Glasgow. Deputy Mayor Dorrington and Crystal States, representing ANSA, also unveiled the provincial poster.

The Honourable Twila Grosse Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs offered powerful remarks by video. African drummers Umoja wowed the audience with their exceptional talents while the impressive North Nova Jazz Band directed by Ian Grant gave a rousing rendition of Celebration. Deacon Brian Bowden accompanied by his wife Brenda sang the Black National Anthem beautifully and also gave a thoughtful prayer and blessing.

Heartfelt remarks were delivered by the MP for Central Nova The Honourable Sean Fraser; MLA for Pictou Centre Danny MacGillivray, and Colin Campbell, Director of Government and Community Relations, Office of African Nova Scotians Affairs and the Glasgow Regional Police provided an honour guard.

Thank you to Summer Street Industries for a lovely setting and delicious reception treats.

Celebrating African Heritage Month Launch





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Voice Your Opinion!

Public engagement for a better tomorrow!

Join the public information session to share your opinions to help shape the new Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy for the Town of New Glasgow.

Public Engagement Session:

Thursday, March 13, 2025

6 to 8 p.m.

Glasgow Square Theatre, 155 Riverside Parkway, New Glasgow

Unable to attend an in-person session?

Please visit newglasgow.ca/engage.html to take an online survey instead!

Land Use Bylaw (LUB) & Municipal Planning Strategy

Seeking Your Input and Ideas

The Town of New Glasgow wants your input on creating a new plan that will help guide the growth and development of our Town. This plan includes a three-phased approach to deliver on two key components: the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) and the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS).

The Three Phases of the Planning Process:

Phase One (February to April 2025): This phase is about listening to you! We will collect your feedback on things like housing, climate change, and transportation. More information is available below on how to participate in this stage!

Phase Two (May to July 2025): After gathering feedback, we will create a draft version of the newly proposed plan. Where once again, we will ask for your thoughts through a variety of ways to make sure we're on the right track.

Phase Three (July to September 2025): This is the final phase, where we will work to refine the plan based on your feedback and prepare it for approval.

But what do those terms mean?

Land Use Bylaw (LUB): This is a set of rules about how land and buildings can be used. For example, it will tell you where you can build houses, stores, or factories. It also makes sure new developments fit into the town's character and are safe for everyone.

Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS): This document is like a roadmap for the future of the town. It sets goals for things like housing, business growth, and environmental protection, and guides how the Town will grow over time.

Why should this be important to me?

Your opinion is important because this plan will shape how the Town develops in the future, including things like where homes, businesses, and parks are located. Sharing your opinion can help influence decisions being made on: Housing, Community & Building on Neighborhoods, Climate Action, Attracting and Retaining local businesses and Transportation & Infrastructure.

How can I get involved?

Public Engagement Sessions: We have been and will continue to host a mix of online and in-person sessions for you to share your thoughts. **The next session will take place on March 13, 2025 from 6PM-8PM at the Glasgow Square Theatre!**

Surveys: Residents can participate in an online survey to tell us about your experiences and ideas for the future. [he Town of New Glasgow wants your input on creating a new plan that will help guide the growth and development of our Town. This plan includes a three-phased approach to deliver on two key components: the Land Use Bylaw \(LUB\) and the Municipal Planning Strategy \(MPS\).](#)

Community Workshops: There will be special workshops for numerous groups such as newcomers, businesses, and other important communities.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the discussion! We recognize that everyone communicates differently, and we want to ensure that we are capturing the voices of those who wish to share their ideas, thoughts and opinions. Dates will be shared via social media and can also be found on the Town's website.



Message from the Chief of Police

On behalf of the New Glasgow Regional Police, I am honored to serve as your Chief of Police and to continue working alongside the residents of New Glasgow and Trenton. Having been a member of this organization since 2007, I have seen firsthand the strength, resilience, and sense of community that make our towns so special.

Policing is more than just enforcing laws, it's about building relationships, fostering trust, and working together to create a safer and healthier community for everyone. Our team is committed to a community-based approach to policing, where collaboration and communication with residents, businesses, and local organizations are at the heart of everything we do.

We recognize that public safety and community wellness go hand in hand. A strong, connected, and engaged community is key to preventing crime, supporting those in need, and ensuring that everyone feels safe and valued. That's why we rely on you, our community, to help us do our job effectively. Whether through partnerships, reporting concerns, or simply looking out for one another, your involvement is essential in making our towns better places to live, work, and raise families.

Our communities are rich in diversity, and we recognize that this diversity makes us stronger. We are committed to understanding, respecting, and appreciating the unique backgrounds, perspectives, and contributions of all residents. By embracing inclusiveness and working together, we can foster a community where everyone feels heard, supported, and safe.

As we move forward together, I encourage open dialogue and engagement with our police service. Your voice matters, and we are here to listen, support, and work with you to address challenges and build on our shared successes.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. I look forward to strengthening our partnerships and ensuring that New Glasgow and Trenton remain safe, welcoming, and vibrant communities for all.

Chief Ryan Leil
New Glasgow Regional Police



Chief Ryan Leil



Meet your Town Council

With each edition of the Town Newsletter, we are pleased to present readers with a bio featuring your local elected representatives.

Councillor Dawn Peters

As a dedicated representative for Ward Two, Councillor Dawn Peters is currently serving her second term on Town Council. With a vision focused on the continued growth and prosperity of New Glasgow, Councillor Peters is committed to ensuring safety, fostering community engagement, and celebrating the many remarkable achievements of both the town and its residents. Her leadership is grounded in a deep passion for enhancing the quality of life in the community she calls home.

A proud New Glasgow resident for over 30 years, Councillor Peters has long been an active volunteer with organizations such as the North End Rec and New Leaf Opportunities for Men. Outside of her council duties, she enjoys a variety of hobbies including theatre, writing, painting, photography, hiking, but spending time with her family and her beloved fur babies is where she feels most at home!

Professionally, Councillor Peters is a Clinical Therapist, specializing in Mental Health and Addictions. This expertise enables her to bring a thoughtful, compassionate approach to her work in local governance, particularly in addressing the well-being of the community. Currently pursuing a Master's in Adult Education at St. Francis Xavier University, her commitment to education and lifelong learning further enriches her ability to serve the needs of New Glasgow.



Advisory Board and Committee Appointments

- Accessible Advisory Committee
- Climate Change
- Planning Advisory Committee
- New Glasgow 150 Committee
- NSFM Climate Action Advisory Committee
- Inclusive Communities



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Important Reminder: Addressing the Deer Population in New Glasgow

The deer population across Nova Scotia is growing, and the Town of New Glasgow is actively working on solutions to manage it. Residents have reported more deer-vehicle collisions and sightings of large groups of deer, including bucks, in residential areas.

While deer may seem cute, the increasing population is becoming a growing concern each year.

Feeding Wild Animals is Prohibited

Under the Town of New Glasgow's Feeding of Wild Animals By-Law, feeding deer and other wild animals is not permitted. Residents should be aware that the first offence can result in a \$100 fine, with subsequent offences carrying penalties of up to \$10,000 for non-compliance.

The goal of this by-law is to help protect both wildlife and residents.

Why Feeding Wild Animals is Harmful:

- Increasing the risk of exposure to Lyme disease-carrying ticks on properties.
- Attracting predators, such as coyotes, which pose a danger to both deer and family pets.
- Bringing unwanted visitors, such as rodents, to your yard and home.
- Leading to over-browsing of local vegetation and ornamental plants, including neighborhood gardens.
- Increasing the likelihood of deer-vehicle collisions, which are dangerous for both deer and motorists.
- Causing deer to congregate in unnaturally large groups, worsening the problem.

Why You Shouldn't Feed Deer or Other Wild Animals:

Feeding wild animals is harmful to both the animals and the community. While the Town is actively working on a solution to control the deer population, residents are urged to avoid feeding them and other wildlife.

If you observe or suspect a violation of the Feeding of Wild Animals By-Law, please contact Allison Tait, Deputy Clerk of the Town of New Glasgow, at (902) 755-7788 to register your complaint.



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MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES



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FREE SKATE

Pictou County's Wellness Centre
2-2756 Westville Road
Monday, March 10, 2025
1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.





MOVIE NIGHT

The Garfield Movie
Glasgow Square Theatre
155 Riverside Parkway
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
6:00 P.M.

FREE





NIGHT WALK

Roy Island Trail

Meet at last Parking Lot (Melmerby Beach)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

6:00 P.M.





FREE

GAMES & CRAFTS

Ward One Social & Recreation Centre

587 Brother Street

Thursday, March 13, 2025

10:00 A.M. - 11:00A.M.

Registration required

recreation@newglasgow.ca





FREE

GAMES & CRAFTS

North End Recreation Centre

534 High Street

Friday, March 14, 2025

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Registration required

recreation@newglasgow.ca



BUY TICKETS



MARITIME MARIONETTES

Molly & the Oak Island Treasure

Glasgow Square Theatre

155 Riverside Parkway

Friday, March 14, 2025 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 15, 2025 1:30 P.M.



Kids 10 & under: free

Kids 10+: \$11.50

Adults: \$28.75

Celebrating our Community & Special Events





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