

New Glasgow **NOW**

December 2025

Another Wonderful Santa Claus Parade



Downtown New Glasgow was glowing with holiday spirit as the 2025 New Glasgow Fire Department Santa Claus Parade brought the community together for an evening of festive cheer. Festive floats, community groups, local organizations and plenty of Christmas magic filled the streets as families gathered to celebrate the season.

The parade committee shared their excitement for this year's event. Co Chair Art MacLean said, "I would like to extend a very special holiday invitation to all local businesses, industries, schools, church and social groups and local citizens to support and help make this parade the best Santa Claus Parade ever, not only for the Christmas season and holidays but also in celebration of the Town of New Glasgow and our 150th year celebrations."

Co Chair Trevor MacDonald added, "The Santa Claus Parade is such a special time for our community. It is a chance for families, neighbours and visitors to come together and celebrate the joy of the season. We cannot wait to see everyone along the route, smiling, waving and sharing in the magic of Christmas."

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Message from the Mayor



As we move into the holiday season, I'm reminded of just how lucky we are to call New Glasgow home. There's something truly special about this time of year, seeing families bundled up for the Santa Claus Parade, watching the lights brighten our downtown, and enjoying those small moments of connection with neighbours, friends, and loved ones. It all reflects the heart of our community.

December is also a chance to pause and think about the year we've shared. It's been another full and meaningful year in New Glasgow, with new projects, celebrations, and so many experiences that highlight our community spirit. I'm grateful for everyone who plays a part in that, our volunteers, community groups, local businesses, and our dedicated Town staff. Your kindness, creativity, and commitment help make New Glasgow a warm and welcoming place every single day.

On behalf of Town Council and staff, I wish each of you a safe and joyful holiday season.

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Another Wonderful Santa Claus Parade

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Families filled the parade route from Granville Street to Provost Street, with many appreciating the Sensory Friendly Zone that offered a quieter viewing experience. Smiles, lights and holiday music filled the night as the parade once again marked the official start of the Christmas season in New Glasgow.

Thank you to the New Glasgow Fire Department, the parade committee, volunteers, participants and everyone who helped make this year's parade such a success. Merry Christmas, New Glasgow.

Message from the Mayor

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May your days be filled with comfort, kindness, and connection, and may the year ahead bring bright moments for you and those you love.

- Mayor Nancy Dicks



Drop off your letters to Santa!



Santa's helpers are hard at work making sure every letter reaches the North Pole!

Children can drop off their letters in the special North Pole mailbox by the Glasgow Square Gazebo. Be sure to include a return address so Santa can write back!



Curtain Call Players Take the Stage for the Women Alike A Breast A River Dragon Boat Team

Get ready for some festive fun and laughter as the Curtain Call Players present "Jest In Time for the Holidays", featuring the "Fairfield Department Store." Performances take place December 11 and 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Nova Education Centre, 343 Park Street, New Glasgow. Tickets are \$25 per person and available by emailing abreastariver13@gmail.com or at Glasgow Square (cash only) during select hours.

All proceeds from the show will support the Women Alike A Breast A River Dragon Boat Team, who are preparing to compete internationally next summer in France. Come enjoy a night of great community theatre while helping cheer on this inspiring group of local athletes.

Curtain Call Players presents...

"Jest In Time for the Holidays"

"FAIRFIELD DEPARTMENT STORE"



December 11th & December 12th 7:00pm
\$25.00/person

North Nova Education Center, 343 Park St., New Glasgow

Tickets available by emailing: abreastariver13@gmail.com and at Glasgow Square, cash only - Tuesdays 11am-2pm & 5pm-8pm, Thursdays 11am-2pm

Proceeds to Women Alike A Breast A River Dragonboat Team

50/50, Tickets on Gift Card Wreath & Load of Gravel to be drawn at Intermission.
Concession available on site.

What's going on at the Square?



GLASGOW SQUARE

DECEMBER EVENTS



DEC 11

HCRS HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

4:00 PM

ASHLEY MACISAAC

7:30 PM

DEC 15



DEC 18

JUD GUNNING

7:30 PM

**FREE MOVIE DAY:
SANTA CLAUSE**

2:30 PM

DEC 21



DEC 22

**A BIG BAND CHRISTMAS
WITH THE NNEC ALUMNI BIG BAND**

7:30 PM



**155 RIVERSIDE PARKWAY,
NEW GLASGOW, NS**

For more info visit glasgowsquare.com

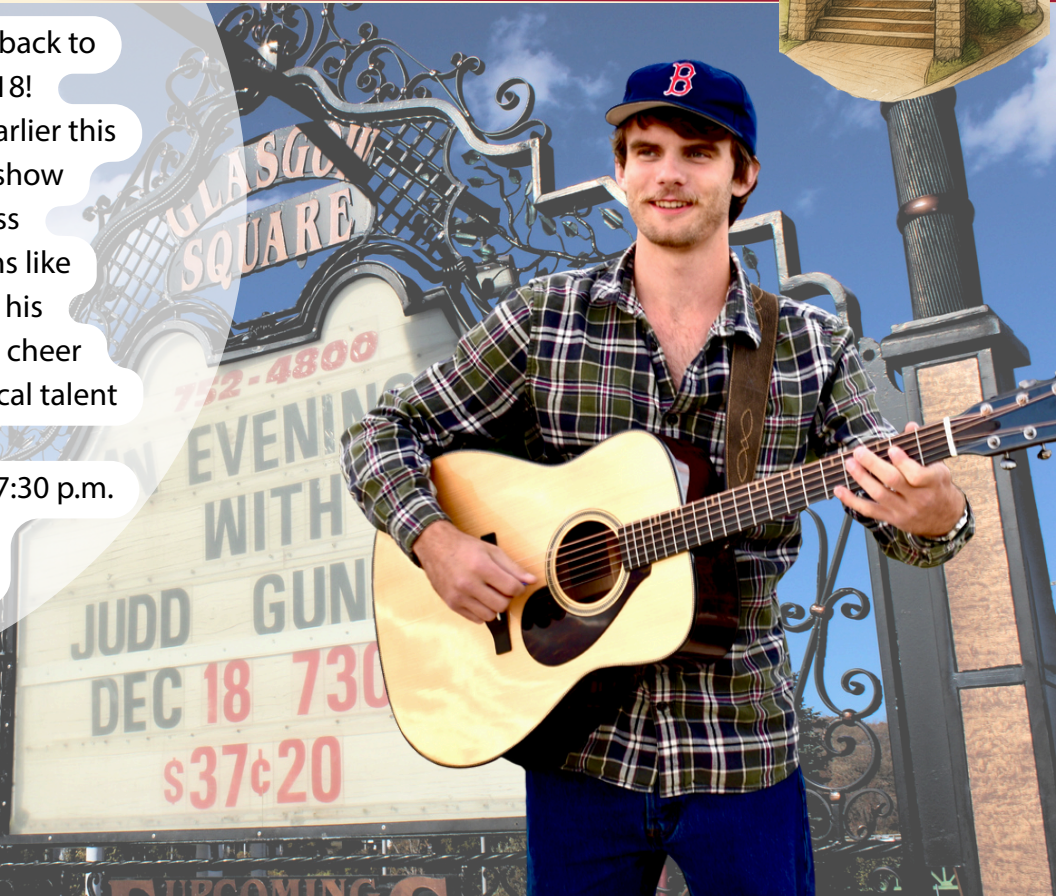
Jud Gunning: A Christmas Special



We're thrilled to welcome Jud Gunning back to Glasgow Square Theatre on December 18! Following his incredible performance earlier this year, Jud returns with a special holiday show blending Maritime tradition and timeless Christmas favourites. Influenced by icons like Chet Atkins and Stompin' Tom Connors, his smooth guitar, classic tunes, and festive cheer promise an unforgettable evening of local talent and holiday spirit.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Get your tickets at glasgowsquare.com



Glasgow Square Gift Cards Now Available



Glasgow Square Theatre has launched new gift cards, which can be used for ticket purchases or bar sales at any event. They offer a flexible way to enjoy and share live entertainment at the theatre. Gift cards are available at the Glasgow Square box office — simply stop by or contact the theatre for more information.



Glasgow Square Turns 25 in 2026!

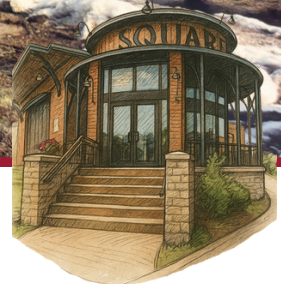
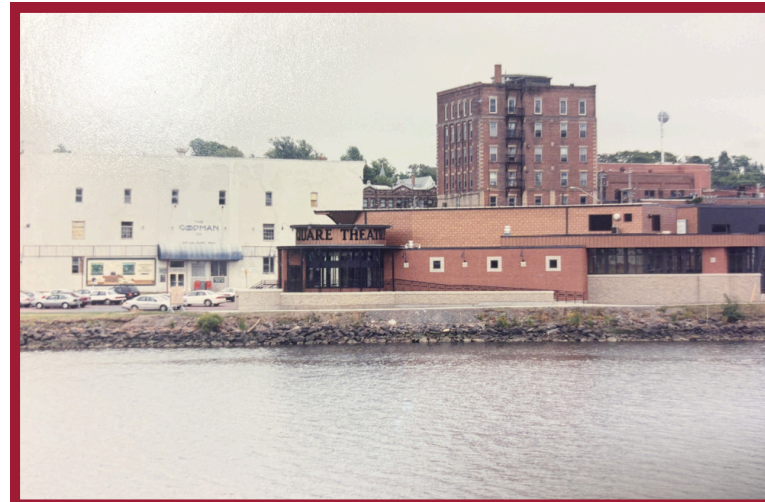
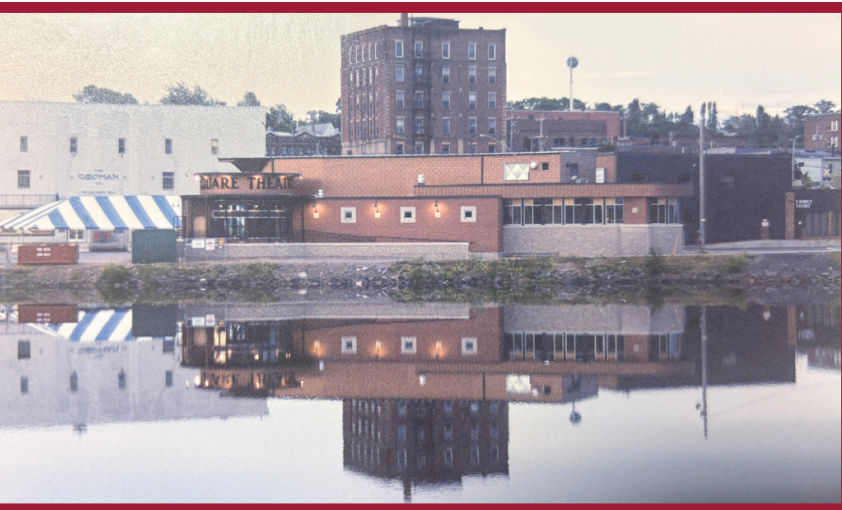


Where has the time gone? It's hard to believe that Glasgow Square will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2026, and we're gearing up for some exciting events to mark the occasion. Since opening its doors in 2001, Glasgow Square has been a cornerstone of arts, culture and community life in New Glasgow. Over the years, it has hosted unforgettable concerts, festivals, theatre performances and waterfront gatherings that have helped shape the cultural heartbeat of our town.

Program, Culture & Events Manager Morgan Simms shared, "Glasgow Square turning 25 is something truly special. I've been fortunate to spend my time here working with so many amazing people in our community, including artists, volunteers, partners and residents who help make this venue what it is. Glasgow Square has created countless memorable moments over the years, and I'm excited to see what the future holds. We're planning some great events to celebrate where we've been and where we're going, and I can't wait to share it all with everyone."

As we look ahead to 2026, we're excited to honour its history, celebrate its impact and share all the exciting things on the way. Stay tuned... the countdown to 25 years starts now!

Take a look at Glasgow Square 25 years ago...



Join us for the Winter Guided Hikes



Winter Guided Hikes *Make Your Move Outdoors!*

December 21 6:00 p.m.
Jitney Trail, Pictou
5 km, 90 minutes

January 21 6:00 p.m.
Samson Trail, New Glasgow
5 km, 75 minutes

February 11 6:00 p.m.
Trenton Park, Trenton
5 km, 75 minutes

March 4 6:00 p.m.
Acadia Park, Westville
3 km, 45 minutes

March 18 6:00 p.m.
Roy Island Trail, Little Harbour
5 km, 75 minutes

Join us for one of four winter guided hikes to get outdoors and move your body this winter!

To register, contact Melanie at
melanie.dash@westville.ca or 902-396-1059



Samson Trail Winter Guided Hike



Samson Trail Winter Guided Hike

Wednesday, January 21

6:00 p.m.

Samson Trail, New Glasgow

Meet at the Kinsmen Lookoff (corner of Terrace St. & Churchill Dr.)

The group will hike 5 km on gravel trail with no obstacles, no stairs and minimal change in elevation. The hike will take approximately 60 minutes to complete.



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Winter Walk and Word Scramble

WINTER WALK & WORD SCRAMBLE



Samson Trail

There are 10 snowpeople hidden along the Samson Trail, each with letters for a mystery scrambled message. Find the snowpeople, unscramble the message and send your answers to recreation@newglasgow.ca or leave a voicemail with your name, phone number, and answer at 902-755-8363 to be entered into a prize draw. Be sure to send us photos of you and your friends and family on the trail for more chances to win. The snowpeople will be on the trail from December 9 until December 22.

MAKE YOUR MOVE
New Glasgow

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Recycling Changes Coming December 1st

New provincial Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations take effect on December 1, updating what materials can be recycled across Nova Scotia. Pictou County and Pictou County Solid Waste have opted into the program, so curbside collection, pickup days, and customer support remain the same.

Residents will now see changes to what is accepted in blue bags, what must go to a depot, and what is no longer accepted curbside.

New items accepted in blue bag curbside recycling include:

- Multi-layer paper containers, such as:
 - paper cups (including disposable paper hot and cold beverage cups)
 - paper bowls
 - ice cream cartons
 - cookie dough spiral cans
 - frozen juice spiral cans
 - potato chip spiral cans
- Plastic tubes, including:
 - toothpaste
 - deodorant
 - hand cream containers
- Small item plastic packaging, such as:
 - bottles/pumps
 - candy/gum containers
 - pails
 - garden pots
 - seedling trays

The following items will no longer be accepted in the curbside recycling program:

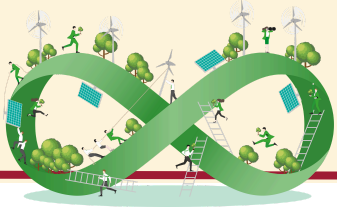
- books (which can be donated to community library boxes/thrift shops, or shared with others to be reused)

The following items will be accepted at participating depot drop-off locations:

- foam packaging (such as meat trays, takeout containers);
- flexible plastics (such as coffee or deli pouches, chip bags, bubble wrap, vacuum packaging, candy and snack wrappers and cereal liner bags); and
- non-hazardous aerosol cans (food spray, hairspray, air fresheners, shaving cream).

Learn more: pcwastemgmt.com/recycling





North Nova Students Explore Local Sustainability

The Grade 12 Global Sustainable Solutions class from North Nova recently visited the Town's Water Treatment Plant and associated woodlots for an educational field trip. Led by Rohan Mishra, Environment & Sustainability Lead, students learned about our water supply system, water security, and how our watershed demonstrated resilience during the recent drought. It was a great opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world environmental stewardship right here in our community.



New Glasgow 150 Commemorative Artwork



This past year, we were proud to share three new works of art now on display in Town Hall, each created or shared in celebration of New Glasgow's 150th Anniversary. Mayor and Council were delighted to unveil a new commissioned painting by local artist David MacIntosh, which now joins several of his works that have been part of the Town's collection since the early 2000s. We were also honoured to receive a beautifully framed commemorative print of *Across the Bridge* from local artist Michael Vienneau, generously gifted to the Town for this milestone year. In addition, a new commissioned watercolour by New Glasgow artist Steve Cleroux was unveiled to mark the anniversary, with prints available at the Town Hall for purchase.



December 3rd: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Join us on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library as we come together to recognize the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This year's event will feature stories and perspectives from community members, along with updates on local accessibility initiatives.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to learn more about the Town of New Glasgow's Accessibility Action Plan and how they can get involved by joining the Accessibility Advisory Committee.



International
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3 DECEMBER

Premiere Screening: These Four Walls



JOIN PEOPLE FIRST PICTOU CHAPTER
FOR THE PREMIER OF:

THESE FOUR WALLS

A documentary about the history/closure of the Manitoba Institution

Premiering Across the World in Celebration Of



DATE: Wednesday December 3, 2025

TIME: 12:30-3 pm

LOCATION: Glasgow Square Theatre - Green Room

*A People First of Canada Presentation

Join People First Pictou Chapter for the premiere of *These Four Walls*, a powerful documentary exploring the history and closure of the Manitoba Institution. Premiering around the world in recognition of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, this film highlights lived experiences and the importance of inclusive communities. The local screening will take place on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, from 12:30–3:00 p.m. at the Glasgow Square Theatre Green Room. All are welcome to attend this meaningful presentation from People First of Canada.





Viola's Way Update

Work on Viola's Way continues to move forward with strong progress throughout the fall. Crews have completed the removal of the old street materials and wood deck and have prepared the new street base, including drainage work and the installation of conduit for lighting and electrical systems. Foundations for upcoming structures are now in place.



A major milestone was the installation of the Sankofa symbol and egg base, part of the Adinkra visual symbols that will be embedded throughout the space. All Adinkra elements have been fully fabricated, along with the uprights that will support the suspended feature light over the Adinkrahene symbol. Fabrication of the suspended light fixture itself is ongoing.

Deck materials have been ordered, with installation expected to begin at the end of November, and work on the stamped concrete street surface is also underway. Area and feature lighting has been designed and ordered, and the design of fixed furniture, planters, and benches is progressing, with installation planned for the spring. More updates will be shared as Viola's Way continues to take shape.

Parking by Donation in December

Throughout December, all downtown New Glasgow parking meters will operate on a "parking by donation" basis, with 100% of funds collected going directly to the Pictou County Food Bank East and the Pictou County Fuel Fund. This seasonal initiative helps support local families while encouraging holiday activity in the downtown core. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and for supporting our community during this time.



Brenda's Walk for Change

The Pictou County Interagency on Family Violence will host the 2nd annual Brenda's Walk for Change on Friday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m. in Laurie Peace Park on Dalhousie Street, New Glasgow.

Brenda's Walk is held in memory of Brenda Tatlock, who was tragically murdered by her spouse on October 18, 2024, in Enfield, Nova Scotia. This walk brings awareness to Intimate Partner Violence and honours Brenda's life and legacy. Walk with us in Brenda's honour and help ensure that her story continues to guide others toward safety, support, and hope.

Please join us for guest speakers at 3:00 p.m. in Laurie Peace Park, followed by a walk through downtown New Glasgow. All are welcome.



Elves Filling the Shelves

Tearmann House will be hosting its annual Elves Filling the Shelves donation event on December 6, 2025, from 1–3 p.m. in the Starbucks New Glasgow parking lot. Tearmann is a 17-bed shelter that provides essential support and safety to women and children experiencing abuse. During this season of giving, community members are invited to stop by and help fill the CHAD Transit bus with much-needed items for the shelter. Volunteers will be onsite to accept donations, and everyone is encouraged to contribute if they are able. For donation questions, please call 902-752-1633.

CHRISTMAS WISHLIST

- bedroom lamps
- toilet paper
- paper towel
- boxes of kleenex
- laundry detergent pods
- recycling bags
- spray cleaners
- all purpose cleaners
- journals
- hair brushes
- hair elastics
- pyjamas (sizes XL and Plus sizes)
- new towels
- twin size and double white sheets sets (new in packages)
- laundry baskets
- USB flash drives
- alarm clocks
- tweezers/nail clippers
- children's toothpaste
- batteries (all sizes)
- Gift Cards (grocery stores, gas cards, Dollarama, Giant Tiger, taxi's, etc.)
- pens
- cell phone chargers & blocks
- used smart phones
- reusable shopping bags
- plug guard/protectors
- toddler sippy cups
- key chains
- Pictou County Transit Bus Passes
- Self Care Activity Kits:
 - journal
 - pen
 - adult coloring book
 - crayons/markers/colored pencils
 - word search puzzle books
 - pocket calendar

Celebrating New Glasgow's Sports Legacy Athletes, builders and Teams



As part of the New Glasgow 150 celebrations, a sports legacy exhibit has been created by a group of dedicated volunteers and town team members. The exhibit will consist of interpretative panels from the Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame, some interesting artifacts and a newly created sports legacy power point presentation. The exhibit will be held on Saturday, December 13 from 12pm-4:00pm and on Sunday, December 14 from 2:00-4:00pm at Glasgow Square. Both times are open to the public. On Sunday afternoon, many of the New Glasgow hometown sports heroes will be in attendance for an exhibit and reception.

The panels which will be showcased were researched by John Ashton for the Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame and give a timeline of sports events, accomplishments and milestones, while the power point features many of the athletes, teams, and builders who are members of the Nova Scotia Sports Heritage Hall of Fame as well as several who achieve provincial, national, international and even Olympian success, along with some community stories of interest which came from a call our community for their best memories and milestones.

New Glasgow Mayor Nancy Dicks states, "New Glasgow's has a rich sports history which is an important part of our overall history and heritage. Just as entrepreneurship, community generosity and music shape New Glasgow, our passion for sports is also of great importance. Many of our town's outstanding athletes, teams, and builders will be showcased through this exhibit. New Glasgow's sports legacy is so vast and impressive that we could never capture every story. That is a job that would be years in the making for us. The Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame does a tremendous job of celebrating the Pictou County's far-reaching sports history. This is an never-ending and ongoing endeavor which New Glasgow has been proud to support.

However, much effort has been made for these anniversary celebrations to feature many of the memorable New Glasgow sports stories and accomplishments over the years. We know this just touches the surface of the magnitude of our sports history and its impact. In addition to the impact of athletes, teams, builders and facilities we also have had extraordinary sports writers and researchers. Another aspect is the wide array of outstanding events of national and international calibre this community and region have hosted. We look forward to learning about more stories and to seeing many of our hometown sports heroes in attendance.

Jack Kyte, Co-Chair of New Glasgow 150 Celebrations says, "We extend heartfelt thanks to the Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame, our dedicated local historians, New Glasgow 150 Committee members, the Pictou County Wellness Centre, the Pictou County History Museum and Tim Hortons for their wonderful support as well as other community contributors. So many athletes, coaches, builders and teams have brought great honour to our hometown since its very incorporation on not only the Nova Scotia and Atlantic stages but also nationally, internationally and world class."



NG 150 Rug Hooking



The New Glasgow Library in collaboration with New Glasgow 150 has initiated a fun project that is calling on all rug hookers and "wanna be" rug hookers.

Those interested are invited to celebrate the New Glasgow 150 anniversary as the milestone nears its finish by adding their loops to a community and commemorative, traditionally hooked rug. Expert hookers will be on hand to teach how to get started in participants rug hooking journey, including Shirley Joyce, Certified Rug Hooking Teacher, President of RHGNS Teachers Branch.

New Glasgow has a strong heritage and rich history of rug hooking as the home of the world recognized Bluenose patterns created by Garrets. Today the revitalization of this storied art form has many rug hookers actively pursuing this art form in all parts of Pictou County, across Nova Scotia and throughout Canada. This pattern created by a local rug hooker offers a view of the river from where the famous Garrets by Bridge once stood with symbolic homes shown, wild pink roses, thistles, long grasses and a beautiful setting sun reflecting on the river.

The rug pattern is entitled, " River Remembers Us" and represents New Glasgow as a community with a long history of hometown pride, strong connections and the natural beauty of a majestic river running through it.

Join this memorable and fun project on Thursday, December 4th at 6 pm at the New Glasgow Library- no registration required.

You can also continue to add your contribution to the rug at the New Glasgow Library's Loop Troop on Mondays starting December 8th at 2 pm. All levels of rug hookers are welcome. Ms. Joyce, several seasoned hookers and All About Ewe Wool Shop are all their expertise, time or supplies.

Mayor Nancy Dicks, Co-Chair of New Glasgow 150 states, "We are always appreciative of the community programming of our New Glasgow library and PARL as well as the ongoing contributions of citizens to our anniversary celebrations. It is a centre of community vibrancy. This will be a wonderful community project symbolic of community pride in our town's history and reputation not only as an entrepreneurial centre but as a centre of the arts and much creative talent. This project represents our history and present day."

When completed the New Glasgow 150 rug will be on display at the New Glasgow Library with acknowledgment of all who took part in its creation.



Remembrance Day Ceremony



Christmas Tree Lighting



NGRP Toy Drive a Success



The New Glasgow Regional Police hosted another successful Toy Drive this year, thanks to the generous support of our community. Residents and local businesses once again came together to help ensure that children and families in need have a brighter holiday season. The Town extends heartfelt appreciation to everyone who donated, attended, and contributed to this meaningful annual initiative.



NGRP BBQ in support of Special Olympics



The New Glasgow Regional Police thank everyone who attended and supported their BBQ in support of Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The event brought the community together for a great cause, and the support from all who helped out or stopped by is greatly appreciated.



Groundbreaking of the New Glasgow Long Term Care Home



The sod was officially turned for the new 144-room New Glasgow Long-Term Care Home, marking a major milestone for seniors' care in our community. Located at 640 Little Harbour Road, the modern, resident-focused facility will replace Glen Haven Manor and reflects years of collaboration and planning. Construction is expected to begin this winter, with completion anticipated in late 2028. Featuring smaller household-style layouts, private rooms, welcoming community spaces, and secure outdoor courtyards, the new home is designed to support dignity, comfort, and connection. Ownership will transition fully to the Town of New Glasgow, with High-Crest Enterprises overseeing construction and future operations. This project represents a significant investment in compassionate, high-quality long-term care for seniors across Pictou County.



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