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New Glasgow **NOW**

April 2026

Recognizing the Volunteers of Pictou County Food Bank East



During National Volunteer Week, April 19 to 25, 2026, the Town of New Glasgow recognizes the dedicated volunteers of Pictou County Food Bank East, whose generosity helps ensure families across our region have access to essential food support.

Located at 410 Granville Street, the food bank serves hundreds of families each month from communities across Pictou County, including Mount Thom, Barney's River, Trenton, New Glasgow, Stellarton and Westville. The organization operates entirely through volunteers, who manage everything from receiving donations and packing hampers to assisting clients and organizing daily operations.

Fifty-six volunteers contributed more than 20,000 hours each year, preparing 8,080 hampers in 2025, while an independent, community-minded group of volunteers completed 1,504 deliveries, ensuring the hampers reached those in need. In 2024, the organization became one of the first food banks in Nova Scotia to achieve Food Banks Canada's Standards of Excellence accreditation. During National Volunteer Week, we extend our sincere appreciation to the volunteers whose dedication strengthens our community every day.

Message from the Mayor



Happy April everyone! This month we celebrate National Volunteer Week from April 19 to 25. I want to thank all the volunteers in Pictou County for their time, energy, and dedication. You make a real difference in the lives of so many people in our community.

With Easter just around the corner, I hope everyone enjoys special time with family and friends. I am also looking forward to spring, with longer days, warmer weather, and the fresh start it brings.

Let us take this month to celebrate the people around us, support one another, and look forward to brighter days ahead.

- Mayor Nancy Dicks

Meet the Volunteers at the Food Bank



Ann

Volunteering for over 20 years, Ann started because she saw a need and never left. The gratitude she sees from families keeps her coming back.

Tony

Tony has been volunteering since 2002. He says it keeps him moving and connected. He is also known for his secret stash of treats he keeps for the kids.



Daphne

After retiring, Daphne chose to give back through the food bank. She believes everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. "We are all one paycheque away from food insecurity."

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NO SMOKING
FOOD BANK
PROPERTY

Anita & Debi

Anita and Debi say volunteering at the food bank is deeply rewarding. They appreciate the opportunity to help others while being part of a caring and supportive team.



Sharon

On just her third day volunteering, Sharon was struck by how great the need really is, saying it is mind-boggling and something you have to see for yourself to truly understand. Her message is simple, if you can help, please do.

Bill

After beating cancer, Bill felt he was put here for a reason and wanted to give back to his community. More than 10 years later, he is still volunteering and sometimes brings his grandchildren along.



Councillor Highlight: Dawn Peters

Dawn Peters BA, BSW, MSW, RSW is in her second term as Town Councillor for Ward 2 and is currently the Deputy Mayor. She sits on various town committees including the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Inclusive Communities, Police Commission, Climate Action, and also the Public Advisory Committee. She also enjoys spending her time volunteering at the Northend Recreation Centre with facilitating future planning and helping develop and implement youth engagement and programming. She was successful in writing a wellness grant for the NERC, securing \$2,500.00 to grow the youth program. She will be representing the Town of New Glasgow at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Provincial Conference later this month.

Dawn works full time with Mental Health and Addictions for the past 31 years. She is a registered Social Worker with the Nova Scotia College of Social Workers. In her free time she enjoys her family; Aaron Smith (husband) and her two sons; Jack and Roman, both who are students at St. F. X University. She is currently a student at St. F.X and is taking a Masters in Adult Education with a focus in Healthcare. She is a creative soul who enjoys theatre, writing, painting, gardening and photography. She considers her elected position as a privilege to be chosen to represent her community and brings a community engagement approach and a social work lens.

Committee Assignments

- Pictou County Regional Emergency Measures Organization
- New Glasgow Planning Advisory Committee
- New Glasgow Audit Committee
- New Glasgow Inclusive Communities Committee – Ward 2 Representative
- New Glasgow Accessibility Advisory Committee
- New Glasgow Climate Change Steering Committee – Ward 2 Representative
- Pictou County Transit Authority
- Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shore Liaison
- Mental Health Roundtable

Contact

Phone: 902 754-0138

Email: dawn.peters@newglasgow.ca



Watch Council Meetings on YouTube

The Council Brief has now been replaced with a live stream of Council meetings, available through the Town's official YouTube channel. Residents can watch meetings in full and stay informed on Council discussions at their convenience.

View Council meetings here: [Town of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia Canada](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)





Say "I Do" at Glasgow Square



Glasgow Square offers a beautiful waterfront setting for weddings, with a signature three-day package starting at \$1,800 + HST that provides full access to the entire facility for your celebration. From the main theatre and stage to private dressing suites and welcoming gathering spaces, the venue is designed to accommodate every part of your special day. Couples can also take advantage of the scenic waterfront gazebo, along with optional enhancements such as full-service bar options, sound and lighting support with a technician, setup and cleaning assistance, and security services. Custom packages are also available to help bring each couple's unique vision to life.



Let's Plan Your Day

Morgan Simms

Program, Culture, and Events Manager
morgan.simms@newglasgow.ca
(902) 752-4800



Busy Month Ahead at the Square!

GLASGOW SQUARE APRIL EVENTS



SONGS FROM

APR 19

**SONGS AT THE SQUARE
SONGWRITER CIRCLE**

1:00 PM

**BABES, BABES, BABES
BURLESQUE AND DRAG TOUR**

7:30 PM

APR 12



APR 17

COMEDY AT THE SQUARE

7:30 PM

**THE IMPROVISERS STAND UP
AND IMPROV COMEDY SHOW**

7:30 PM

APR 18



Laughs For A Cause

April 23, 7:30pm

APR 23

LAUGHS FOR A CAUSE

7:30PM

BURLESQUE: A DRAG MUSICAL

7:30 PM

APR 24



APR 25

**GREEN ROOM SESSION WITH DANIEL
JAMES MCFADYEN**

7:30 PM

AHREN BELISLE COMEDY SHOW

7:00 PM

APR 26



155 RIVERSIDE PARKWAY,
NEW GLASGOW, NS

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Revitalizing Our Library



The Town of New Glasgow, in partnership with the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library, has launched a fundraising campaign to support the revitalization of the New Glasgow Public Library and community spaces. The project will transform the existing facility into a vibrant destination centre with modern meeting rooms, creative and maker spaces, and welcoming areas for residents of all ages.

With a fundraising goal of \$4.7 million, the campaign will support important upgrades to improve accessibility, energy efficiency, and flexible community use. The campaign is being led by Co-Chairs Wade Sullivan and Emily Sullivan, who are inviting residents to be part of creating a space where people can learn, connect, and grow for generations to come.

A digital booklet outlining the project and ways to support the campaign is available on [The Town of New Glasgow Website](#).



Make Your Move New Glasgow!

Walk-N-Roll

Stop by Glasgow Square Theatre, located at 155 Riverside Parkway, New Glasgow, on Mondays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., for free indoor walking. Walk-N-Roll offers a safe and supportive indoor environment for staying active. This program is free to attend. For more information, please contact 902-755-8363 or recreation@newglasgow.ca



Hosted in partnership by:

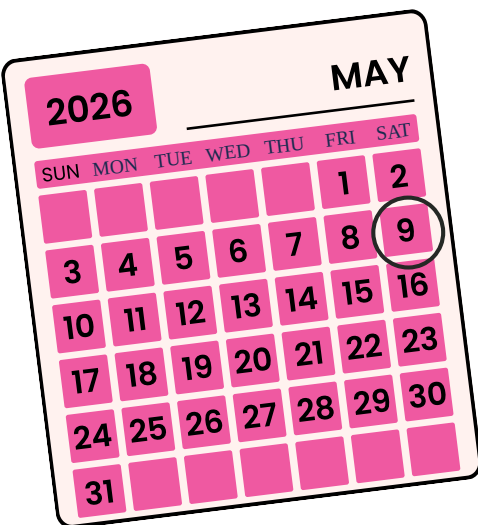


New Glasgow flourish



Make Your Move Day - Save the Date!

Make Your Move Day will take place May 9, all across Nova Scotia, including New Glasgow! Making your move is about more than just adding movement to your day... It's about moving together and inspiring others to do the same.



Simple activities like walking, gardening, cycling and unstructured play can make a big difference in how we feel and how we connect with each other. Make use of public spaces, community programs, equipment loan and guided hikes as tools to move more!

Follow Make Your Move New Glasgow on Facebook and Instagram and keep an eye out for more details on Make Your Move Day activities!

Pictou County Hike Club

April 12 | 10:00 a.m.
Fitzpatrick Mountain
2.5 km



Make sure to join the Pictou County Hike Club Facebook Group! Stay tuned for pop-up hikes coming in April: [Pictou County Hike Club](#)

Register:
melanie.dash@westville.ca
902-396-1059



SHORT HIKE

Join us for a leisurely-paced, short distance, social guided hike on a local trail in Pictou County!

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Fitzpatrick Mountain

Distance: 2.5km

Meet in the Parking Lot
(4120 Scotsburn Road, Scotsburn)



Let the Competition Begin!

From May 9 to June 30, 2026, New Glasgow will take part in the Make Your Move Community Movement Challenge alongside communities across Nova Scotia. The challenge encourages residents to add simple, everyday movement into their routines while building connection and community pride. Participation is free and open to adults of all ages and abilities.

What does movement mean?

- Walking or wheeling
- Stretching or gentle exercise
- Gardening or yard work
- Playing with children or grandchildren
- Exploring local trails and neighbourhoods
- Household activities
- Volunteering or helping neighbours
- Acts of kindness and community participation

How it works:

- Participants join through the Wellnify.ai app, where they can
- Track everyday activities
- Earn points for movement and community engagement
- Receive encouragement and ideas each week
- Discover local events and opportunities

Follow <https://www.facebook.com/MakeYourMoveNG> for updates and details on how to join.

Wellnify.ai

Starting May 9

A community challenge is coming.

New Glasgow
VS.
Lockeport
Yarmouth
Antigonish

Which community will make the biggest move?

What happens when New Glasgow moves together?

You're about to find out.

WATCH FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS

MAKE YOUR MOVE
New Glasgow



Flourish After Dark

The Flourish After Dark takes place Saturday, May 2 from 6 to 10 pm in downtown New Glasgow. Created in collaboration with Glasgow Square Theatre and with support from the New Glasgow Art at Night Board, the event carries forward the spirit of creativity, community and celebration while Art at Night pauses for 2026. Remaining free for attendees, artists and musicians, Flourish After Dark continues its tradition as a kickoff to the Town's annual event season, with the return of Art at Night planned for 2027.

Learn more at the [Glasgow Square Website](#)

Flourish AFTER DARK

Don't Forget to Get Your Jubilee Tickets!

Get ready for one of the best weekends of the summer at The Jubilee. From July 31 to August 2, the waterfront comes alive with nonstop live music, good vibes, and unforgettable moments with your friends. Whether you're into indie, rock, or discovering new artists, this is your chance to be right in the middle of it all.

Festival Lineup

Friday

Valley
Alert The Medic
Begonia
Kasador
The Public Service

Saturday

Joel Plaskett Emergency
Tanika Charles
The Stanfields
Customer Service

Sunday

Sam Roberts Band
Contrived
Jon Bryant
Julian Taylor
Kathleen Edwards
The Culls



Merch available too!

See the full schedule and listen to the playlist on the [Jubilee website](#)



Happening at Ward 1



Adult Mixed Darts

Adult Mixed Darts takes place Saturdays from 2:00–6:00 p.m. This is a 19+ event with a \$5 cost and includes bar service, music, and a 50/50 draw.

Adult Crafts and Social Connections

Adult Crafts and Social Connections runs weekly on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Participants are invited to bring their own craft supplies. Board games and cards are available, and everyone is welcome.

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga is offered every Friday from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at the Ward 1 Recreation Centre. No registration is required. For more information, call 902-755-4647.

Easter Fun at Ward 1

April 2, 3:00–4:30 p.m., free family event with games, cupcake decorating, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. All ages welcome.

487 Brother Street, New Glasgow

For updates and additional details, visit [Ward 1 Social and Recreation on Facebook](#).



Happening at the WSCC

West Side Community Centre Summer Camp

8-week summer camp program running July and August, with registration opening early April - watch their Facebook page for details.

Mindful Movement Series.

Free 6-week program at West Side Community Centre for adults 50+, Wednesdays, March 25–April 29, 10:00–11:30 a.m., featuring low-impact exercise and wellness education.

181 Lavinia Street, New Glasgow

For updates and additional details, visit [West Side Community Centre on Facebook](#).

Happening at the North End Rec



Go Clean Get Green Community Clean-Up & Bottle Drive

April 18, join the North End Rec Centre for a community clean-up and bottle drive. Help keep the neighbourhood clean while supporting the rec centre.

North End Rec Centre AGM

April 26, 6:30 p.m., all are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting. Come learn about updates and plans for the year ahead.

North End Rec Centre Spring Fling

Coming May 2026, stay tuned for details on this upcoming community event. Watch the North End Rec Centre Facebook page for updates.

534 High St, New Glasgow

For updates and additional details, visit North End Recreation Centre on Facebook.

Time to Start Training!



Miss Miles Mother's Day 5K

Celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m. with the YMCA's Miss Miles 5K Fun Run at Glasgow Square. This all-female event welcomes women of all ages to walk or run together in a supportive and uplifting atmosphere. Registration includes a personalized race bib, finishing medal, race hat, flower and post-race refreshments.

[Click here to register.](#)



Johnny Miles Running Event

The YMCA's Johnny Miles Running Event returns Sunday, June 21, starting at New Glasgow Town Hall. This scenic, mostly flat loop course features strong volunteer support and a memorable finish line experience. Registration includes a personalized race bib, finishing medal, dry fit running hat, chip timing, refreshments and free race photos.

[Click here to register.](#)



Festival of the Tartans: Call for Volunteers

The Festival of the Tartans will be held August 12th-16th, 2026 at the Scott W. Weeks Complex field in New Glasgow. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to email: christinabailey131313@gmail.com

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Tha Fèis nam Breacan air ais bhon 12mh –16mh, 2026 dhen Lùnastal aig Aitreach Scott W. Weeks ann an Glaschu Ùr. Ma tha ùidh agad ann an saor-thoileachadh, cuir post-d gu: christinabailey131313@gmail.com



April Programs at the New Glasgow Library

- Scavenger Hunt: All month
- Babies and Books: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Family Story Time: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Crafternoon: Fridays, 3:00 p.m.
- Seated Stretch: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
- Tech Help: Tuesdays and Saturdays, by appointment
- Community Volunteer Income Tax Program: Thursday afternoons in April
- Easter Activities: Saturday, April 4
- Open Mic Coffee House: Saturday, April 4, 2:00 p.m.
- Learn to Sew for Kids: Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m.
- Pictou County Roots Society General Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.
- Design and Create Your Own Canvas Tote: Wednesdays, April 8 & 22, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- The Iron Claw: Movie Matinee: Friday, April 10, 1:00 p.m.
- National Canadian Film Day: Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m.
- Family Movie, Early Man: Saturday, April 18, 1:00 p.m.
- TLC – The Library Club: Monday, April 20, 1:00 p.m.
- East Currents Music Circle: Monday, April 20, 2:00 p.m.
- Jessica's Book Club: Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. (Full)
- Homeschool Hub: Wednesday, April 22, 2:00 p.m.
- Bill's Book Club: Wednesday, April 22, 2:00 p.m.
- In the Fire of War: Foreign Language Film: Thursday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.



Pictou-Antigonish
Regional Library

For details or registration, contact the New Glasgow Library at 902-752-8233.

Pictou County Climate Summit- May 29/30



The Pictou County Climate Summit will take place May 29-30 at the Pictou County Wellness Centre, bringing together municipal leaders and staff, organizations, businesses, and community members to strengthen collaboration and accelerate collective climate action across the region. Hosted by the Pictou County Partnership in collaboration with the Municipality of Pictou County, Pictou Landing First Nation, and the towns of New Glasgow, Pictou, Stellarton, Trenton, and Westville, the 2026 Climate Summit builds on the momentum of the 2023 event led by Atlantic Infrastructure Management (AIM) Network.

Sign up to learn more and receive updates here: [2026 Pictou County Climate Summit](#)

If you are interested in exhibiting at the event, please contact Monica Rivers at comms@pictoucountypartnership.com

10 Tables Exercise - May 29

10 Tables. One coordinated conversation.

As part of the first day of the Pictou County Climate Summit 2026, the 10 Tables Dialogue is a one-day facilitated working session bringing together residents, organizations, businesses and municipal representatives to explore how the environment, community well-being and local economy connect in Pictou County. The session is designed to strengthen relationships across sectors, highlight what is already working locally, identify shared priorities, and support coordinated action on practical, place-based solutions.

Participants will take part in focused discussions at themed tables:

1. Clean Energy & Mobility
2. Green Jobs & Innovation
3. Watersheds & Natural Assets
4. Biodiversity & Recreation
5. Waste & Materials Management
6. Local Food & Circular Economy
7. Climate Adaptation & Emergency Readiness
8. Health & Community Resilience
9. Housing & Affordability
10. Belonging & Inclusion



The session will help identify shared priorities and opportunities for coordinated action across sectors. Register by clicking [here](#) or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Rohan if you have any questions: Rohan.Mishra@newglasgow.ca



Celebrating the Women of New Glasgow

In recognition of International Women's Day on March 8, we celebrated some of the incredible women who are part of the Town of New Glasgow team. Here are just a few of the women staff who help make a difference every day.

From administration to recreation, public works to community programs, their contributions help keep our town running and our community thriving.

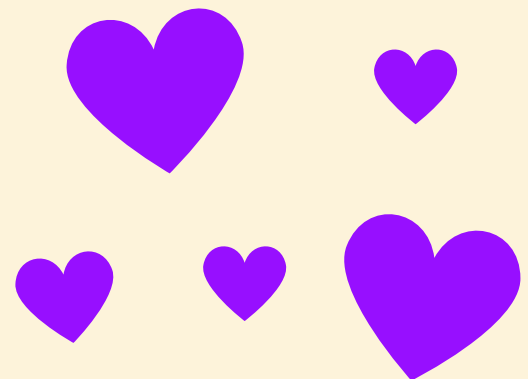
International Women's Day Lunch & Learn

Town of New Glasgow staff took part in an International Women's Day Lunch & Learn featuring Heidi Jamieson-Mills, Vice President of Finance with the IWK Health Centre Charitable Foundation.

Heidi spoke about this year's theme, Give to Get, sharing insights on mentorship, leadership, and the importance of lifting others up and giving back.

We thank Heidi for joining us and helping mark International Women's Day in a meaningful way.

International Women's Day





Winter Guided Hike Series Wraps Up

The 2026 Winter Guided Hike Series has come to a close, and we thank everyone who joined us on the trails this season. Our final hike along the Jitney Trail brought a great turnout, with participants warming up afterward on the waterfront with hot chocolate and cookies. Stay tuned for more guided hikes this spring and summer.



Speaker Series Feature

Make Your Move New Glasgow was recently featured in the Voices and Views speaker series at the Museum of Industry in Stellarton, where Active Living Manager Veronica Deno highlighted how small, everyday activities like walking, stretching and choosing active transportation can support overall well-being. The initiative continues to offer guided hikes, walking groups and equipment lending opportunities to help residents add more movement into their daily routines.



Photo: Matthew Bambrick, The News

Read the full story by Matthew Bambrick in The News online: [Speaker series helps incorporate movement into Pictou County life](#)

2026 Snowfolk Winners



Most Fashionable Snowperson
Emma & Leah G.



Best Snow Creature
Addie & Jeannie L.



Most Colourful Snowperson
Kara M.

March Break 2026



St. Patrick's Day at Glen Haven



Residents at Glen Haven enjoyed a fun and festive St. Patrick's Day activity, planting shamrocks together in celebration of the holiday. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, get creative, and share in the spirit of the day. Thank you to everyone who helped make the activity so enjoyable for residents.



International Transgender Day of Visibility Flag Raising

The Town of New Glasgow marked International Transgender Day of Visibility with a flag raising ceremony on March 31 at Glasgow Square. The event recognized the strength, contributions, and experiences of transgender and gender-diverse people in our community, and reaffirmed the Town's commitment to building a community where everyone feels seen, respected and included. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this important observance.



Happy 105th Birthday, Ellen MacMillan!



Congratulations to Ellen MacMillan on celebrating her 105th birthday, an incredible milestone. On behalf of Mayor Nancy Dicks, Council, and staff of the Town of New Glasgow, we extend our warmest wishes on this very special occasion.

Wishing Ellen a wonderful celebration and a fantastic year ahead.



Celebrating Al and Mary's Retirement

After many years of serving the community, Al and Mary are retiring from Big Al's Convenience Store, a New Glasgow staple since 1984.

Together, they built more than just a business. Big Al's became a North End institution where neighbours connected, kids grew up, and countless memories were made. For generations, it has been a familiar and welcoming place at the heart of the community.

For more than four decades, their locally owned store was a testament to hard work, dedication, and community spirit.

We thank Al and Mary for their years of service and wish them all the best in their well-earned retirement!





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