PROCLAMATION
Viola Desmond Day
November 8, 2026

WHEREAS, The Town of New Glasgow has a rich and varied culture of which it is proud; and

WHEREAS, part of this culture is that of our African Nova Scotian heritage; and

WHEREAS, Viola Desmond was an African Nova Scotian civil rights activist and highly successful businesswoman who has come to be a historical icon in Canada and around the world; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1946, Viola Desmond was refused admittance to general seating in a theatre because of her colour; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of her taking a stand against this discrimination, laws allowing segregation practices were repealed; and

WHEREAS, every year throughout the Province of Nova Scotia, November 8th is observed under the name of Viola Desmond Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026 as **"Viola Desmond Day"** in the Town of New Glasgow.

Nancy Dicks

Mayor Nancy Dicks