



# New Glasgow *flourish*



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### Perennial Success Communities in Bloom Awards celebrate outstanding community participation

The annual Communities in Bloom Awards and Reception was a showcase of perennial winners.

Participants gathered in Glasgow Square to celebrate the diverse efforts of its residential and corporate community to green the Town – both in beautification and environmental standards – while updating the audience of participants, Town Council, community representatives and media about Communities in Bloom’s goals for the upcoming year.

Each participant received recognition of the pride and attention they show in their properties, a quality that, according to Communities in Bloom Co-Chair, Jamie Stevens, is “even more important than skill level or means.” The special touches and stories of each property – from the striking roses award winner Edgar Hart’s shares with neighbors and walkers along the Samson Trail, to the imaginative streetscape created by the cascading flowers that flow from Zelda’s Flower Studio – not only make their setting special, but shape the community’s visual identity, as well.

“All communities that participate are winners,” Stevens explained. “Working to meet Communities in Bloom standards is an investment in civic pride, economic development and tourism. It is also a challenge that raises the bar each year for participants and New Glasgow as a community to continue to build upon its successes.”

The impact of Communities in Bloom’s leadership in shaping a coordinated community effort of beautification, encouraging environmental stewardship, and preservation of New Glasgow’s heritage preservation was reflected clearly in the diverse audience itself. The coverage of Communities in Bloom’s projects provided by The News, the Advocate and East Coast FM was recognized for its importance in increasing the profile of the many efforts the program keeps in the community. The contribution of corporate sponsors was also honored for their immense impact in turning important projects in New Glasgow into success, from the Westville Road Challenge and Pictou County Go Clean Get Green campaign, to the greening of Archimedes Street and the Riverfront Gazebo, among many other projects.



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# New Glasgow

**First to Join**

# **Come to Life Campaign**



**T**he Town of New Glasgow became the first town in Nova Scotia to become a charter member of the Nova Scotia Come to Life brand campaign at an official charter signing ceremony today, hosted by Premier Rodney MacDonald at Pier 21 in Halifax. Mayor Ann MacLean officially signed the charter on behalf of New Glasgow at the event which saw 30 new members from both the private and public sector sign the charter. A total of 200 from across the province have become official charter members to date.

Pictou Regional Development Commission also signed on as a charter member represented by Chair Murray Hill and new Executive Director Gerald Gabriel. Music Nova Scotia which is bringing NS Music Week to Pictou County in partnership with the New Glasgow Music Jubilee in November also signed the charter. Each charter member was profiled by provincial communications staff before an audience of approximately 200.

Charter members will support the provincial brand campaign and become ambassadors for living, working, learning and doing business in the province and will also have access to many resources and information on the Nova Scotia competitive advantage in order to help deliver the Come to Life message. Charter members will also be

profiled on the Come to Life web site and receive other marketing opportunities.

“Supporting the provincial brand enables us to reinforce the message that Nova Scotia is accessible and connected to the world, innovative, a destination shaped by its sea-coast culture, and a province with a strong sense of community and dependable, caring and enterprising people,” says Mayor MacLean. “It also leverages the province's markets to tell the story about communities such as New Glasgow. It is important to support this progressive and positive approach that will help our province and our town grow and flourish. ”

“Nova Scotia has a great story to tell and we want to part of the team that is raising awareness to the good things that are happening here in our home province,” adds Kim Dickson, Marketing and Communications Director for the Town of New Glasgow. “Branding is not only what you are now but also what you aspire to become. Nova Scotia is on the verge of great things and we believe in the strength and talents of Nova Scotians most of all.”

There is no cost associated with becoming a Come to Life charter member.

**Town Hall<sup>2</sup>**

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, New Glasgow showed it knows how to make a 141<sup>st</sup> birthday party as exciting as if it were the first.

Residents and visitors joined Deputy Mayor Henderson Paris, New Glasgow Town Council, the Honorable MP Peter MacKay, and MLA Pat Dunn on the New Glasgow Riverfront for a day of fun and festivities to mark the nation's birthday.

The fun was not only "a party," said Deputy Mayor Henderson Paris; as Glasgow Square filled with red and white, he remarked upon the reflection of Canada's own unique character in the diverse audience that he believed was a cause for celebration, as well.

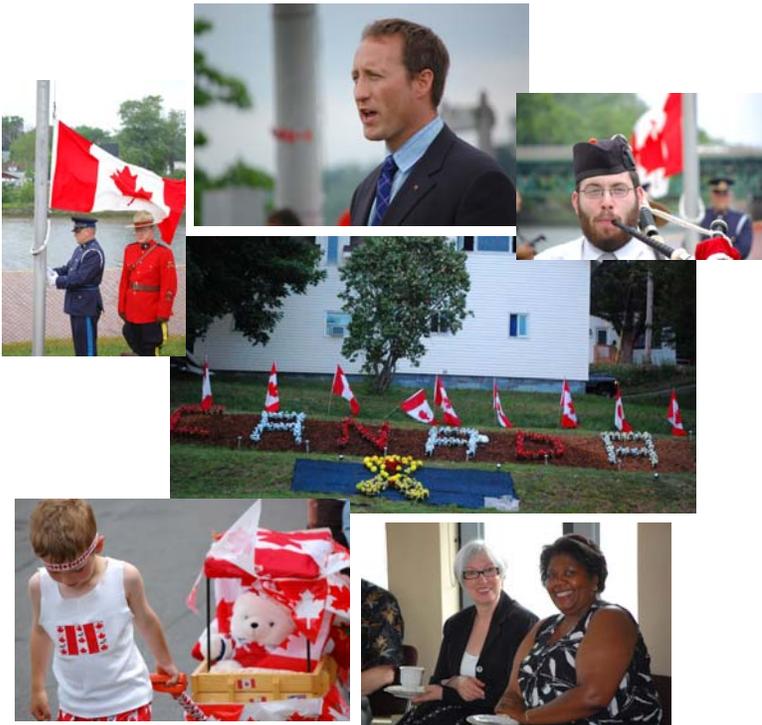
"It is wonderful to see our community come together in celebration of pride in our nation," Deputy Mayor Paris said. "Stretching from the Pacific to the Atlantic to deep into the Arctic, Canada is a land with a big heart and bright mind. It is a young country still maturing but it is strong, it is beautiful and there is hope for a great and promising future."

And for a celebration of such a distinctive nation, Deputy Mayor Paris added, New Glasgow was the ideal township to play host. "Canada is about its people, its diverse cultural mosaic, its unique and spectacular geography and its originality. We here in Nova Scotia and in New Glasgow enjoy a great sense of community, a wealth of treasured traditions, a spirit of exploration and adventure and a passion for our nation" that typifies the best of Canada, he added.



Indeed, no one missed an opportunity to show their strong pride in Canada, its heritage and its interests. Youth filled Glasgow Square dressed in colorful costumes of all variety of Canadiana – from pirates to cheerleaders – in and paraded their true patriot love. As they also enjoyed games, face painting, and live entertainment, residents did not miss the opportunity to mingle with their federal, provincial and municipal representatives and dignitaries at the Town Council tea.

The turnout of residents, believed Deputy Mayor Paris, showed just why they were proud to serve the region as the example of what makes Canada so distinct itself: a strong sense of community that encompasses a diverse group of concerned and caring citizens.



*A land with a*  
**big heart**  
&  
**bright mind**

***"It is wonderful to see our community come together in celebration of pride in our nation."***

***-Deputy Mayor Henderson Paris***

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## *Johnny Miles*

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# *keeping pace*

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### *with a legacy of success*

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The Johnny Miles Running Event Weekend does not list excitement as part of its registration package but it always is sure to provide it.

For the cardiac patients who participate in the Johnny Walk, the sense of accomplishment achieved by maintaining a healthy lifestyle is a victory they carry long after the race ends. For runners such as Bill Roblee of Lunenburg, finishing his 100<sup>th</sup> marathon was as gratifying as winning first place. But for Ray Moorehead of Dartmouth, there was something special in catching up to one of his longtime local sport heroes.

“Running with Dave [MacLennan] was motivational and it was a learning experience,” explained Moorehead, who will be running in the next Boston Marathon thanks to his qualifying position in the JMM Full Marathon. “I really admire [Dave] deeply and I’ve considered him a mentor. It’s very humbling to think I could consider myself in the same class of runners as him.”

On Saturday, June 15, local favorite Dave MacLennan of Scotsburn crossed the finish line ten seconds after Moorehead at the signature New Glasgow sporting event. MacLennan posed afterwards for photos with

with Moorehead and Harry Neynens of Enfield, who ended MacLellan’s six-year winning streak last year. Moorehead, who has also previously won the Half Marathon challenge, claimed victory at this year’s main event with an impressive time of 2:41:21, a personal milestone as his third win in 11 career marathons.

Entering its 33<sup>rd</sup> edition, organizers of the signature New Glasgow sport tourism event also received a boost with record registration and attendance numbers. While over 1,400 runners attended the main festivities on Sunday – an increase of 300 registrants – other events such as the Kids Fun Run also saw a boost in attendance, especially impressive, says Race Director Terry Curley, given the cool weather.

“People always comment it is a first class event and ask the reason for our success and I always say the same thing,” explained Curley. “Our price and the services the Town of New Glasgow provides are a major help but the credit [especially] deserves to go to our sponsors and volunteers. We get major comments from the runners about the support of the community who even cheer runners from their driveways as they pass.”

These qualities and the atmosphere of the community itself are what make the Johnny Miles Running Event Weekend special to seasoned runners such as Karen MacDonald, the female winner of the Full Marathon from Sydney. “Johnny Miles is always a good event and they really revamped it from the last time I was here six or seven years ago,” explained MacDonald, who has run for 25 years and counts the Boston Marathon amongst her latest challenges.

“It’s phenomenal, the best in Canada or North America even because it really caters to runners. And we get good swag,” MacDonald added, jokingly. For the \$40 registration fee, the race kit includes an official t-shirt, hat, two meals, personalized race numbers, a race chip to record times, a race photo and completion medal.

For this year’s event, gaining record attendance had an added significance to organizers who dedicated the marathon to the Canadian Forces, veterans and their military families. It was a gesture of support, Curley says, everyone was proud to take part in and was appreciated by the troops. Forces serving in Afghanistan and General Rick Hillier thanked participants and organizers at the opening ceremonies via footage provided by Minister of Defence, MP Peter MacKay, who accepted the dedication on their behalf.

“The response was great and indicated the dedication was done in just the right amount,” Curley explained. “We didn’t want it to overshadow the race or for the race to exploit the military.” Instead, Curley added, it was an added winning feeling of national pride each participant enjoyed along with passing the finishing line.

**All race placements may be viewed at the Johnny Miles Running Event Weekend website, [www.johnnymiles.ca](http://www.johnnymiles.ca)**

## Pictou County to Host Nova Scotia Music Week

The hum of amplifiers, plugged in and electrifying; the lone moan of a saxophone; the ancient beat of drums; the crescendo of harmonized voices; the crisp reverberation of bagpipes. Taking a walk into the entertainment venues of Pictou County is like turning on a mix tape made by someone who cannot choose their favorite music because they love it all.

It is this diversity - not to mention its musical pedigree - that earned Pictou County the honor of hosting Nova Scotia Music Week, a major festival that from November 6 to 9 will bring together the music industry and music lovers for four jam-packed days of performances, workshops and a Gala Awards Show.

"The music legacy of Pictou County is renowned and it is this very legacy and the spirit of our people that has inspired and motivated the New Glasgow Riverfront Music Jubilee for more than a decade," said Valerie Ryan, Chair

of both the Jubilee and the host committee of Nova Scotia Music Week. Not only home to the Jubilee, a signature Nova Scotia event, Pictou County is also home to the longest running music festival in Canada.

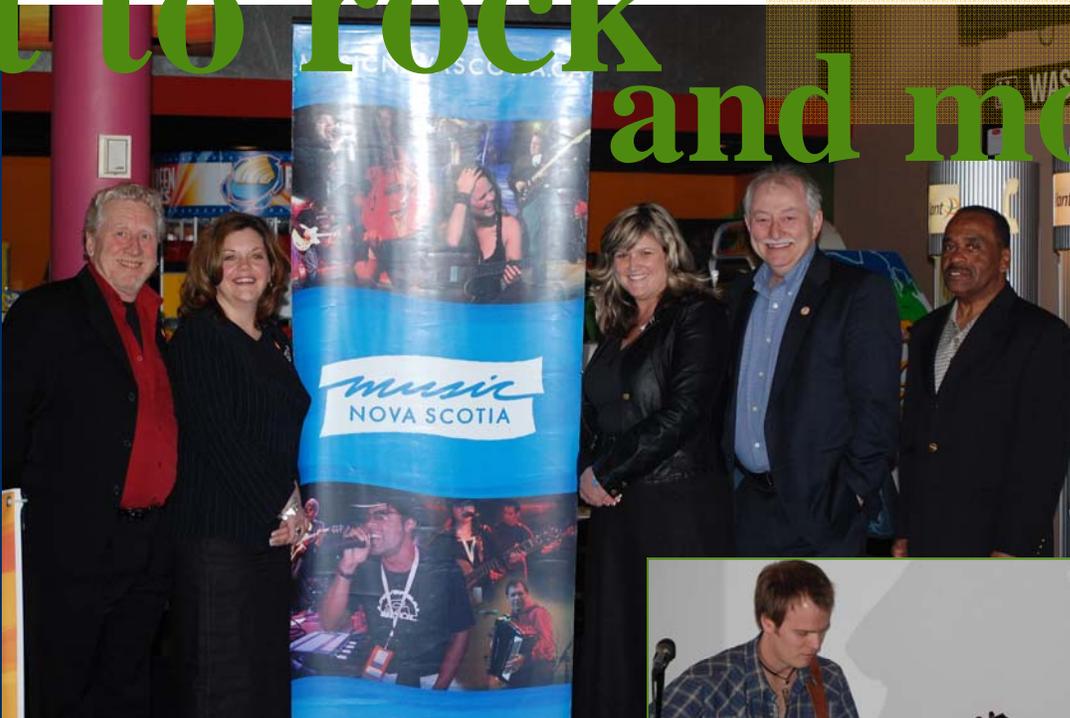
These events, Ryan explains, are among the many musical happenings that mark Pictou County's long history as a music destination, and are indicators of how music in Pictou County has become an integral aspect of its identity and everyday life. "Music binds us together as families, as friends, as neighbors and as a community. It's how we celebrate... is how we welcome strangers who soon become friends; it is part of how we rise again and triumph over adversity. It is how and why we flourish," Ryan added.

The region has also produced outstanding artists like George Canyon, JD Fortune and Wintersleep's Loel Campbell. Pictou County's own Dave Gunning and Steven Bowers showcased their talent at the press conference at Empire 7 Studio in New Glasgow that announced this year's event.

"The Town of New Glasgow is very proud to be a partner with the New Glasgow Music Jubilee in helping bring Music Nova Scotia Week 2008 to Pictou County," said New Glasgow Mayor Ann MacLean. "How fitting that this exciting opportunity that is testament to our music legacy should come during the 70th annual New Glasgow Music Festival, the longest running music festival of its kind in Canada. The Jubilee has been a leader in tourism, not only locally but provincially, as well as a best practices model for community events."

Upwards of 500 delegates, including musicians, industry professionals, talent programmers and fans from across the province will descend upon this vibrant music destination. The Museum of Industry will serve as the main conference facility, providing space for registration, workshops, the opening reception and the Awards Brunch. Venues for performances will be throughout New Glasgow, Stellarton and Pictou.

# set to rock and more



**Top, from left to right:** Bill Appleby, Nova Scotia Music Week Chair; Lisa M. MacDonald, Town of New Glasgow CAO and Host Committee member; Valerie Ryan, Jubilee and Host Committee Chair;

**Right, from left to right:** Pictou County local Dave Gunning and Steven Bowers were on hand to welcome Nova Scotia





# Crushers Dethrone Lumber Kings

# win Fred Page Cup

## Sometimes you just have to believe in yourself.

That's what the Pictou County Weeks Crushers did and the tournament hosts are now in the history books as the 2008 Fred Page Cup Champions with a thrilling 4-1 victory over defending champs Pembroke Lumber Kings.

"We knew we could win. The boys dug deep and when we went ahead in the third we never looked back," said Andrew Joudrey. Jason Rinzler, a tournament all star who has had big goals all spring for the Crushers and who netted the biggest one of the day, described his team as "a confident group that believed in themselves."

The event was hosted April 21-27, at the John Brother MacDonald Stadium, home of the Pictou County favorite who played with heart, character and great determination throughout the tournament, even when against great adversity.

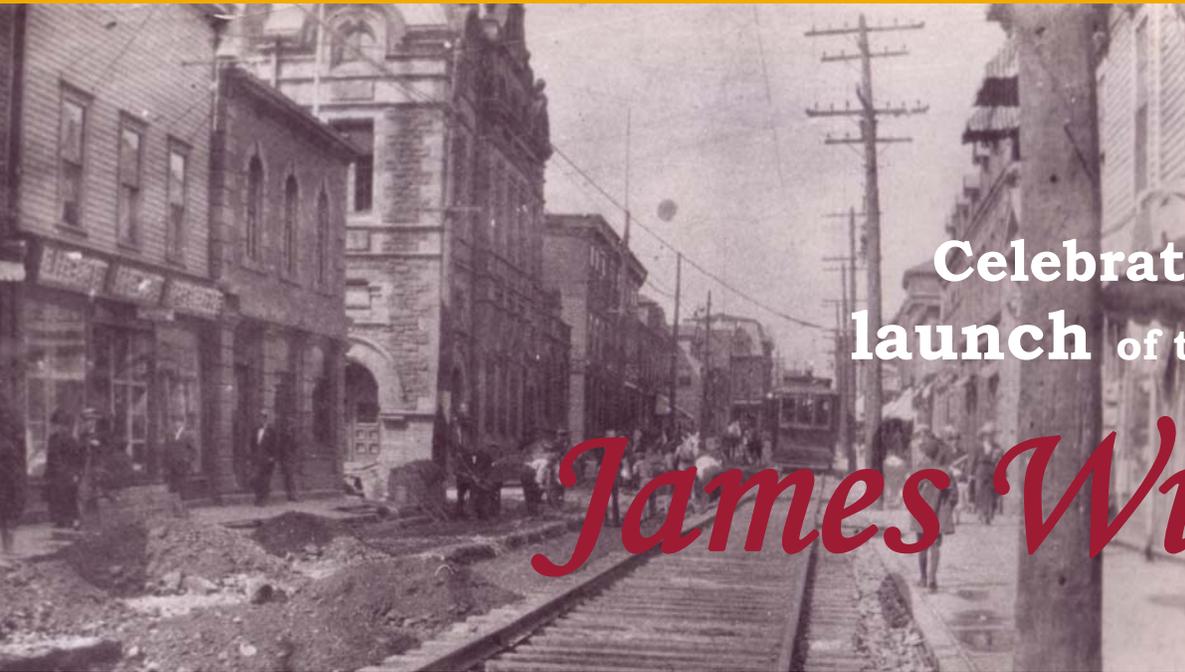
Going into the championship match with three regulars out with injuries and having played the night before, the Crushers somehow found the strength to take it to Pembroke. With only seven minutes left in the game, Jason Rinzler backhanded the puck past goalie Paul Beckwith to put the

Crushers ahead 2-1 and sent the home crowd to their feet. When there remained only seconds left of the game and the leading score still defended, the players stormed the ice with gloves and sticks flying into the air to mob goalie, Alexandre Quessy.

Coach Troy Ryan spoke of how everyone on the team had a job to do and each played a role in the win. He described his squad as one with "great team chemistry" with the players supporting each other on and off the ice. Ryan added that he told his team many times that, "good things happen to good people."

The Fred Page Cup was presented to Captain Scott Lavigne, a tower of strength on the Crusher blue line. Lavigne was joined by jubilant assistants Jordan Knox—who was also named MVP of the championship—Geoff Hum and Kevin MacLean in accepting the coveted hardware. The Lumber Kings received the silver medals from Hockey Canada officials while the Crushers were presented the gold. Game MVP for the Crushers was Knox and for the Lumber Kings was Millette.





Celebrating the  
launch of the

# James William

As an artery that stretches across the heart of northeastern Nova Scotia, New Glasgow's East River has long been the source of the town's lifeblood. Yet while watching the pleasure craft bobbing in its languid waters, it difficult to believe these boats and the thriving modern tourism and business activity they represent are whispers of something much different that filled the river's shores.

Launched July 14, 1908, the James William was the jewel of the industry that was the main staple of New Glasgow through its early history as a thriving shipbuilding community. Indeed, the James William was a monument to all that shipbuilding had been for the area, and a fitting effigy to the creator of that success, James William Carmichael.

Though he died before its launch, the "Father of New Glasgow shipbuilding" contributed his name to the mighty vessel that represented its namesake well: "it was impressive and impossible to forget. The launch itself included a massive celebration of music, feasting and canoe races on the river to announce the

titan's 440 tonnes of girth, three masts, extensive rigging and the first steel hull in Canada to the waters that surely trembled under the massive ship.

Unfortunately, it missed out on the era that made J.W. Carmichael such a success. Though the age of steam surpassed the sail and made such cargo ships obsolete, the James William still symbolizes the spirit of the community that poured its energy and pride into the ship's creation. Memories, photos and stories of the legendary ship survive as a lively part of the Town's historic identity, and attest to the James William as a tribute to the historic New Glasgow that, while watching boats continue to pass through the East River, may not be so far off after all.

*A celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the launch of the James William is tentatively being planned for September. Please stay tuned for further information.*



## In the footsteps of spirits and pioneers

Eerie stories and historical tales will abound during the Ships and Spirits Walking Tours this summer.

In its fifth year, Ships and Spirits Walking Tours is now welcoming guests on both private and public tours. Residents and visitors alike are invited to take part in a one hour lantern tour departing from Riverside Cemetery on Thursdays at 9pm. Addi-

tionally, every Tuesday through to the end of August, Anna Bond will lead adventure goes on a musical lantern tour beginning at 9pm through Pioneer Cemetery as a mysterious fictional character from New Glasgow's past, Sophia Fraser.

Guests can expect a musical narrative full of history, mystery and local tales. Ships and Spirits owner and operator

Lynn MacLean is enthusiastic about the tours this summer and is also tentatively planning a historical Pub Crawl for the last week of August. For the scheduled tours, reservations are required. Prices are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under twelve. Contact 755-1174 for more information.

# Communities in Bloom

# Showcase

# Natural Talent & Community Pride

Indeed, the awards and reception itself was another reminder of their impact in helping New Glasgow achieve national level success, with Glasgow Square decorated with donations by West River Greenhouses, the Green Thumb Farmer's Market, Farmer Clem's, Proudfoot's Home Hardware, Atlantic Superstore, and Sobey's Aberdeen. Mayor Ann MacLean believed that the strong presence of such support was an important sign that New Glasgow is ready to continue to grow with success.

"Entering into our second year in the national edition, the community wide effort of residents, businesses, community groups and the municipality all working together ensures the broad values of Communities in Bloom are achieved and built upon each year. The residential care in our town is outstanding, as well as our corporate endorsement and participation that continues to increase. Building a community on values of civic pride, environmental stewardship, heritage preservation, and community spirit are goals that are integral to New Glasgow as well as Communities in Bloom," said Mayor MacLean at the evening ceremony.

Councillor Terry Curley also commended the efforts of the Communities in Bloom Committee for its dedication in encouraging the growth of the program and promotion of its values as consistent with New Glasgow's own community-minded ideals. "The efforts of the committee have guided the community's growth from its first experience in 2003 to become a national level competitor. The outstanding work of our Grounds Supervisor, Chelsea Mattatall, and the great volunteer leadership of the 2007 Communities in Bloom Committee mobilizes the community."

Communities in Bloom is Canada's program for the improvement of the quality of life through beautification, community involvement, environmental awareness and heritage conservation. The Town of New Glasgow is entering its sixth year as a participant in the nationally recognized Communities in Bloom Program in 2008 and with each year the effort demonstrated by the community literally grows.

For more information to register as a participant, please call 755-7788.



## **Award Winners**

Full Bloom Residential Property Award

**Cindy & Paul MacLeod**  
**Marcia Douglas**

Full Bloom Commercial Property Award

**Zelda's Flower Studio**  
**Atlantic Superstore**

Full Bloom Institutional Property Award

**A.G. Baillie Elementary School**  
**Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library**

Thrive & Flourish Award  
**Edgar Hart**

Enchantment & Splendor Award  
**Hugh & Helen MacDonald**

Magic Touch Award  
**Elaine & Jim Yorke**

Just Imagine Award  
**Master Cutts**

Special Recognition for National Acclaim  
**George & Pauline Henaut**

# Growing with Imagination<sup>8</sup>

## Freshness Always in Season

As New Glasgow's exciting summer kicks into season, residents had the opportunity to enjoy its offerings by visiting the opening of the Pictou County Riverfront Farmers Market.

Held amidst the natural splendor of the New Glasgow riverfront, Pictou County farmers offered the very best in taste and quality fresh produce brought straight in from local farms; in fact, products such as MacLeans Strawberries were picked that morning. The new gathering centre for the region's green thumbs and craftspeople is timely as the demand grows for naturally produced goods, and New Glasgow is no exception; customers lined up outside the doors at 8:45am and within an hour, many producers were entirely sold out.

The tremendous response from the community, according to organizers, is not surprising given the appeal of buying local. Organizers from the Pictou Regional Development Commission and the Town of New Glasgow believe the benefits of buying produce grown in Pictou County will be obvious from the first bite: the shortest route from the ground to the dinner table is the best to ensure the finest flavors and healthiest meals.

"The Farmers Market helps everybody: farmers, craftspeople and the customer," says Alanna Murray. "Local producers are excited because they believe it is something Pictou County people want and it attracts customers to one place. It also benefits the customer who otherwise would have to travel to each remote individual farm for their unique products."



The importance of buying local is not only obvious once it reaches your mouth. "By buying locally



grown food and craftsmanship, residents will not only enjoy exceptional taste, but also support local farmers and endangered family enterprises," explains Kim Dickson, Marketing and Communications Director for the Town of New Glasgow, adding locally produced crafts will also be available for purchase. Decreasing transportation costs ensures not only the best taste, but helps the environment as well.

Residents can catch the Pictou County Riverfront Farmers Market every Saturday through July and August from 9am to 12pm. The market moves to the Keltic Building for the rest of the summer.

For more information about the Pictou County Riverfront Farmers Market, or to register as a vendor, please contact 752-6159.

# Flourish *and* thrive

Sustainable Pictou County hosted an open forum for residents, municipal leaders, businesses and local organizations of Pictou County to voice their vision for the development of the region on Wednesday, July 9 with approximately 50 participants attending at Glasgow Square.

Organizers believe it was important for a meeting of the community in order to provide residents with an opportunity to create a proactive vision to impact Pictou County's vitality and competitiveness in the future. By assessing Pictou County's environmental, economic, social and cultural priorities, organizers believe the region can ensure a sustainable community that maximizes the Pictou County's opportunities

without sacrifice to its unique character.

"In order to have a sustainable vision, we need to begin planning now," says Steve Harder, Coordinator of Sustainable Pictou County.

As a partner in the Integrated Community Sustainability Project with the Municipality of Pictou County, Pictou and Westville, New Glasgow has shown its commitment to the creation of a sustainable community, completing the first three milestones of Partners for Climate Protection, a program of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Since July 2006, its energy savings project has included an annual energy savings calendar with monthly tips, a Walk or Wheel to Work Day to promote responsible gas consumption, and

## Plan Now, Save for Later

business breakfasts on energy. Other projects which support New Glasgow's environmental dedication include Earth Hour, its annual tree planting campaign, and its participation in Communities in Bloom, a national program that encourages environmental stewardship as part of its core values. As the Town of New Glasgow and its people continue its energy sustainability commitment, residents will save money, improve local air quality and reduce community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to reach its community endorsed goal to reduce GHG emissions by six per cent by 2013 and slow climate change.

As a Student Support worker at NNEC, Deanna Mohamed knows how to be effective in providing guidance for her students. Experiencing the positive effect of an encouraging voice is also something she knows first hand.

Following the example of New Glasgow's Dr. Carrie Best - the founder of The Clarion, the first newspaper published in Nova Scotia expressly for its African Nova Scotia citizens - Mohamed admits she was at first daunted creating her own newsletter to provide a spotlight on the African Nova Scotian community in New Glasgow. The support of a special friend assured her, however, that the aspirations she placed in Ujima: Community News and Views to become the means of celebrating the community were too important to pass, and an opportunity many would benefit from.

"The most positive step you can take in creating a big project like this is to get a mentor, someone to show you what you are capable of doing. I have had this idea since I learned about Dr. Best," Mohamed explained. After interviewing Walter Borden, says Mohamed, she felt she would have the opportunity to have the same impact of those she admired, if she tried.

"I was nervous when I began, and for my first issue, I interviewed Walter Borden. I called him on October 30, and on October 31 we met and talked for three hours," says Mohamed, who also attributes her Practicum Professor at Mount Saint

Vincent, Dr. Sue Brigham, and her family among supporters who urged her on.

It is this strong network of guidance and encouragement that Mohamed hopes Ujima will inspire all in the community to capitalize upon. "The newsletter is based upon the Kwanza principles of Nguzo Faba, and Ujima itself means collective work and responsibility," says Mohamed. "There is individualism in any community but it is important to realize the tremendous impact we have to shape: educationally, socially. We study Western history but there is so much rich history in our own backyard and it is such an important story to tell. Our tradition is oral, through stories, and as Dr. Carrie Best believed, we must preserve them as a written record of our history," she adds. The newsletter also includes a strong focus on the achievement of students, happenings in New Glasgow's African Nova Scotian community and profiles of outstanding residents.

With three issues published and a fourth soon due, Ujima continues to grow with Mohamed's dedication; she laughs as she remembers delivering the debut issue door-to-door in a blizzard. Her readership also continues to evolve through word of mouth and the circulation of the newsletter



through readers: copies have already been passed along to communities from Toronto and Alberta to Bermuda, the United States and Libya as readers travel and families visit. Mohamed takes pride in these special connections Ujima has already fostered, reminding she is achieving the impact she desired. "I passed around a flyer with my son, Salem, as I started up and people invited me right into their kitchen. It was a great opportunity to instill in my son and is an example of the need to maintain ties to the community and build an interconnected identity."

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# Profiling New Glasgow's Own

Imagine living the life of a musician: playing the tuba, trombone and piano, singing, performing in numerous recitals, festivals and completing nationally recognized music exams. Now, imagine juggling all of this while still in high school.

Anna Bond, a Grade 12 student at North Nova Education Centre, is best known as a talented musician with a passion for musical theatre. Despite her undeniable talent and host of achievements, Anna remains a humble, grateful individual. Having successfully completed her Royal Conservatory grade seven voice and grade

eight piano exams, Anna is quick to give credit to those who have guided her along the way.

She describes New Glasgow as "home to many learned musicians who have given their time and talent to encourage me musically," and looks to local musicians and music instructors—Jane Miller, Jim Wassan, Steven Hartlen, Andrew and Janice Alcorn, Janet Proudfoot and Jennifer Grout—as mentors who have supported her along the way. Specifically, Anna describes Jennifer Grout, her voice teacher, as a "master at choosing repertoire, a true friend and my

main mentor."

In addition to her personal endeavors, Anna shares her love of music with visitors during the summer as a tour guide with Ships and Spirits Walking Tours and will continue to develop her talent as she pursues a music-education degree at the University of Prince Edward Island.

Undoubtedly, Anna Bond exemplifies the bright talent that exists within our community and one of *New Glasgow's Own*.



Left, Anna Bond sings O Canada at the 2008 Johnny Miles Running Event Weekend. This year's event was dedicated to the

## Summer Event Calendar

July 31-Aug 3

**The Jubilee**  
[www.jubilee.ns.ca](http://www.jubilee.ns.ca)

Aug 8 & 9

**Race on the River  
 Dragon Boat Festival**  
[www.raceontheriver.com](http://www.raceontheriver.com)

Aug 7-10

**Festival of the Tartans**  
[www.festivalofthetartans.ca](http://www.festivalofthetartans.ca)



*(Deanna Mohamed continued)*

Working with 30 African Nova Scotia students at NNEC, Mohamed also witnesses everyday the impact the principles of Ujima can have, especially for our youth. “Students are quiet but mighty,” Mohamed explains, passionate about the students she sees grow into future leaders and citizens. “Support workers look at the holistic picture of a student [because of the small numbers], and I can see deeper into who they are, perhaps more than a teacher can with so many students. I see it is daunting for them sometimes, and it is part of our duty and responsibility as a community to build up our youth so they feel respected and valued. Our young people are visionary.”

Mohamed aids in post secondary preparation, finding employment, resume writing, keeping parents informed and, most often, as a

friendly ear to offer guidance whenever it's needed. By actualizing her message, however, Mohamed herself is another invaluable resource her students can use, demonstrating daily the “strength and power in a single voice to become an agent of change” she wishes her students and community to become.

Born and raised in New Glasgow, Deanna Mohamed graduated from New Glasgow High School before earning a BA in History from Acadia University. She is currently in the process of completing her Masters in Life Long Learning with a focus in Africentric Leadership from Mount St. Vincent University. With dedication to remain and impact New Glasgow, Mohamed also promises to remain a positive model for her students and readers as one of *New Glasgow's Own*.





Roger Dixon and Betty Greene

# a taste of summer



Shirley Mahis and Mary MacPherson



The annual New Glasgow Gyro Chicken Barbeque raises awareness and funds for swimming lessons as part of National Drowning Prevention Week.



Nick Sharpe picks strawberries at MacLean & Sons, one of the producers featured at the farmers market held on New Glasgow's riverfront.



The New Glasgow Downtown Development Commission provides the sounds of summer at Centre Stage in Murdoch Park, held every Wednesday and Friday with local musicians.



The Heartland Tour takes part in a cardiac rehabilitation class at the New Glasgow YMCA as part of its tour of Nova Scotian communities to raise awareness for heart disease.



Dianne Sprout, President of the Pictou East Cancer Unit, presents a plaque to Philip MacKenzie in recognition of his efforts to create a Cancer Bed of Hope in honor of survivors and victims.



Bank of Montreal Bank Manager Crystal Smith helps to beautify Downtown New Glasgow.




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