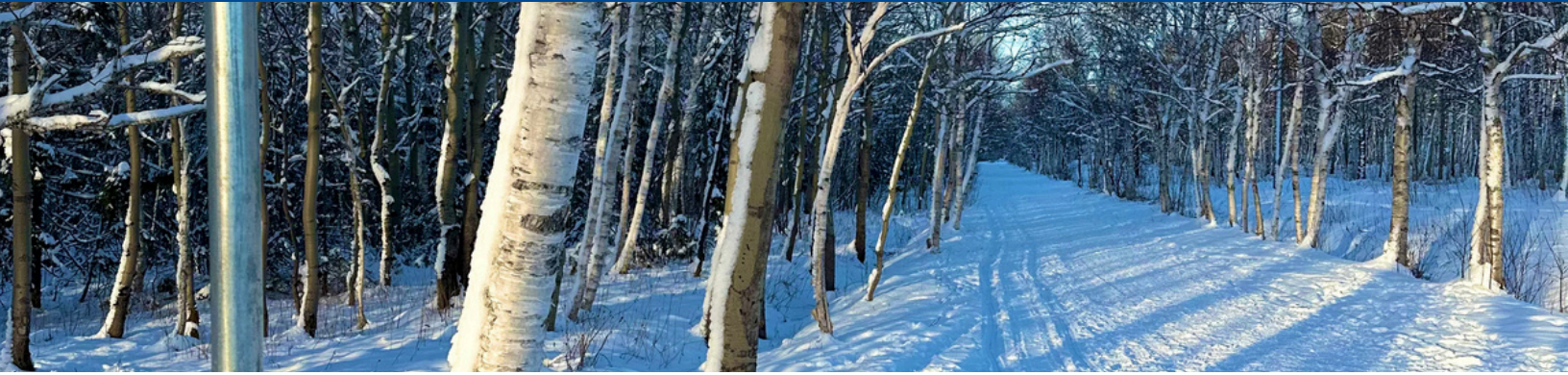




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PUBLIC NOTICES



Black History Month

February is Black History Month!

This is a time to celebrate the contributions, achievements, and resilience of Black Canadians.

Let's take this month to learn, reflect, and continue building a welcoming, inclusive community.

Housing Incentive Program

We're taking action to "Build Up Gander!" As part of our Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan, we are launching a Housing Incentive Program.

This is a key step in our broader strategy to address the housing needs in our community.

Questions?

Visit www.gandercanada.com/buildupgander

E-mail buildupgander@gandercanada.com

Call 709-651-5910

Visit the Town Hall, 100 Elizabeth Drive, Gander, NL

HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM LAUNCH

We're taking action to "Build Up Gander."

Learn more about the incentive program

WWW.GANDERCANADA.COM/BUILDUPGANDER



2025 Waste Transfer Schedule

The Town of Gander, in partnership with PBO Industrial Disposal Inc., operates a waste transfer station located on McCurdy Drive, next to the Public Works Depot.

Upcoming events:

- March 8
- April 12
- June 14

Visit www.gandercanada.com/garbage for more information.

Council Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for February 19, 2025 at 4 p.m.

Attend in-person or view from home at www.rogerstv.com/gander. Live updates are provided at www.x.com/townofgander.

[Click here for meeting schedule, agendas and minutes](#)



The Town of Gander in partnership with the International Lounge Foundation presents

Winter MELODIES AND MORSELS

TICKET SALES BEGIN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD @ 11AM

FEBRUARY 20, 2025 @ 7PM
GANDER AIRPORT - INTERNATIONAL LOUNGE
1000 James Blvd, Gander, NL

Join us for a magical evening of live music and delectable eats! Enjoy the soulful sounds of Andrew Rodgers on the stage, accompanied by the flavors of Union East's expertly crafted cuisine. It's the perfect setting to unwind and connect with great company, letting the stresses of the day melt away.

TICKETS: \$45
plus taxes and fees
includes: appetizers and entertainment

ONLINE: www.gandercanada.tix.com
PHONE: 709-651-5927
IN PERSON: Steele Community Centre Administration Office
(Monday - Friday - 9am - 4pm)



Winter Melodies and Morsels

After an unforgettable first event, we're thrilled to announce the second installment of Melodies and Morsels on February 20th at 7PM at the Gander Airport International Lounge!

Join us for an enchanting evening of melodies and flavors!

Tickets are priced at \$45 (plus taxes and fees). Secure yours at www.gandercanada.tix.com.

Event Calendar

Stay up to date with everything happening in the Town of Gander!

Check out our frequently updated event calendar for all the latest information:

<https://events.gandercanada.com/>



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Governance Model Improvements

In coordination with the new Towns and Local Service Districts Act, the Town Council of Gander is transitioning to a Committee of the Whole governance model, replacing the previous structure where standing committees were aligned with municipal departments. This new model brings all members of Council together to discuss municipal matters collectively, fostering collaboration and a more streamlined decision-making process.

To support this transition, a revised agenda template has been introduced, featuring consistent core headings that replace the former committee reports. This change is meant to provide a more organized and effective way to manage municipal priorities.

Welcome New CAO, Brad Hefford

Following an extensive nationwide recruitment process led by advisory firm MC Advisory, the Town of Gander is proud to announce Brad Hefford as our new Chief Administrative Officer.

Brad has been a key member of our team for the past five years, serving as Town Clerk/Director of Governance and Legislation, where his leadership and expertise have been invaluable. As a lifelong resident of Gander, he brings extensive knowledge, a strong educational foundation, and a deep connection to the community. With a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from Dalhousie University and extensive experience in HR, senior leadership with provincial departments, municipal governance, and a number of professional certificates, Brad is exceptionally qualified for this position.

In his new role, he will oversee municipal operations and work closely with Council and staff to advance the Town's strategic goals.







“Brad’s proven leadership, experience, and dedication to the Town of Gander make him the ideal candidate for this role. We are confident he will be instrumental in advancing our community’s goals and ensuring a strong future for Gander.” – Mayor Percy Farwell

Congratulations, Brad! Best wishes as you embark on this exciting new chapter, serving your hometown.



Council Highlights

NOTABLE ITEMS

-  **Planning Report (December 5, 2024, to January 9, 2025)**
 - Received 9 applications
 - Issued 5 permits
 - Provided 9 compliance letters
-  **Public Works Report (December 5, 2024, to January 9, 2025)**
 - Management of 3 snow events
 - Utilization of 8 tonnes of recycled asphalt for repairs
 - Completion of 8,900 meters of brush cutting
 - Execution of 500 meters of ditching
 - In the Water and Sewer Division, 33 service calls were addressed and four repairs were completed
 - 90% completion of modifications to the depot carpenter's shop to meet fire regulations
 - Successful finalization of painting at the depot
-  **Council approved a recommendation to move the annual clean-up week from fall to spring, setting the date for May 5 - 16, 2025.**
-  **Council accepted Englobe's comprehensive report, which identified an opportunity to improve safety and traffic flow at the Briggs/Raynham/Cooper intersection, recommending the installation of a roundabout as the optimal solution. The success of the roundabout at the Cooper/Memorial intersection supports this measure, with construction anticipated to begin in the upcoming season.**
-  **The Town of Gander, through Gander Fire Rescue, will host the 2025 Annual Fire and Emergency Services Training School from May 24 - 30, 2025, open to all fire services across the province.**
-  **Council approved a request from 9 Wing Gander for supplementary fire protection and emergency response services, updating the previous Service Level Agreement. The revised agreement includes an annual financial provision of \$39,670.00 to be paid quarterly, with the possibility of amendments by mutual agreement at any time.**

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 6 & 13: Seniors Active Wellness
- February 7 - 9: Gander Minor Hockey Matthew Sargent U18 Tournament
- February 8: 2025 Provincial Special Olympics Snowshoe Competition
- February 9: Valentine's Skate at the Steele Community Centre
- February 10 - 14: Valentine's Week Facebook Contest
- February 14 - 16: Provincial Figure Skating Competition
- February 19: Community Wellness Event
- February 20 - 22: SnoBreak 2025

