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Public Notices

WASTE TRANSFER STATION 2024 SCHEDULE



Upcoming 2024 Waste Transfer Dates

July 13th
August 10th

Operating: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit: www.gandercanada.com

for more information.

Canada Day La Fete du Canada

July 1st at 1 - 4pm

Cobb's Pond Rotary Park
(Rain Location: Steele Community Centre)

Join us as we celebrate our wonderful country with entertainment, face painting, games, fun activities and more! Admission is FREE.

Veillez nous rejoindre au parc Rotary de Cobb's Pond, le 1er juillet de 13h à 16h afin de célébrer la fête du Canada avec la Ville de Gander. Il y aura du divertissement, de la peinture faciale, des jeux, des prix et bien plus encore! L'entrée est gratuite.

PLEASE NOTE: Magee Road will be closed to traffic from Noon - 4:30pm (from Airport Blvd Extension to Keesley Drive). Parking is available at Cobbe Collegiate, St. Paul's and CNA Parking Lots. Seniors and Accessible Parking available, please speak to barricade attendant.



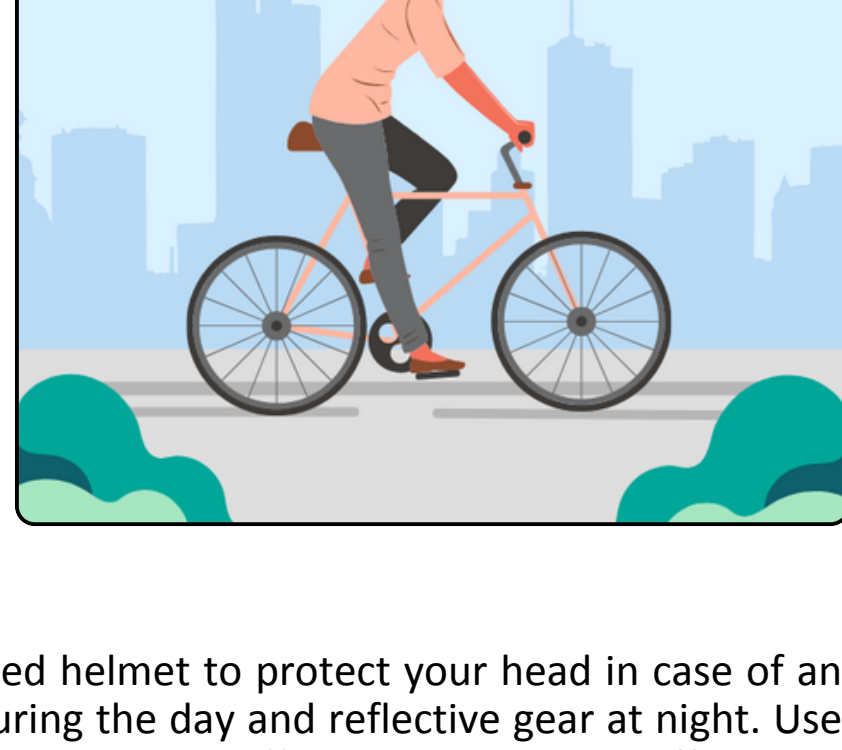
Entertainment Lineup Includes:

Port Aux Poutines, The Maharlikas, Bobby Baker & Last Ticket



All Town of Gander facilities & Admin Offices will be **CLOSED** on July 1st. July 1st garbage collection will be rescheduled to Wednesday, July 3rd.

As the summer sun shines brightly, more and more residents of Gander are taking to the streets on their bicycles. This increase in cycling is great for health, the environment, and our community spirit. However, it also means that both cyclists and drivers need to be extra cautious and considerate to ensure everyone's safety. Here are some key safety tips for cyclists and drivers to follow. By following these guidelines, we can all contribute to a safer, more enjoyable environment for everyone on the road. Let's make this summer one where we all look out for each other and make cycling safe and fun.



For Cyclists:

Wear a Helmet: Always wear a properly fitted helmet to protect your head in case of an accident. **Be Visible:** Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective gear at night. Use front and rear lights if you're riding after dark. **Follow Traffic Rules:** Obey all traffic signs, signals, and road markings. Ride in the same direction as traffic and use bike lanes where available. **Signal Your Intentions:** Use hand signals to indicate turns and stops. This helps drivers and other cyclists understand your movements. **Stay Alert:** Keep an eye out for potential hazards like potholes, parked cars, and pedestrians. Avoid using headphones that can distract you. **Yield to Pedestrians:** Always give the right of way to pedestrians, especially in crosswalks.

For Drivers:

Share the Road: Bicycles have the same rights to the road as vehicles. Give cyclists plenty of room, at least 3 feet, when passing them. **Be Patient:** Avoid honking or aggressive driving near cyclists. Wait until it's safe to pass and don't cut them off. **Check Blind Spots:** Always check your mirrors and blind spots for cyclists before turning or changing lanes. **Use Caution When Parking:** Look for approaching cyclists before opening your car door to avoid "dooring" incidents. **Observe Bike Lanes:** Do not drive or park in designated bike lanes. These are for cyclists' safety. **Slow Down:** Reduce your speed in areas with high bicycle traffic, especially in residential neighbourhoods and near parks.



Gander Wings Special Olympics was proud to play host to the Special Olympics Provincial Athletics Competition.

This year, we were especially excited to host the competition at Gander's brand-new track and field facility. This state-of-the-art venue stands as a testament to our commitment to promoting accessibility in sport, and healthy / active lifestyles in our community.

To the athletes: your dedication, hard work, and perseverance are truly inspiring. Each of you embodies the spirit of the Special Olympics, and your efforts remind us of the power of determination, courage, and unity.

To the coaches, volunteers, and families: thank you for your unwavering support and for playing an essential role in the success of these athletes. Your encouragement and commitment make a profound difference in their lives and contribute significantly to the spirit of inclusion that the Special Olympics represents.

Town Council

Council Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting: July 3, 2024 at 4 p.m.

Members of the public can attend at the Town Hall or view from home on RogersTV Channel 9 or www.rogerstv.com/gander. The Town of Gander also live tweets during the meeting at www.twitter.com/townofgander.

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

[Click here for meeting minutes](#)

June 12th Council Meeting Highlights

- The Festival of Flight will run August 1st – 5th. The Community Services Department is busy planning this year's activities and working hard to get a tentative schedule together. Any groups that are interested can email kseviour@gandercanada.com
- The Economic Development Committee has been primarily focused on physician recruitment and retention, labour market development, housing availability, investment attraction and providing investor navigation support. Newly added responsibilities include advocacy support for Council's Air Ambulance retention efforts and supporting the Gander International Airport Authority in securing new air service options.
- From January 1st to March 31st, Municipal Enforcement Officers responded to 190 calls of traffic complaints, passing school buses with warning lights and stop sign activated, snow complaints, fire calls, and request for patrols as some of the higher call volume. There were 72 citations written from 93 traffic stops. These consisted of speeding, obstructing snow clearing, winter ban parking, parking on sidewalk, operating ATV without license and without insurance. In this same period, Gander Fire Rescue responded to 51 calls, including motor vehicle collisions, vehicle fires, chimney fires, a dumpster fire, alarm activations, and a propane leak. 77 inspections were done, as well as home oxygen usage inspections.
- Town of Gander summer maintenance programs are now in progress. Motorists can expect reduced speeds and lane closures in areas where crews are working. Motorists are reminded to be conscious of signage as crews may be working out of view.
- Council is working with Food Cycler Science on a pilot project to possibly provide 200 FoodCycler units to the residents of Gander. These units are a closed-loop indoor compost alternative that speeds up natural decomposition. The unit dries and grinds food waste into a dry, odourless nutrient-rich by-product. These units have the capacity to divert 100% of food waste from ending up in landfills by reducing food waste volume by up to 90% and turning it into nutrient-rich soil. These units will be made available to the public at a reduced price due to a combination of a FoodCycler discount, financial contribution from Impact Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador Waste Management Trust Fund, and Municipal contributions. As the program nears its launch, information will be made available to residents on the Town of Gander website on how and where these units can be purchased.
- The 2025 annual property assessments were mailed to property owners in June 2024 and are based on the market value as of January 1, 2024. The average residential value of properties in Gander increased by 3.04%, with the provincial average increasing by 2.25%. Residents or commercial property owners with concerns about assessments are encouraged to contact the Municipal Assessment Agency at 1-877-777-2807 or email customerservice@maa.ca to discuss any issues. The deadline to file a formal appeal is August 2, 2024.
- Social Media Report: increase of 137 new Facebook followers over the 3-month reporting period; on X, May saw "impressions" increase of 101% over April; significant impressions / engagement increase across all platforms. #MunicipalAwarenessWeek2024 in May, had double the amount of engagement that industry experts would categorize as "Excellent."
- Planning & Public Works Committee forwarded the proposed locations of the 2024 sectional paving program to Corporate Services: Memorial Drive East from the intersection of Cooper Boulevard to Old Navy Road; Airport Boulevard, from the intersection of Memorial to just south of Boyd; and Rowsell Boulevard from approximately 95 Rowsell to 109 Rowsell. During the 2024 budget process, it was approved to utilize \$400,000 from the Canada Community Building Fund; however, the anticipated project costs are over the approved budget. Committee agreed with the recommendation brought forward to approve the three projects, and to utilize the Canada Community Building Fund for 100% of the costs.

July 2024 Events

Event	Date/Time	Additional Information
Canada Day Celebrations	July 1st 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Cobb's Pond	Join us as we celebrate our country with entertainment, face painting, games, fun activities and more! Admission is FREE
Garbage Collection	July 3rd	Please be reminded: Due to the Canada Day holiday, scheduled garbage pickup for July 1st has been moved to July 3rd
Regular Meeting of Council	July 3rd 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Watch Live: rogersTV.com/gander Live posts on X: @townofgander Agendas: gandercanada.com
Where is Commander Gander?	July 8th through 19th Social Media Contest	Visit: https://www.facebook.com/recreationtownofgander for more info
75th Confederation Celebrations	July 10th 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Live bands, a bouncy castle, and kids' games at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park; SCC in the event of rain.
Waste Transfer Station	July 13th 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	More information on rates and fees is available at www.gandercanada.com or by calling 709-651-5938
Pride Week	July 22nd to 28th (various event dates & times)	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079550388050
Princess & Superhero Picnic	July 23rd & July 25th (times to be announced)	Rotary Cobb's Pond. In the event of rain, the venue will be moved to the Steele Community Centre