

**TOWN OF GANDER
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 25, 2025, 12:00 P.M.
Council Chambers**

Council Present: Percy Farwell, Mayor
Bettina Ford, Deputy Mayor
Sheldon Handcock, Councillor
Pat Woodford, Councillor
Tara Pollett, Councillor
Wilson Hoffe, Councillor

Staff Present: Brad Hefford, CAO, Director of Governance & Legislative Services/Town Clerk
James Blackwood, Director, Planning and Public Works
Jerry Knee, Director, Community Services
Addison Quilty, Director, Public Safety & Protective Services (A)
Kelly Hiscock, Director, Corporate Services
Kayla White, Communications, Branding & Partnership Lead
Alexa Oldford, Governance & Legislative Services Lead

Regrets: Marcie White, Councillor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Percy Farwell, Mayor at 12:00 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 25-039

Moved by Sheldon Handcock, Councillor

Seconded by Tara Pollett, Councillor

To adopt the agenda for the Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Special Meeting of Council.

Carried 6 - 0

3. NEW BUSINESS

Federal Active Transportation Fund

The Town of Gander recognizes the importance of improving active transportation infrastructure to enhance accessibility, promote sustainable travel options, and encourage healthy lifestyles for residents. The Federal Active Transportation Fund provides an opportunity to invest in multi-use trails, pathways, and other infrastructure to support non-motorized transportation.

The Town is partnered with Pollett Strategy Inc. to prepare an application for the Active Transportation Fund to secure funding for the "Closing the Loop: Multi-use Trail Connections in the Town of Gander" project.

Funding for this project is estimated at \$1,803,589.25, with 60% (\$1,082,153.55) requested from the federal government and the remaining 40% (\$721,435.73) contributed by the Town of Gander. The proposed project timeline spans from 2026 to 2030, with construction beginning in 2027.

Resolution No. 25-040

Moved by Tara Pollett, Councillor

Seconded by Sheldon Handcock, Councillor

Resolved to authorize the mayor and town clerk, in partner with Pollett Strategy Inc., to submit the funding application for the active transportation fund for the "Closing the Loop: Multi-use Trail Connections in the Town of Gander" project, and that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to sign all necessary documents related to this funding application on behalf of the Town.

Carried 6 - 0

4. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 25-041

Moved by Bettina Ford, Deputy Mayor

Seconded by Tara Pollett, Councillor

To adjourn the meeting at 12:08 P.M.

Carried 6 - 0

P. Farwell, Mayor

B. Hefford, Town Clerk