MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

May 4th is International Firefighters' Day!



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Upcoming 2024 Waste Transfer Dates

TOWN OF GANDER

May 11th June 8th

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

Visit www.gandercanada.com for more information.

May 5th - 11th is Municipal Awareness Week

... in recognition of the vital role that municipal government plays, and in recognition of all those whose efforts support it.

Coffee with Council Town Hall Open House Equipment Displays Municipal Services Tours



Mock Council Meeting Q&A with the Mayor www.facebook.com/TownofGander

Volunteer to be a

The Community Navigator program matches residents with newcomers to help guide, support and assist them as they begin their life in Gander - finding accommodations, enrolling children in school and rec programs, finding employment and making new friends.

Manager of Strategic Initiatives: Tel: 709.651.5912 Email: rjlocke@gandercanada.com

Community Navigator

The Town of Gander Memorial Tree and Park Bench Program offers the unique opportunity to public a create a living memory for their family or special loved one.

It's a gift that builds a legacy and beautifies for our town many generations to come!

> FOR MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION

The Memorial Tree & Park Bench Program Create a living memory for a special loved one











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Monday, May 6, 2024



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w/ Mark Long... CRACKED ARMOUR founder & former Law Enforcement Officer



To reserve your tickets to this FREE event:

www.eventbrite.com/e/crack ed-armour-gander-freemental-health-talk-tickets-<u>880760728047</u>

<u>You are not alone:</u> Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition triggered by a traumatic event.

CRACKED ARMOUR'S mission is to raise awareness of PTSD, traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and Mental Health - and to support those who still struggle.

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PTSD, addictions, trauma, mental health and suicide.



Town Council



Council Meeting Schedule: Next meeting: May 8, 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**

April 10th Council Meeting Highlights

- Big changes at Gander Fire Rescue! Due to Assistant Deputy Chief Todd Clark retiring after 21 years of service, Dave Shea was promoted to Assistant Deputy Chief; Josh Gillingham was promoted to Captain; and Jason Hewitt was promoted to Lieutenant. Each Officer was presented with their helmets at the opening of the April 10, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.
- Community Services Committee reviewed a letter from Special Olympics NL with a request to host the Special Olympics 2025 NL Summer Games, July 3 – July 6, 2025. It was agreed to support the games from a facility standpoint and will assess any other requests as they are made.
- With the approaching construction season, there is a reported increase in interest in residential land. Limited availability of housing continues to be a challenge and Council continues to work with investors and community stakeholders to address the issue.
- Town of Gander will be partnering with 9 Wing Gander to mark the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) 100th Anniversary with the following events: June 13, 100th Anniversary Fun Run; June 14, Gala at the Airport; June 15, Outreach Concert at Steele Community Centre.
- Economic Development Committee was updated on NL Health's work to recruit physicians to the community and is pleased to learn that their efforts are seeing success with a mix of general practitioners and specialists scheduled to arrive by mid-year.
- Last year, Council announced a new Community Navigator program, an initiative which pairs members of the community with a new or soon to be resident. To become a Community Navigator, contact Manager of Strategic Initiatives at 709-651-5912.
- The most recent phase of the Honeywell Energy & Operational Savings Report included energy and operational saving measures: conversion of lighting to LED technology, new ice plant system with heat recovery, air sourced heat pumps and a solar thermal wall at SCC. The report indicated a total annual cost avoidance for year one of \$196,550 - 153% higher than the annual guarantee. The investments made are helping the municipality become more sustainable and helps alleviate the impact of uncertain future energy costs. Council would like to encourage the residents of Gander to do their part: wash laundry in cold water, turn off lights when you leave a room, switching lights to LED, reduce vehicle idling, and practicing water conservation.
- Council has engaged in conversation to develop a change to Development Regulations, to accommodate the ever-growing need for short term rentals. The province now requires Municipal approval prior to the issuance of a license of this type. It is Council's wish to bring its development regulations in line with the new Provincial Act. Committee recommends that Planning and Public Works be given permission to proceed with an amendment process to accommodate Short Term Rentals/Visitor Rental Dwellings.
- May 8-12th is Municipal Awareness Week. Proposed events: Coffee with Council / Town Hall Open House, Public Works equipment displays, Municipal Services tours, Mock Council Meeting, Q&A with Mayor and a Social Media awareness campaign.
- Committee reviewed a contract for consulting services between Town of Gander and CBCL
- Limited for a New Pump House. The project involves upgrading two pumphouse water supply systems in Gander. The goal is to enhance backup power capacity, improve monitoring and communication, extend equipment lifespan, reduce downtime, meet ventilation codes, increase reliability, improve energy efficiency and meet growing demand.
- Planning & Public Works Committee referred the invitation to quote for the rental of garbage truck(s) for use during the 2024 annual curbside cleanup event to Corporate Services. The event is scheduled to take place from Sept 16 - Sept 27th.

Iviay 2024 Events		
Event	Date/Time	Additional Information
11th Annual Local Photography Exhibit	Opening Night: May 2nd 7 p.m 9 p.m.	Arts & Culture Centre Gallery Event runs from May 2nd - May 31st
Mothers' Day Craft Fair	May 4th 10 a.m 3 p.m.	Local makers from across the island! Evangel Pentecostal Church \$3 admission / kids are FREE
Geek Fest <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>GanderGeekFest</u>	May 4th & 5th 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Steele Community Centre Action figures, comic books, games, collectibles and more!!!
Regular Meeting of Council	May 8th 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Watch Live: rogersTV.com/gander Live posts on X: @townofgander Agendas: gandercanada.com
Waste Transfer Station	May 11th 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
Ball Hockey Lab: Ball Hockey Skills & Development Clinic	May 11th & 12th 9 a.m. start	Steele Community Centre Open to all skill levels and participants aged 9-17
Seniors' Wellness "Family Care Teams in Gander"	May 15th 2 p.m 3:30 p.m.	Steele Community Centre Call 709-651-5927 to reserve Space is limited!
Town of Gander Gigantic Yard Sale	May 25th 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Steele Community Centre Monies raised go to local community groups. Admission: donation to food bank.

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