TOWN OF GANDER

# DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays!



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## **PUBLIC NOTICES**



#### **Holiday Wishes**

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a joyful Kwanzaa! May this festive season bring you peace, love, and happiness!

#### Warm the Wee Ones

Donate your gently used children's winter clothing to help Gander Fire Rescue reach their goal of 427 pieces—one for each fire hydrant in Gander! Donations can be made from November 14th to December 13th at the Fire Hall.





#### Santa Claus Parade

On Saturday, December 7th the annual Lions Club Santa Claus Parade will take place!

More information here.

#### 2024 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 event: December 14th, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit <u>www.gandercanada.com/garbage</u> for more information.





#### **Job Opportunities**

**Chief Administrative Officer** 

Visit <u>www.gandercanada.com/municipal-</u> <u>government/careers/</u> for more information.

#### 2025 Budget Speech

The 2025 Budget Speech will be given at a Special Meeting of Council on December 9, 2024 at 4 p.m.

The speech will be live on Facebook and Rogers TV.





#### **Council Meeting Schedule**

The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for December 19, 2024 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.

<u>Click here for meeting schedule and agendas</u> <u>Click here for meeting minutes</u>

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



### **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**



#### Municipal Plan Amendment No. 5, 2024 and Development Regulations Amendment No. 7, 2024

Eliminates the existing maximum height restriction of 15.0 metres for apartment buildings. The previous maximum height standard of 15.0 metres will be replaced with the following: "No maximum, subject to airport height limitations."

#### 2024/2025 Snow Plan

Our new Snow Plan is adopted and we are ready for the winter! View it here: 2024/2025 Snow Plan

This year, the building at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park will be accessible throughout the winter, and the paved trail around the bowl will be cleared.

Additionally, as part of the 2024 Budget, Council purchased a sidewalk snowblower! This new equipment will be put to use on a trial route focusing on improving sidewalk services, especially near schools.

Our crews put in long hours, often in challenging conditions, to help maintain a safe community. A little patience and kindness can go a long way, especially during an NL winter!



#### Enjoy a more sustainable holiday season.

Make this season merrier...and greener! kitchen scraps into a garde aste out of the landfill!



Exclusive subsidized pricing for Gander residents: Eco3: \$600 \$200.00 Eco5: \$800 \$300.00

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

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#### FoodCycler

The Town has partnered with FoodCycle Science to offer compost units at a subsidized rate.

There are three models available: FC-30: \$150 + HST Eco-3: \$200 + HST Eco-5: \$300 + HST

Visit <u>https://bit.ly/FCGander</u> to claim yours today! Units are also available for purchase at the Town Hall. Call 709-651-5954 for more information.

# Council Highlights



#### **APPLICATIONS**

The Town of Gander is conducting a Transit Needs Assessment, aiming to enhance accessibility and improve rural transit.

- Federal funding application was approved.
- \$50,000 from the Government of Canada and \$10,000 from the Town.

#### MUNICIPAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

Municipal Plan Amendment #5, 2024: Apartment Building and Apartments Over Permitted Uses to the discretionary use classes of the Commercial Shopping Centre zone.

Approval Status: The required advertising and provincial review completed; no objections received. Motion to approve was carried.

#### PROCUREMENT

Steele Community Centre 2025 Advertising Contract: The contract was awarded to Gander Minor Hockey Association at a 50/50 revenue split.

RFQ24-20 for Architectural Services for Pre-Approved, Pre-Engineered Residential Floor Plans and Architectural Drawings was awarded to Lat49 at a cost of \$332,350, including HST.

#### **NOTABLE ITEMS**

Council will reapply for Crown Land Application #140437 to secure land for densified housing developments in Gander, following unsuccessful past attempts due to feasibility issues.

The Winter 2024 Tap Water Quality Report for Gander shows an "excellent" Water Quality Index, indicating the water is nearly free from impairments with conditions very close to pristine levels.

Council committed to the adoption and integration of the Digital Government Policy Framework into its governance model.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Dec 4: Town of Gander Christmas Tree Lighting Dec 5: Healthy Living for Seniors – Healthy Lifestyle Impact on Chronic Disease Dec 6 – 8: Gander Minor Hockey Female Tournament Dec 7: Santa Claus Parade Dec 8: Skate with Santa Dec 12: 39th Anniversary of Arrow Air Memorial Service Dec 18: Seniors Wellness Session



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