

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, May 8, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Present:	P. Farwell	Mayor
	B. Ford	Deputy Mayor
	W. Hoffe	Councillor
	S. Handcock	Councillor
	T. Pollett	Councillor
	P. Woodford	Councillor
	M. White	Councillor

Advisory and Resource:	D. Chafe	CAO
	J. Blackwood	Director of Planning and Public Works/CAO (A)
	K. Hiscock	Director of Corporate Services/Acting Town Clerk
	S. Armstrong	Communications Officer
	H. Lowe	Director of Public Safety & Protective Services
	B. Hefford	Town Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

Municipal Awareness Week

Mayor Farwell proclaimed May 5-11, 2024 as Municipal Awareness Week. Municipal government is responsible for the provision of service that enhance the quality of life of its citizens. This takes dedicated Mayors, Councillors and Staff for the effective governance of the municipality. Municipalities collaborate, partner, and involve their citizens to provide active, sustainable and vibrant communities and the importance of recognizing those contributions of all who work diligently for the improvement of municipalities.

World Ovarian Cancer Day

Mayor Farwell proclaimed May 8th as World Ovarian Cancer Day. At this time, ovarian cancer has no early detection testing and symptoms are often confused with other less severe illnesses. The survival rate for all female cancers are low and as many as 23 percent of women with ovarian cancer have an inherited genetic mutation in which genetic testing can be a way to identify women at high risk.

Heart Failure Awareness Week

Mayor Farwell proclaimed May 5 – 11, 2024 as Heart Failure Awareness Week. This week is marked across Canada to raise awareness of the causes of heart failure and the impact it has on individuals living with heart failure and their caregivers. There are nearly 800,000 people in Canada living with heart failure affecting all ages.

International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

Mayor Farwell proclaimed May 17, 2024 as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. The Canadian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no one can be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression. Newfoundland and Labrador is a society open to everyone, of all persons in the LGBTQ+ community and to all people who identify with sexual/gender diversity.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #24-081

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Woodford and seconded by Councillor Pollett that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council on May 8, 2024 be adopted.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

4. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Motion #24-082

Regular Minutes for Approval

Moved by Councillor Handcock and seconded by Councillor Pollett that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on April 10, 2024 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6. REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Community Services Committee:

The Community Services Committee report was presented by Councillor Pollett.

The Community Services Committee meeting was held on April 24, 2024. The meeting was chaired by T. Pollett, Councillor (Chair). Other members present included: B. Ford, Deputy Mayor; and J. Knee, Director, Department of Community Services. Regrets from W. Hoffe, Councillor.

The following items were discussed:

Targa Newfoundland

The Gander leg of Targa Newfoundland will be holding a Car Show at the Steele Community Centre from September 15-16, 2024. The organizers are requesting that the cost of a one-day rental be waived at a cost of \$2,560.19 plus HST. The Committee agreed to waive the fee because this is what was done for past Targa events at the Steele Community Centre.

Motion #24-083

Targa Newfoundland

Moved by Councillor Pollett and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ford to waive a one-day rental at the Steele Community Centre at a cost of \$2,560.19 plus HST for the Targa Car show on September 15, 2024.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Gander Grow Co.

The Gander Grow Co. is a not-for-profit organization set up with the intention of developing Farmers Markets in Gander. They are requesting the Cobb's Pond Rotary Park building at no charge to hold bi-monthly workshops and educational sessions. The Committee would like to continue to develop this relationship with Gander Grow Co. and approve the rental at no charge. The cost is usually \$50 per hour plus HST.

Motion #24-084

Gander Grow Co.

Moved by Councillor Pollett and seconded by Deputy Mayor that the Gander Grow Co. be approved to access Cobb's Pond Rotary Park building for bi-weekly workshops and education sessions at no cost for the 2024 summer and fall season when available until October 31.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Breast Cancer Support NL – Pink Lady Retreat

Breast Cancer Support NL is organizing a Pink Ribbon Retreat in Gander from Oct 4 – 6, 2024 and has requested a donation towards the event to help with the venue rental, event materials, meals, and activities. The retreat aims to provide educational sessions, group discussions, and wellness activities. The Committee felt this would fall under conference and tournament hosting and agreed to sponsor \$500 for the retreat.

Briggs Street Park

The drawing for the new playground being developed at Briggs Street was reviewed. The project is being developed with the potential for future additions. This current project will include a playground set, swing set and grass play area. The Committee was pleased with the design and layout for the Briggs Street playground.

Upcoming Events

The following events will take place in the coming months:

May 11 - 12	The Ball Hockey Lab Camp
May 15	Seniors Wellness Session
May 25	Gigantic Yard Sale
June 1	Fly Your Car
June 2	Canada Circus Spectacular
June 3 – 16	Clean and Green Campaign

B. Economic Development Committee:

The Economic Development Committee report was presented by Councillor Woodford.

The Economic Development Committee meeting was held on April 23, 2024. The meeting was chaired by P. Woodford, Councillor (Chair). Other members present included: T. Pollett, Councillor; S. Handcock, Councillor; Directory of Governance & Legislative Services/Town Clerk; and D. Chafe, CAO.

The following items were discussed:

Housing Models

The CAO presented the results of an exercise to plan the development of smaller and more economical homes. The exercise involved the use of pre-manufactured mini style homes placed on smaller, more affordable lots. The Committee believes that the exercise was a good first step showing that the choice of housing can include more affordable options. It was noted that a move toward these types of developments will require changes to Council's zoning and building regulations, measures already identified under the Build Up Gander initiative. Staff has been asked to work toward aligning Council's regulations with the requirements for facilitating new and more economical housing options.

Building Statistics

The Committee reviewed the building statistics for the first quarter of the year. To the end of March, home and business owners had committed to investing \$1.53M toward improvements to their properties. This is up significantly over last year where investment for the same period totaled \$538,000. With the recent availability of additional land options, the remainder of the year looks promising.

WestJet Presentation

The CEO of WestJet made a public address and taking questions on the company's plans to return to the Newfoundland and Labrador market. The session, sponsored by Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador and others was held in St. John's on May 2nd. Staff have been asked to secure a ticket for the Mayor. WestJet is one of three national carriers offering scheduled service across Canada and would be a welcome addition to Gander's service options.

Gander Grow Co.

Representatives of Gander Grow Co., a group planning a new community market program, have reached out to Council requesting representation on their work committee. The CAO noted that he would be interested in working with the group and will respond to their request accordingly.

Uber

On April 23rd, Uber launched its ride-sharing service in this Province. The Committee feels Uber would be well received in Gander and a good complement to the existing ground transportation services. Staff have been asked to review Council regulations to determine if and how they may impact the availability of ride-sharing services here. The Committee looks forward to welcoming Uber to our community sometime soon.

C. Public Safety and Protective Services Committee:

The Public Safety and Protective Services Committee report was presented by Councillor White.

The Public Safety and Protective Services meeting was held on April 25, 2024. The meeting was chaired by M. White, Councillor (Chair). Other members present included: S. Handcock, Councillor; P. Woodford, Councillor; H. Lowe, Director of Protective Services/Fire Chief; D. Chafe, CAO; and T. Byrne, Administrative HR Coordinator.

The following items were discussed:

Derelict Property at 30 Byrd Avenue

The Public Safety and Protective Services Committee reviewed a letter from a resident expressing their concern with the derelict property at 30 Byrd Avenue.

The Committee is aware of this derelict property as it is identified as part of an inspection and compliance review for property condition violations.

The Rolling Barrage Motorcycle Ride 2024

The Public Safety and Protective Services Committee reviewed a letter from The Rolling Barrage Motorcycle Ride that will travel coast to coast to raise awareness for PTSD with First Responders, Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans, as well as Coast Guards.

They will be arriving at the Town Hall on July 28, 2024 at 4:15pm. The Gander Fire Rescue will be escorting them into Town.

Mister T's Fireworks

The Public Safety and Protective Services Committee reviewed an email from Mister T's stating they are now taking orders for fireworks and new this year, they have professional firing systems available for purchase that you will be able to ignite the fireworks like a professional, with ease and safety in mind.

The Town of Gander has seen a rise in amateur fireworks displays and has identified concerns from both a safety and a community enjoyment perspective. The situation will be monitored to determine if additional action is warranted. Director stated he feels there will be an increase in fireworks due to being able to set off the fireworks from an app on your phone.

RCMP Stats

The Committee reviewed the RCMP Statistics for January and February 2024. Stats are from General Duty and do not include Major Crimes Investigations or Traffic Services.

	Jan-24	Feb-24
Traffic Accidents	31	16
Traffic Offences	25	20
Impaired Operations	7	6
Provincial Statutes	41	38
Other Criminal Code	38	12
Offensive Weapons	0	1
Offenses against Morals	9	7
Drug Enforcement	4	1
Sexual Offences	1	0
Crimes against the person	14	22
Theft under \$5000	63	14
Theft over \$5000	1	2
Crimes against property - Mischief	34	21
Crimes against property - Fraud	5	3
Crimes against property - B & E Business	2	1
Crimes against property - B & E Residential	1	2
Common Police Activities	51	56

Provincial Statutes = Offences under Liquor Act, Off-Road Act, Family Violence Prevention/Protection Act, Coroner's Act, Family Law Act, Fire Prevention Act, Mental Health Act, 911 Act.

Other Criminal Code = Failure to comply with order, Disturbing the peace/Causing a disturbance, Being unlawfully at large.

Common Police Activities = Abandon Vehicles, Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property, False Alarms, Items Lost/Found, Person reported missing, Wellbeing checks

The Committee was glad to see the downward trend for February from December. These stats have also been shared with the Neighbourhood Watch Block Captains.

D. Planning and Public Works Committee:

The Planning and Development Committee report was presented by Councillor Handcock.

The Planning and Development Committee was held on April 30, 2024. The meeting was chaired by S. Handcock, Councillor (Chair). Other members present included: T. Pollet, Councillor; M. White, Councillor; B. Hefford, Directory of Governance & Legislative Services/Town Clerk; and J. Blackwood, Director of Planning and Public Works.

The following items were discussed:

Town of Gander Tap Water Quality Report, Summer 2023

The Director presented the Committee with a summary of the Town of Gander Tap Water Quality Report. The report shows the Town's water quality with reference to the Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines for each parameter.

The most recent report is for Summer 2023, where the Town's Water Quality Index has a rating of 97%, categorized excellent. Water quality is protected with a virtual absence of impairment; conditions are very close to pristine levels. This index level can only be obtained if all measures meet the recommended guidelines virtually all of the time.

Testing is conducted and reported by the Provincial Government and the results may be viewed on the GOVNL – Environment and Climate Change, water resources management webpage <https://maps.gov.nl.ca/water>.

Town of Gander Wastewater Effluent Quality Report, 2024 – 1st Quarter

The Director presented the Committee with a summary of the Town of Gander Wastewater Effluent Quality Report. The report shows the Town's wastewater quality with reference to the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations for each parameter.

The most recent report is for the 1st Quarter of 2024. The results show the effluent quality is within the recommended guidelines.

Composite samples are collected by the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators on a bi-weekly basis and submitted to an accredited laboratory for testing.

Discretionary Use – 18A McCurdy Drive

The Committee reviewed a development application to operate a Pub/Lounge at the above noted address.

It was noted that this property is zoned Industrial General (IG) in the Town of Gander’s Municipal Plan and Drinking Establishment is permitted as a discretionary use within the IG zone in the Town of Gander Development Regulations.

However, upon review of the application, it was evident that the required minimum parking for this use and proposal cannot be accommodated within the current site limits of the property. Therefore, the application is denied.

Discretionary Use – 3 McCurdy Drive

The Committee reviewed a development application to renovate the existing building at the above noted address to accommodate a 4-unit apartment complex.

It was noted that this property is zoned Commercial General (CG), and apartment building uses are permitted in this zone as a discretionary use of Council, under the Town of Gander Development Regulations.

This discretionary use was advertised, and correspondence received was reviewed by Council. After careful consideration, it is recommended that the application be approved as presented.

Motion #24-085

Discretionary Use – 3 McCurdy Drive

Moved by Councillor Handcock and seconded by Councillor White that the discretionary use of 3 McCurdy Drive be approved, subject to all requirements of the Town of Gander’s Development regulations being met.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 1 – Councillor Hoffe

Decision: Motion carried.

Discretionary Use – 132 Bennett Drive – Gander Mall

The Committee reviewed a development application to operate a golf simulator/practice putting green at the above noted address.

It was noted that this property is zoned Commercial Shopping Centre (CSC) in the Town of Gander’s Municipal Plan and that Amusement uses are permitted as a discretionary use. This discretionary use was advertised with no objections being received by the advertised deadline.

Motion #24-086

Discretionary Use – 132 Bennett Drive – Gander Mall

Moved by Councillor Handcock and seconded by Councillor Woodford that the discretionary use at 132 Bennett Drive be approved, subject to all requirements of the Town of Gander’s Development Regulations being met.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Curling Club Plant Door Replacement

The Committee reviewed a request for assistance from a representative of the Gander Curling Club. The Director advised that this was a particularly busy time of year for the staff that would be required to carry out the work as they are currently undertaking core functions of the department. The Committee recommends that contacts be provided to the group that could assist with the required work and that they be made aware of the community partnership fund which could provide funds to help them engage the required expertise.

Development Permit Application – Robertson Avenue

The Committee discussed a development permit application to construct residential housing units on Robertson Avenue as a cluster development. Council provided information on the proposed development to the public through an information session and through written correspondence. Council feels the proposal is aligned with the community needs and development vision in terms of housing demand, integration into the community, and commitment to promoting inclusive, equitable and diverse housing options for the community.

Through public consultation, concerns were raised regarding the proposed development and the impact it would have on the existing neighborhood. These concerns have been noted and will be taken into consideration prior to and throughout the development process.

Council feels the proposed development can be undertaken with controls and measures to ensure the concerns raised are mitigated and that development is undertaken to balance the community’s challenges in growth, diversity and inclusion while being diligent in ensuring harmonious community development and minimal impact on the existing community.

Motion #24-087**Development Permit Application – Robertson Avenue**

Moved by Councillor Handcock and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ford that the permit application dated February 21, 2024, for Robertson Avenue be approved, and that departmental staff be permitted to prepare a development agreement with the applicant within 90 days.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Canadian Tire Gas Bar – Airport Boulevard

A representative from the Canadian Tire Gas Bar located at 240 Airport Boulevard met with Council to discuss concerns with traffic using their property to change direction on Airport Boulevard and feel it is directly related to the right only traffic signage off of Armstrong Boulevard. They feel vehicles passing through their property are creating safety concerns on their property, as well as exiting onto Airport Boulevard.

The Committee is recommending that the department engage consulting services to seek solutions to traffic flows at this location.

Trailway Upgrades – Cooper Boulevard

The Committee was presented with the Issued for Review construction drawings for Trail System Upgrades on Cooper Boulevard. The proposed scope of work will see upgrades to the section of trailway just south of Memorial Drive through to the Derby Pit access road. Generally, this will consist of brush cutting, trail widening, ditching and trail resurfacing.

This project is being funded by Infrastructure Canada under the Federal Active Transportation Fund which is the first federal fund to target active transportation. This program is providing \$400 million in federal funding available over five years to support a modal shift away from cars and toward active transportation, in support of Canada's National Active Transportation Strategy. The Town of Gander is very fortunate to receive funding, under this program, and hopes the trail upgrades will encourage more residents to become more physically active.

Councillor White left the meeting at 4:46 p.m. due to conflict.

Development Application – 17 Edwards Place

The owner of 17 Edwards Place has requested Council's permission to exceed the maximum allowable accessory building height permitted by the Town of Gander Accessory Building Regulations by 0.9m.

Motion #24-088
Development Application – 17 Edwards Place

Moved by Councillor Handcock and seconded by Councillor Pollett that the property owner of 17 Edwards Place be permitted to exceed the accessory building height by 0.9m for a total building height of 6.4m.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

After reviewing the proposal, the Committee agreed with the request and therefore recommends, and I move, that the property owner of 17 Edwards Place be permitted to exceed the accessory building height by 0.9m for a total building height of 6.4m.

Councilor White returned to the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Notable Dates:

- The next scheduled Waste Transfer Station date is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Garbage Collection for the Victoria Day Holiday, observed on Monday, May 20th, is rescheduled for collection on Wednesday, May 22nd.

Council would like to remind residents that details of notable dates and events can be viewed on the Town of Gander Website at www.gandercanada.com.

E. Governance & Legislative Services Committee:

The Governance & Legislative Services Committee report was presented by Deputy Mayor Ford.

The Governance & Legislative Services Committee was held on May 1, 2024. The meeting was chaired by B. Ford, Deputy Mayor (Chair). Other members present included: W. Hoffe, Councillor; P. Woodford, Councillor; S. Handcock, Councillor; and B. Hefford, Director of Governance & Legislative Services/Town Clerk.

The following items were discussed:

VocaLinks Accessible Website

The Committee reviewed a proposal from a member at VocaLinks to equip Town of Gander's website with assistive technology. The proposal suggested the absence of tools that aid individuals with disabilities like impaired vision or limited English proficiency.

Upon assessment of the Current Town of Gander website, it was determined that the existing website already incorporates built-in accessibility features that align with VocaLinks' recommendations. However, it has become evident that information on the availability accessibility options could be improved, particularly for those who may require additional support. In spirit of continuous improvement, an accessibility link will be added to the website giving more concise instructions on how to deploy those tools.

Appointment of Alternate ATIPP Coordinator

The Committee discussed the proposal of appointing an Alternate ATIPP Coordinator to enhance our information management process. An alternate coordinator would provide critical oversight, maintain operations during the primary coordinator's absence, and ensure timely handling of ATIPP-related tasks by having the authority to sign necessary documents. The designated backup has all training completed and is familiar with ATIPP procedures, which supports a smooth continuation of responsibilities and prevents any delays in processing requests.

To ensure all individuals are aware of their responsibilities, the identification of when the alternate coordinator will assume ATIPP Coordinator duties will be clearly outlined in a written document.

Motion #24-089

Appointment of Alternate ATIPP Coordinator

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ford and seconded by Councillor Woodford that Alexa Oldford, Policy and Legislative Clerk be appointed as the backup/alternate ATIPP Coordinator.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Appointment of Commissioner

The Town of Gander is required to appoint a Commissioner for the purpose of holding of a public hearing to consider objections and representations to the municipal plan or development regulations.

Motion #24-090

Appointment of Commissioner

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ford and seconded by Councillor White that Gerald Ralph be appointed Commissioner for the Town of Gander as outlined in section 19 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act for the 2024 calendar year.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Celebrate Canada Funding Application

The Committee is pleased to report that Town of Gander's application for the Celebrate Canada Funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage has been approved for \$5,000. This grant will support our local Celebrate Canada activities for the fiscal year 2024-2025. However, it is important to note that the funding levels have seen reductions due to the expiration of temporary additional funding since March 31, 2024. This may require us to modify our event plans accordingly. Additionally, we must ensure compliance with new guidelines related to non-engagement with Russian and Belarusian state organizations or representatives, in light of recent geopolitical events. The Committee discussed effectively allocating this funding to maximize community engagement while adhering to these new requirements.

PMA - President

The Committee discussed an important milestone from the Professional Municipal Administrators (PMA) organization. During their recent convention and AGM held in Gander, they elected their first woman president in the organization's 52-year history—Connie Reid, the Town Clerk-Manager of Reidville. This event emphasized personal wellness and the balance between work and life, drawing over 140 municipal administrators from across the province. As we continue our collaboration with PMA, it's noteworthy that the new leadership is focusing on increasing access to training for administrative staff, highlighting the critical role of ongoing professional development in enhancing municipal administration.

Municipal Enforcement Officer Appointment

Town of Gander recently hired a new Municipal Enforcement Officer. Under Section 179 of the Newfoundland and Labrador Municipalities Act, Council is required to appoint such officers to enforce municipal regulations effectively.

Motion #24-091

Municipal Enforcement Officer Appointment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ford and seconded by Councillor Handcock that James Fudge be appointed to the role of Municipal Enforcement Officer for the Town of Gander.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

In addition, under 189 of the Highway Traffic Act, Council is required to appoint the Municipal Enforcement Officer as a peace officer for the purpose of enforcing the Regulations.

Motion #24-092

Municipal Peace Officer Appointment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ford and seconded by Councillor Pollett that James Fudge be appointed as Peace Officer in accordance with section 189 of the Highway Traffic Act.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Council Engagement Report

Effective engagement with the community is crucial for local governance, as it fosters transparency, inclusivity, and collaboration.

Over the past month, Council actively engaged in several events and initiatives. To offer a glimpse, here are some noteworthy examples:

- U18A Hockey Provincials – April 1
- Meet with 1st year Medical Students – April 8, 22, & 24
- Physician Family Appreciation event – April 13
- Sri Lankan New Year Celebrations – April 13
- Lions' Convention – April 13
- Chamber of Commerce 64th AGM – April 16
- Annual Volunteer Week Reception – April 21
- Recreation NL AGM – April 26 – 27
- Wellbeing Community Fair – April 30
- MNL Symposium – May 2 - 4

F. Corporate Services Committee:

The Corporate Services Committee report was presented by Councillor Hoffe.

The Corporate Services Committee meeting was held on May 1, 2024. The meeting was chaired by P. Woodford, Councillor. Other members present included: T. Pollett, Councillor; B. Hefford, Director of Governance & Legislative Services/Town Clerk; and K. Hiscock, Director of Corporate Services. Regrets from W. Hoffe, Councillor (Chair).

The following items were discussed:

Property Tax Reductions

The Committee reviewed 12 applications for residential property tax reductions that met Council's policy based on income criteria. The total amount to be adjusted is \$11,955.39.

To date, the Town has issued 22 property tax reductions for a total amount of \$19,626.53.

Motion #24-093

Property Tax Reductions

Moved by Councillor Hoffe and seconded by Councillor Woodford that the property tax reductions be approved as attached.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Canoe Quote for Software License Renewal

The Committee reviewed the quote from CDW for the subscription renewal of Cisco Meraki licenses for a three-year period effective May 20th, 2024.

This item will be purchased through Canoe. The expenditure for 2024 is \$7,681.75 and is within budget.

Motion #24-094

Canoe Quote for Software License Renewal

Moved by Councillor Hoffe and seconded by Councillor Pollett to award CDW for the subscription of Cisco Meraki licenses for a three-year period at a cost of \$42,300.18 HST included.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Request for Quote for the Supply and Installation of 3 Heat Pumps

The Community Services Committee referred the quote for the Supply and Installation of 3 Heat Pumps at the Steele Community Centre to the Corporate Services Committee for consideration.

There were four quotes received with the lowest meeting specifications submitted by Sun Heating & Air Conditioning Ltd. at a cost of \$32,125.25 HST included. This item is \$2,065.00 under budget.

Motion #24-095

Request for Quote for the Supply and Installation of 3 Heat Pumps

Moved by Councillor Hoffe and seconded by Councillor Pollett that RFQ#24-09, for the Supply and Installation of 3 Heat Pumps be awarded to Sun Heating & Air Conditioning Ltd. at a cost of \$32,125.25 HST included.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Request for Quote for the Replacement of 12 Dressing Room Doors & Frames

The Community Services Department referred the quote for the Replacement of 12 Dressing Room Door & Frames at the Steele Community Centre to the Corporate Services Committee for consideration.

There were seven quotes received with the lowest meeting specifications submitted by Ace Locksmithing Ltd. at a cost of \$33,899.87 HST included. This item is \$77,896.15 under budget.

One bid did not meet specifications and was therefore non-compliant.

Motion #24-096

Request for Quote for the Replacement of 12 Dressing Room Doors & Frames

Moved by Councillor Hoffe and seconded by Councillor White that RFQ#24-10 for the Replacement of 12 Dressing Room Doors & Frames at the Steele Community Centre be awarded to Ace Locksmithing Ltd. at a cost of \$33,899.87 HST included.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

The Committee recommends that I move RFQ#24-10 for the Replacement of 12 Dressing Room Doors & Frames at the Steele Community Centre be awarded to Ace Locksmithing Ltd. at a cost of \$33,899.87 HST included.

G. Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole report was presented by Deputy Mayor Ford.

The Committee of the Whole meeting was held on May 1, 2024. The meeting was chaired by P. Farwell, Mayor (Chair). Other members present included: B. Ford, Deputy Mayor; T. Pollett,

Councillor; M. White, Councillor; S. Handcock, Councillor; P. Woodford, Councillor; D. Chafe, CAO; B. Hefford, Town Clerk; J. Blackwood, Director of Planning and Municipal Works; H. Lowe, Director of Public Safety & Protective Services/Fire Chief; and K. Hiscock, Director of Corporate Services.

Regrets from W. Hoffe, Councillor.

The following items were discussed:

GIAA – Nomination

The Committee discussed the upcoming vacancy on the Gander International Airport Authority Board. Mr. Zane Tucker's term expires on June 16, 2024. Under the GIAA board bylaws, he is eligible for re-nomination for a second term. We have until May 31, 2024, to submit our nominee. This decision will ensure the continuity of governance and representation of the Town of Gander's interests.

Motion #24-097

GIAA – Nomination

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ford and seconded by Councillor Woodford that the re-nomination of Mr. Zane Tucker to the Gander International Airport Authority.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Atlantic Soccer Tournament

The Committee discussed an upcoming school soccer event involving over 400 athletes plus their families, which promises significant local economic benefits. There is a \$1,500 fee for using the school facilities, which includes cleaning and security to prevent damage. The organizer requested the town cover this cost.

This event supports our community's sports culture and brings considerable activity to our local businesses. In addition, it will be one of the inaugural events on this magnificent facility. It is unfortunate that the washroom facilities are not completed at this time, but a process is in place to ensure this is started this construction season.

In lieu of the \$1500 contribution request, The Committee is recommending that the Field Rental Fee for the tournament be waived. Additionally, the event is eligible for a tournament hosting grant. The Town will also help explore other areas of support. This should offset much of the expense incurred, ensuring an exceptional experience as hosts.

Roundabout

The Committee deliberated the ongoing discussion regarding the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Memorial Dr and Cooper Blvd. NAV Canada has expressed concerns about potential traffic disruptions during construction and has suggested using part of their property to facilitate temporary traffic flow. They also raised issues regarding the lack of safe pedestrian access for their 362 staff members and suggested considering controlled crossings to improve safety and connectivity. Incorporation of these considerations are important to ensure the safety and efficiency of the project before the design is finalized and construction begins.

Use of Derby Pit

The Committee reviewed a proposal from an avid dirt biker, who has been approached by a dirt bike dealership in Corner Brook. They are interested in organizing demo rides here in Gander, specifically at the Derby Pit, towards the end of this month. The event is geared towards showcasing dirt biking to enthusiasts and potential customers, potentially bringing additional visitors to our area.

Given the nature of the event, it straddles both recreational and safety/access considerations. Upon agreement, the Town of Gander would need to formalize an agreement to ensure all logistical, safety, and liability measures are addressed. This includes evaluating the suitability of the location, potential impacts on local traffic, noise levels, environmental considerations, as well as consultation with Town of Gander's insurance provider.

The Committee recommends approval in principle subject to Facility Rental Agreement being completed addressing insurance provisions, safety measures, and an operational plan.

H. Other Reports

7. ADMINISTRATION

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #24-098

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Woodford and seconded by Councillor Pollett that the meeting be adjourned.

In Favor: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

P. Farwell, Mayor

B. Hefford, Town Clerk

**Property Tax Reductions
- Residential -
Year 2024**

Roll Number	2024 Property Tax	% of Reduction	Amount of Reduction	Revised 2024 Taxes
042010140000	\$1,856.44	50	\$928.22	\$928.22
040500103000	\$1,617.04	50	\$808.52	\$808.52
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023500060000	\$2,066.96	50	\$1,033.48	\$1,033.48
027000230000	\$3,773.92	50	\$1,886.96	\$1,886.96
022310070000	\$3,245.72	50	\$1,622.86	\$1,622.86
058010200000	\$1,857.96	40	\$743.18	\$1,114.78
025500770000	\$1,689.24	50	\$844.62	\$844.62
061710310000	\$2,709.08	20	\$540.62	\$2,612.46