



**TOWN OF GANDER
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 04:00 PM
Council Chambers**

Council Present:

Pat Woodford, Councillor
Sheldon Handcock, Councillor
Tara Pollett, Deputy Mayor
Jim Lidstone, Councillor
Krystle West, Councillor

Staff Present:

Brad Hefford, Chief Administrative Officer/Town Clerk/Director of Governance and Legislative Services
Alexa Oldford, Manager of Governance and Legislative Services
James Blackwood, Director of Planning and Public Works
Kelly Hiscock, Director of Corporate Services
Jerry Knee, Director of Community Services
Dave Shea, Fire Chief

Regrets:

Percy Farwell, Mayor
Samantha Abbott, Councillor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Pollett at 4:10 pm.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Pollett delivered the land acknowledgement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the May 12, 2026 Special Meeting of Council was presented for approval.

Resolution: **26-108**

Moved By Councillor Woodford

Seconded By Councillor Lidstone

THAT the agenda for the May 12, 2026 Special Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

For (5): Councillor Woodford, Councillor Handcock, Councillor Pollett, Councillor Lidstone, and Councillor West

Carried (5 to 0)

4. NEW BUSINESS

New Business was presented by Councillor Lidstone.

4.1 Build Communities Strong Fund

The Town of Gander is advancing Phase 1 of the Regional Event and Active Living Infrastructure Plan, which builds upon the Events and Wellness Centre Feasibility Study previously completed by Colliers Project Leaders.

As part of this work, the Town intends to submit an Expression of Interest under the federal Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF). The submission requires detailed technical documentation, including preliminary design, cost estimates, and supporting project information to meet funding criteria.

Colliers Project Leaders has submitted a proposal to provide professional services to support the development of the Expression of Interest, including coordination of architectural, engineering, and cost consulting inputs.

The cost of this project is 100% funded by the Canada Community Building Fund.

Resolution: **26-109**

Moved By Councillor Lidstone

Seconded By Councillor Handcock

THAT the Town of Gander award the consulting services contract to Colliers Project Leaders, through Canoe Procurement, to support the development of an Expression of Interest under the Build Communities Strong Fund for Phase 1 of the Regional Event and Active Living Infrastructure Plan, in accordance with the proposal dated May 6, 2026, and **THAT** the total fixed fee in the amount of \$83,355.00, and reimbursable expenses at a fixed rate of 2% of the total fee per invoice, plus HST be approved.

For (5): Councillor Woodford, Councillor Handcock, Councillor Pollett, Councillor

Lidstone, and Councillor West

Carried (5 to 0)

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Farwell requested a motion for adjournment.

Resolution: **26-110**

Moved By Councillor Woodford

Seconded By Councillor Lidstone

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

For (5): Councillor Woodford, Councillor Handcock, Councillor Pollett, Councillor Lidstone, and Councillor West

Carried (5 to 0)

P. Farwell, Mayor

A. Oldford, Town Clerk