



MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



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PUBLIC NOTICES



Ramadan Mubarak

As we enter the holy month of Ramadan, we extend our warmest wishes to all members of our community who observe this special time.

Ramadan 2025 will be observed from the evening of February 28, 2025, until March 29, 2025 in Canada.

Games Coordinator Opportunity

The Special Olympics are seeking a Games Coordinator for the Summer Games scheduled in Gander from Thursday, July 3, to Sunday, July 6, 2025.

This multi-sport competition will welcome over 400 Special Olympics athletes, coaches, and mission staff from across the province.

More information is available [here](#)



HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM LAUNCH

We're taking action to "Build Up Gander."



Learn more about the incentive program

WWW.GANDERCANADA.COM/BUILDUPGANDER

Housing Incentive Program

We're taking action to "Build Up Gander!" As part of our Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan, we are launching a Housing Incentive Program.

This is a key step in our broader strategy to address the housing needs in our community.

Questions?

Visit www.gandercanada.com/buildupgander

E-mail buildupgander@gandercanada.com

Call 709-651-5910

Visit the Town Hall, 100 Elizabeth Drive, Gander, NL

2025 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 events:

- March 8
- April 12
- June 14

Visit www.gandercanada.com/garbage for more information.



Council Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for March 19, 2025 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.

[Click here for meeting schedule, agendas and minutes](#)

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:

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



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Cobb's Pond Winter Use Pilot Program

Included in the 2025 budget is a pilot program aimed at enhancing the winter experience at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park.

Initiatives include:

- Clearing and maintaining the paved path
- Keeping the bathrooms open and accessible
- Keeping the multi-use building open and accessible

We look forward to seeing the positive impact of this program and exploring opportunities for future initiatives.

Best Wishes to Special Olympic Athletes

We are thrilled to announce that two of our residents, Johnny Philpott and Michael Harris, have been selected to represent Team Canada at the 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin, Italy, in March.

They will showcase their talents on a global stage in the sport of snowshoeing.

Johnny Philpott, affectionately known as the "senior statesman" of Special Olympics in Newfoundland and Labrador, brings over 30 years of experience to the team. With a reputation for sportsmanship, encouragement of junior athletes, and formidable athletic ability, Johnny will be competing in the 400 m, 800 m, and 4 x 100 m relay events.

Michael Harris, who has been involved in Special Olympics for over 15 years, is also set to leave a mark at the Games. Having previously competed in athletics in Athens, Greece, in 2011, Michael will be participating in the 100 m, 200 m, and 4 x 100 m relay events.

Both athletes have dedicated the past two years to intensive training, demonstrating resilience and commitment in their pursuit of excellence.


As part of the Town's Ambassador Program, we are delighted to offer Johnny and Michael a grant to assist with their travel costs. Each athlete will receive financial support to help them participate in this important national event. This initiative highlights our commitment to fostering local talent and ensuring our athletes have the resources they need to succeed on their journey.


Congratulations to Johnny and Michael on your extraordinary accomplishments. We wish you the best of luck in Turin!





Council Highlights


NOTABLE ITEMS


-  **Planning Report (January 10 to January 28, 2025)**
 - Received 6 applications
 - Issued 7 building permits
 - Issued 2 occupancy permits
 - Provided 14 compliance letters


-  **Public Works Report (January 10 to January 28, 2025)**
 - 24 snow and salt operations
 - 28 pothole repairs
 - 1 tonne of asphalt laid
 - 10 lawn repairs
 - 38 water/sewer service calls
 - 3 water/sewer repairs


-  **Scout-Guide Week Proclamation: February 16th – 22nd, 2025**
Heritage Week Proclamation: February 17th – 23rd, 2025
National 211 Day Proclamation: February 11, 2025

-  **Support for Special Olympics Athletes: Council presented a cheque to local athletes Johnny Philpott and Michael Harris to assist with travel expenses.**

-  **Housing and Development Initiatives: Council approved several measures to accommodate diverse housing types in Gander, including amendments to the Municipal Plan to allow for more multi-unit housing and accessory dwelling units.**

-  **Community Clean-Up: Discussion on the annual Fall Clean-Up showed increased engagement with costs reported to be higher due to rising tipping fees, highlighting ongoing efforts to maintain community cleanliness.**

-  **Support for Local Sports Events: The Town approved financial support for the Atlantic Female AAA U13 Hockey Tournament in April, aiming to boost local participation and community engagement.**

-  **Waiver of Fees for Special Events: The Town agreed to waive fees for facility use during the NL Special Olympics Summer Games and Gander Collegiate graduation, demonstrating support for community events.**

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 20th - 22nd: SnoBreak 2025
- February 21st - 22nd: RCMP Memorial Hockey Tournament
- March 7th - 8th: Cy Hoskins Tournament
- March 13th - 15th: DFO Hockey Tournament
- March 19th: Community Wellness Event

