

TOWN OF GANDER MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



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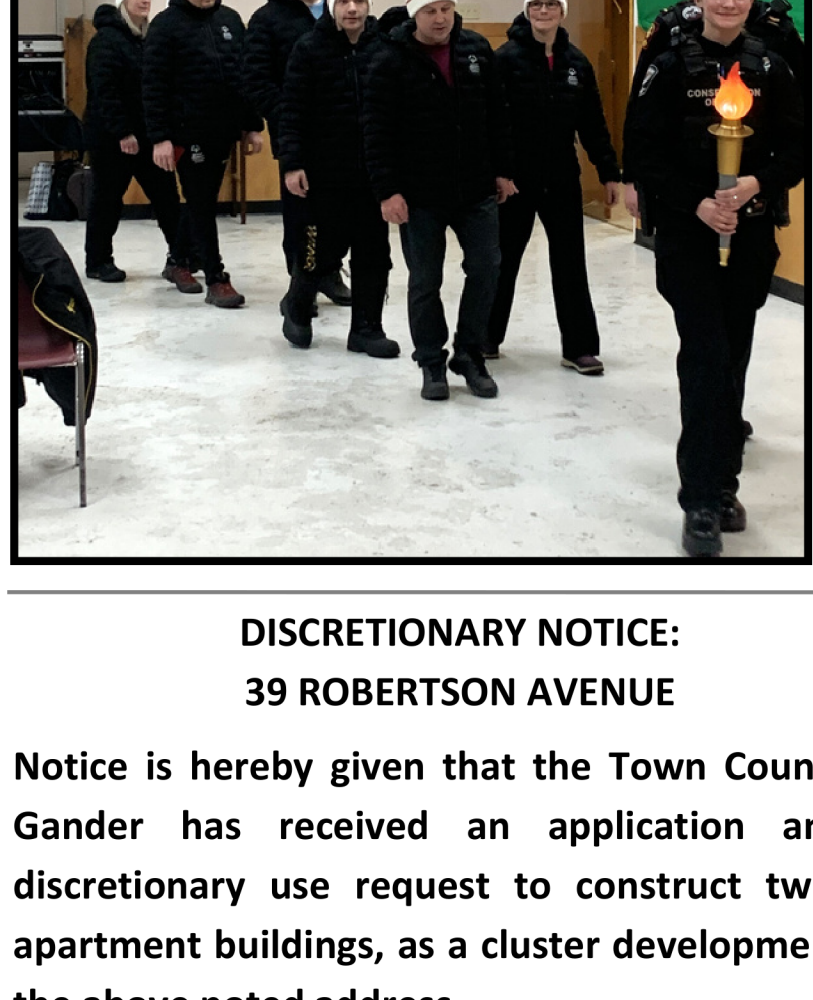
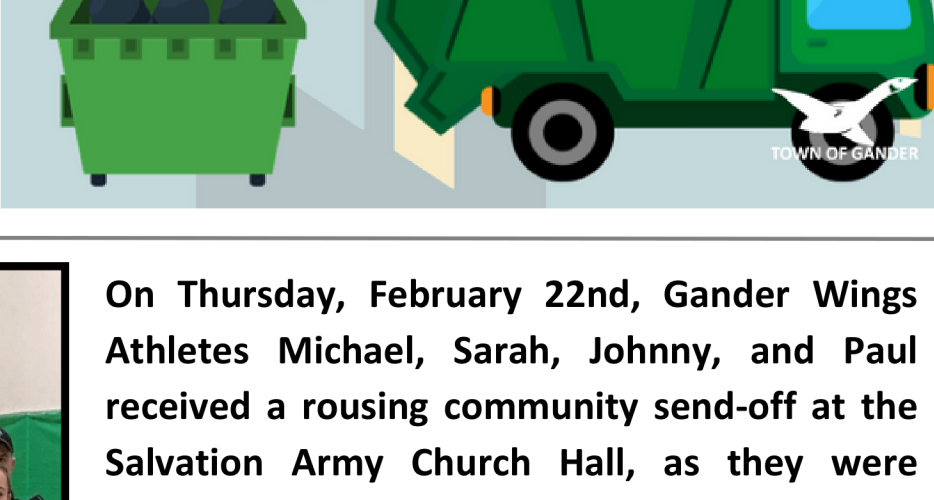
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Public Notices

Upcoming 2024 Waste Transfer Dates
 March 9th
 April 13th
 Operating: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Visit www.gandercanada.com for more information.



On Thursday, February 22nd, Gander Wings Athletes Michael, Sarah, Johnny, and Paul received a rousing community send-off at the Salvation Army Church Hall, as they were about to go forth and participate in the Canada Special Olympics Winter Games Nationals in Calgary, AB, February 27 to March 2, 2024!

"As you spread your wings and represent Gander on the grand stage of the Canada Special Olympics Winter Games, know that you are carrying the hopes and cheers of an entire town with you. Each step, slide, and glide will echo with the collective pride of Gander."

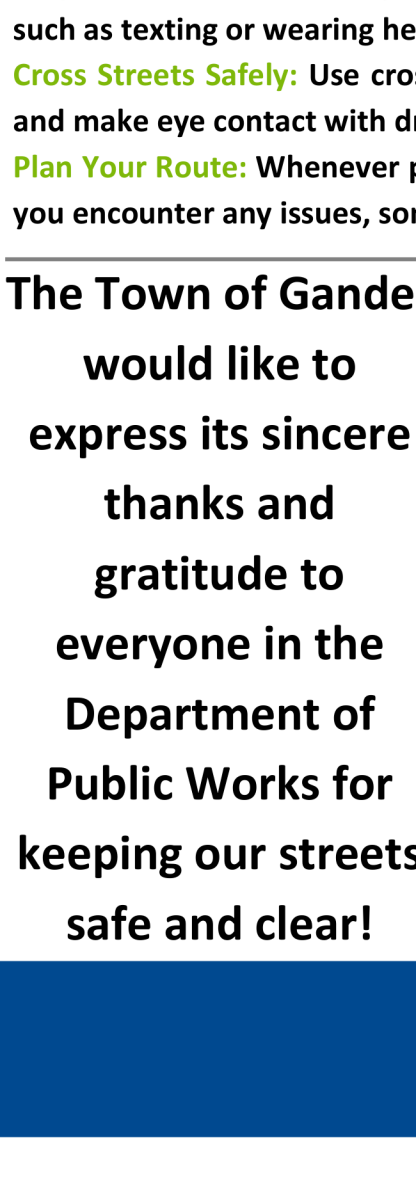
DISCRETIONARY NOTICE:
39 ROBERTSON AVENUE
 Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Gander has received an application and a discretionary use request to construct two (2) apartment buildings, as a cluster development, at the above noted address.
 Anyone wishing to make representation on this matter must do so in writing and the representation must be received by the Planning and Public Works Department, Town of Gander, no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, March 4, 2024.



Mining Industry Supplier Development Showcase

Central MinEX
April 23-25
 Steele Community Centre
 Gander, NL Canada
 Contact: ganderchamber@gandereachamber.ca | 709-256-7110

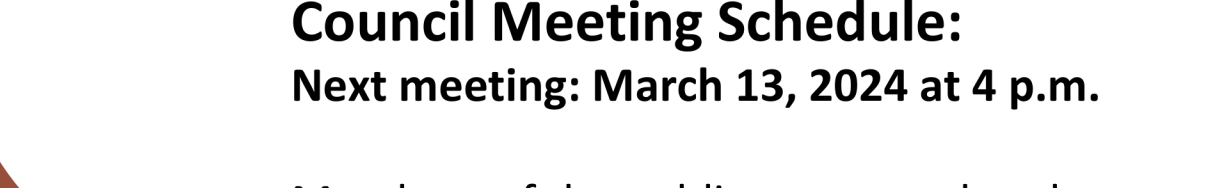
Join us for an exciting dialogue featuring industry thought leaders, technical experts, suppliers and the local business community to exchange ideas and ignite new opportunities in the mineral exploration and development sector.



The Town of Gander cares deeply about the safety and well-being of its community members. To ensure your safety while walking on the streets at night, we would like to share some important tips to enhance visibility and reduce potential risks:

- Wear Reflective Clothing:** When walking in the dark, wearing reflective clothing significantly increases your visibility to drivers. Consider incorporating reflective accessories, such as vests, jackets, or even reflective tape on your clothing, to make yourself easily noticeable.
- Carry a Flashlight:** Carry a flashlight or use the flashlight feature on your smartphone to illuminate your path. This not only helps you see where you are going but also makes you more visible to others on the road.
- Walk Facing Traffic:** If there is no sidewalk, always walk on the side of the road facing oncoming traffic. This allows you to see approaching vehicles and react accordingly.
- Stick to Well-Lit Areas:** Whenever possible, choose routes that are well-lit. Stick to streets with streetlights, and avoid poorly lit or secluded areas. Well-lit streets provide better visibility for both pedestrians and drivers.
- Stay Aware and Alert:** Stay attentive to your surroundings and remain alert while walking at night. Avoid distractions such as texting or wearing headphones, as they can reduce your awareness of potential hazards.
- Cross Streets Safely:** Use crosswalks and designated pedestrian crossings when available. Wait for a safe gap in traffic and make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
- Plan Your Route:** Whenever possible, plan your route and let someone know your estimated time of arrival. This way, if you encounter any issues, someone will be aware of your whereabouts.

The Town of Gander would like to express its sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone in the Department of Public Works for keeping our streets safe and clear!



Town Council



Council Meeting Schedule:
 Next meeting: **March 13, 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](#)

February 16th Council Meeting Highlights

- March is Amyloidosis Awareness Month which is dedicated to raising awareness, funding research, and supporting those living with amyloidosis – a group of diseases that occurs when an abnormal protein builds up in the tissues and organs which can result in organ failure if untreated.
- 211 is a free service available 24/7 in 170+ languages by phone and a broad database of programs and services can be found at <https://nl.211.ca>. Contact 211 for info on Health Services, Income Support, Food Banks, Housing Help and Seniors / Disability services.
- Community Services Committee reviewed a suggestion to purchase commemorative coins for the 40th Anniversary of the Arrow Air crash, which will be in 2025. It was recommended that an order be placed for at least 300 coins.
- The Town of Gander would like to express its gratitude to everyone involved in the planning of NL Winter Games, and is excited to be hosting athletes from all over Newfoundland and Labrador.
- The Economic Development Officer reports that the Air Ambulance issue remains front-and-center as Council continues to work with stakeholders to ensure proposed changes to the air ambulance service include an enhanced role for Gander, not an elimination of services from this region.
- Trans-Canada Highway access to Town owned lands along the south side of the highway through Gander has been approved for the advancement of development opportunities. Efforts are underway to identify solutions to the traffic challenges while maximizing development.
- Public Safety and Protective Services Committee reviewed regulations pertaining to electric bikes: All cyclists shall wear a regulation helmet; bicycles shall not ride on a sidewalk and shall ride near the right-hand curb; Cyclists must use the appropriate hand signals; Cyclists must have a pedestrian on the front and a red light or reflector on the rear; Cyclists are required to always yield to pedestrians.
- Planning and Public Works (PPW) Committee reviewed the 2023 curbside cleanup event which spanned over two weeks and collected 277 Tonnes of waste material at an estimated cost of \$98,613. The Committee is recommending a two-week event from September 16 to 27, 2024, with pickup scheduled for individual households following their regular refuse collecting schedule.
- PPW Committee reviewed a development application to construct a four-unit row dwelling at 583-584 Penwell Avenue. This is zoned Residential Medium Density (RMD) and Row Dwellings are permitted as Discretionary Use. The Committee felt the overall benefit of the development to the community outweighed any concerns brought forward and recommended that the discretionary use be approved subject to all requirements of the Town of Gander Development regulations being met.
- Between Oct 1 and Dec 31, 2023, Gander Fire Rescue reported 181 Fire Calls, 171 Inspections and 625 general inquiries. During the same period. Municipal Enforcement issued 80 citations and responded to 207 calls for assistance including matters relating to bylaw enforcement.
- The Planning & Public Works Committee received a request from NL Health Services to install an additional streetlight in the Public Library parking. The cost is within the allowance of 10 new streetlights budgeted each year and agreed with the recommendation to install.
- American artist, Sandra Priest, is interested in donating a fragment of the foundation wall that was originally located near the World Trade Centre. The fragment would be delivered with no incurred costs to Gander and would become a part of the Town's existing 9/11 Memorial.
- 9 Wing Gander Defence Women's Advisory Group is working to support a "Period Product Drive" in recognition of International Woman's Day and is requesting donations in the form of menstruation supplies, hygiene products etc.. Donations can be dropped off at Town Hall before March 6th.
- Gerald Hygiene Enterprises, for consideration by Council, a subdivision Development Application and preliminary drawings. This development will create approximately 56 single residential lots and twelve double building lots. The Committee recommends that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to enter into a Development Agreement for Land Development at 320 TCH, conditional upon verification of all technical and legal requirements being met.
- The Town of Gander and Freedom Villages Inc. have been in negotiations to develop the Little Cobbs Pond Subdivision with the intent of encouraging more diverse and attainable housing. Committee of the Whole recommended that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement.

March 2024 Events

| Event | Date/Time | Additional Information |
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| Town of Gander 2024 NL Winter Games | March 1st & 2nd (various event start times) | Closing days of the Games! https://nlgames.ca/gander-2024/ info2024nlwintergames@gmail.com |
| Sideways Motorsports Sno-Drag Series Race Day | March 2nd 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Event is held at Screaming Eagles RC Park (8 km outside Gander to the East) www.sidewaysmotorsports.ca |
| Provincial Female AAA U13 & U18 Hockey Tournament | March 8th to 10th (game start times vary) | Steele Community Centre 155 Airport Blvd Gander, NL, A1V 1K6 |
| Waste Transfer Station | March 9th 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 |
| Regular Meeting of Council | March 13th 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. | Watch Live: rogersTV.com/gander Live posts on X: @townofgander Agendas: gandercanada.com |
| Department of Fisheries and Oceans Annual Hockey Tournament | March 14th to 16th Starts at 10 a.m. | Steele Community Centre 155 Airport Blvd Gander, NL, A1V 1K6 |
| Seniors Wellness Program BINGO! | March 20th 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Steele Community Centre Call 709-651-5927 to reserve Space is limited! |
| Gander Elks Lodge Spring Craft Fair | March 23rd 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Elk's Lodge #310 3 Caldwell St. Gander, NL |

