

# MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council  
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 @ 4:00 pm  
Council Chambers

**Present:**

P. Farwell	Mayor
T. Pollett	Deputy Mayor
R. Anstey	Councillor
G. Brown	Councillor
B. Dove	Councillor (virtually)
O. Fudge	Councillor
P. Woodford	Councillor

**Advisory and Resource:**

D. Chafe	CAO
B. Hefford	Town Clerk
K. Hiscock	Director of Finance (A)
B. Freeborn	Director of Recreation & Community Services
T. Barron	Director of Municipal Works
H. Lowe	Fire Chief
R. Locke	Director of Development
J. Blackwood	Director of Engineering
K. Bull	Deputy Municipal Clerk

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

## 2. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

### Recreation Month Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed June 2021 as Recreation Month in the Town of Gander.

## 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### Motion #21-092

### Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council on June 9, 2021 be adopted.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

#### **4. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

##### **Motion #21-093**

##### **Regular Minutes for Approval**

Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on May 19, 2021 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

#### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None.

#### **6. REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:**

##### **A. Recreation & Community Services:**

The Recreation & Community Services report was presented by Councillor Fudge.

The Recreation & Community Services meeting was held on June 1, 2021. The meeting was chaired by O. Fudge, Councillor. Other members present included: T. Pollett, Deputy Mayor; G. Brown, Councillor; P. Woodford, Councillor; B. Freeborn, Director of Recreation & Community Services (A); B. Hefford, Town Clerk; K. Sceviour, Special Events Coordinator.

The following items were discussed:

##### **Delegation - MusicNL**

Representatives of MusicNL gave an overview on a program entitled Summer Trail Mix which began as a partnership with the City of St. John's to celebrate NL music artists. The program consists of scanning a QR code from a sign that is located at local trails and parks giving you access to a playlist of songs by NL artists that you can enjoy on your walk.

MusicNL would provide the specifics for the sign and the town would pay the cost to have the signs made. There is also an opportunity for Gander to sponsor some of their own local artists and add them to MusicNL's Summer Trail Mix. The cost to sponsor an artist to have one prerecorded, high-quality song with a summer theme added to the playlist is \$100 per artist.

The Director noted that with savings from special events this year, we could purchase signs to be located at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park, Thomas Howe Demonstration Forest and the old Town Site as well as sponsor 5 - 10 songs from local artists. The Committee felt this was a great idea and asked the Director to notify MusicNL that we would like to partner on this initiative, check with the Economic Development Department to see if they are able to help with the sponsorship of local artists and put out a call for Gander artists who are interested in having their song added to the Summer Trail Mix.

The representative also mentioned another initiative entitled the Music City Program. This entails municipalities, in conjunction with their local Chamber of Commerce, creating a policy to plan, manage and develop music in their community. As music is a sector that is not traditionally engaged with its local chamber of commerce, it represents a potential growth area for business support, community economic development and tourism. More information will be forwarded, and the Committee felt that this could be an initiative that the Economic Development and Recreation & Community Services Department could review and provide feedback.

### **Land Availability for Recreation Projects**

Management reviewed the Committee's request to review land available near the new soccer/track complex and the Gander Derby site for a fairground to host outside events such as the RCMP Musical Ride or for future recreation facilities such as the outdoor beach volleyball court. Management suggested that the Engineering Department provide a map of available land to be reviewed for future development. This is referred to the Engineering Department for their review and consideration.

Councillor Anstey asked if we have conducted geological testing in the area to assess the suitability of the land. The Director of Engineering explained we would take a high-level review of the overall area to assess land availability. Site evaluation will be completed in stage two of the process.

### **National Indigenous Coaching Awards (NICA)**

The Aboriginal Sport Circle, in collaboration with the Coaching Association of Canada, has established this award to recognize the impact indigenous coaches have made on sport development. The deadline is July 30<sup>th</sup>, and the eligibility criteria and nomination form is attached for anyone interested in nominating a coach.

### **Festival of Flight**

The Committee reviewed a draft schedule for the 2021 Festival of Flight which will consist of a mixture of virtual broadcast on RogersTV and live events. The Event Coordinator proposed hosting a "drive in" Kitchen Party and Committee felt this was something we should explore further.

A discussion regarding the possibility of having a fireworks show on Gander Day at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park took place, and the Committee will make a decision on this once they review the Government of NL's reopening plan.

## **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11**

The Event Coordinator updated the Committee on the plans for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11. The service will include musical performances from local entertainers and will also have virtual components that will be prerecorded, including a performance from a youth choir from Miami Country Day School. Students from this school were supposed to travel to Gander in September are no longer able due to restrictions, however they still want to participate in the service by recording a video to play at the event.

We are also looking at having live and recorded videos throughout the service that would include the "untold stories" of Central Newfoundland residents and 9/11 survivors who visited Gander on the 15th Anniversary speaking about their thoughts on 9/11 and what they describe as the "bright side" of 9/11 when they visited Gander.

## **Summer Recreation Programs**

The Department will be running the Cobb's Pond Rotary Park children's summer program again this year from July 5<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>. Under the provincial health guidelines, the department can run a program of up to 50 children. The Department has hired five summer students and the application for the program will be available for registration on Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>. The application will be available on the Recreation & Community Services Facebook page or you can call or drop by the office for a copy.

The Department is also working with the ballfield user groups and will be meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss schedules for the summer as well as the provincial health regulations. The minor leagues do not start until July so it is anticipated that outdoor sports will be able to resume by that date. The adult leagues are ready to begin as soon as health restrictions are lifted.

The Director also provided an update on work that is being done at the ballfields:

- The new eight-foot fence is now complete on Field A and Council would like to thank the Gander Tennis Association for installing the fencing with some assistance from the town staff.
- Two new dugouts are being constructed by Baseball Gander on the Art Walker field and should be completed soon.
- The new pitching mound is currently being constructed by volunteers through the Baseball Gander Association.
- Town staff are working on installing the new water line to the Art Walker Field. This will be completed this week.
- The poles have been installed for the new safety netting on Field B and the Town Field. The netting is out for quotes and anticipated completion is the middle of June.

## Upcoming Events

The Department is working on several events this month, but we would like to highlight the Community Better Challenge which is a program from Participaction to show the importance of movement by capturing how active communities and individuals are. There is a top prize of \$100,000 for the most active community in Canada and \$15,000 for the most active community in NL as well as individual prizes. You can participate in the community challenge by logging your activity in an app or logging directly on the website <https://www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/community-challenge>. Both options ask you to create an account where you enter your postal code, this is how they will track the movement for each community. We are asking all citizens, community organizations and schools to help Gander win the most active community. If you need further information, you can contact the Department at 651-5927 or visit the website address above.

The Mayor just proclaimed June as Recreation Month and to celebrate, we will be running some contests throughout the month. Stay tuned to the Recreation & Community Services Department Facebook page for more information on Recreation Month as well as the following events which will be taking place over the next few weeks:

- The Clean and Green Campaign - June 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>
- Various contests such as Staycation, Amazing Yard Sale Find, Canada Day and Festival of Flight Logo Design
- Seniors Wellness – June 17<sup>th</sup>

Councillor Fudge noted there has been damage sustained at recreation facilities and if residents notice vandalism, report to the RCMP.

### **B. Development and Tourism Committee:**

The Development and Tourism Committee report was presented by Deputy Mayor Pollett.

The Development and Tourism Committee meeting was held on June 1, 2021. The meeting was chaired by T. Pollett, Deputy Mayor. Other members present included: O. Fudge, Councillor; G. Brown, Councillor; R. Locke, Development Director; B. Hefford, Town Clerk; B. Williams, Tourism Development Officer.

The following items were discussed:

## **Tourism Activity Update**

The Tourism Development Officer presented an update to the Committee regarding on-going initiatives and tourism related inquires. This included fielding various requests, postings to the Tourism Gander Facebook page, working with the 9/11 Monument Steering Committee and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee as well as working with tourism stakeholders in marketing Gander as an attractive tourism destination.

Committee and staff are encouraged with the interest received from potential tourists and are expecting visitation numbers to rebound as vaccination numbers increase and travel restrictions ease.

## **RNC Association Advertising Request**

The Committee reviewed a request from the RNC Association to support their 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Community Guide through an advertising sponsorship. The focus for this guide will be Suicide Prevention Awareness to help prevent suicide and educate about recognizing the signs and behaviors of individuals that may be at risk.

Proceeds raised from this project will be used to help support activities of the RNC Association in the province and will include a donation to the Kids Help Phone.

The Committee feels that this is a worthy initiative, however, given that, the RNC does not operate a detachment in Gander or surrounding area, the Committee would prefer supporting a local initiative with a similar mandate. Therefore, the Committee is recommending not to support this request.

Councillor Woodford asked if the Kids Help Line is a service used by kids in Gander?

Gander residents can be available of the provincial service. However, it was noted that the Town of Gander would prefer to identify an initiative targeted directly at local youth.

## **Technology Career Pathway Pilot Project**

The Committee reviewed a provincial government news release announcing the 10 high schools taking part in the first year of the Technology Career Pathway (TCP) program starting in September 2021.

This pilot project will develop new pathways, including academic opportunities for students to transition from high school more easily to IT programs at the College of the North Atlantic or other post-secondary IT programs. Students participating in the program will start course work in Grade 10 with the current high school computer science course, transitioning to post-secondary courses in Python programming in grades 11 and 12.

The pilot and future TCP programs will help narrow the skill gap in the technology industry while providing students with early exposure to an industry with significant job prospects.

The schools announced include most of the major centres within Newfoundland and Labrador with the exception of Gander Collegiate.

Depending on the success of the project, the program will be launched in more schools in 2022.

Although the Committee is excited to see the launch of the TCP program, they feel that students in Gander Collegiate will be disadvantaged by not being included in the pilot project phase.

The Committee has asked staff to contact the Principal of Gander Collegiate to inquire whether or not they were engaged throughout this process. If not, discuss possible actions to either have Gander Collegiate added for the 2021 school year or ensure that the school is considered if the program expands in 2022.

### **“The Big Reset”- Stakeholder Engagement Sessions**

The Committee reviewed correspondence from EngageNL, the provincial governments platform for public engagement. The Director informed the Committee that virtual town hall sessions are scheduled to take place from June 15<sup>th</sup> through to June 17<sup>th</sup>. These sessions are open to the public. Please visit [www.engagenl.ca](http://www.engagenl.ca) to register and obtain further information.

The purpose for conducting these sessions is to gather public and stakeholder feedback on the recommendations included in *The Big Reset* report prepared by the Premier’s Economic Recovery Team.

The Director informed the Committee that the mechanism for Council to provide feedback is through the stakeholder engagement sessions. Staff will have to notify EngageNL of Council’s intent to participate and will be notified when the stakeholder consultations are scheduled.

The Committee feels that it is critical for Council to have representation during these sessions to highlight both economic growth opportunities and obstacles in Gander and surrounding area and has asked staff to follow-up indicating Council’s intention to participate.

### C. Public Works & Services Committee:

The Public Works & Services Committee report was presented by Councillor Anstey.

The Public Works & Services Committee meeting was held on June 1, 2021. The meeting was chaired by R. Anstey, Councillor. Other members present included: G. Brown, Councillor; P. Woodford, Councillor; T. Pollett, Deputy Mayor; D. Whitt, Director of Municipal Works and Services; B. Hefford, Town Clerk; G. Whitt, Administrative Support Clerk.

The following items were discussed:

#### **Policy MW030 Sewer Callouts, 2<sup>nd</sup> / final reading**

The Committee reviewed the proposed changes to Policy MW030, Sewer Callouts. The changes, as indicated on the attachment, will bring the policy up to date and include guidelines whereby the Town may provide assistance to clear sewer blockages when contractors are unavailable. This is the second and final reading.

#### **Motion #21-094**

#### **Policy MW030 Sewer Callouts, 2<sup>nd</sup> / final reading**

Moved by Councillor Anstey and seconded by Councillor Fudge that the amendments to Policy MW030, Sewer Callouts, be accepted as attached.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

#### **Curbside Giveaway Weekend**

The Committee discussed hosting a curbside giveaway event preceding the scheduled Fall Cleanup in an effort for residents to avail of good used items that would be otherwise directed to the landfill. This event is added to accommodate residents who avail of the annual Giant Yard Sale that has been cancelled due to Covid – 19 restrictions in place.

The Committee recommends the Town allow residents to place good used items at curbside the weekend preceding the Fall Cleanup. Guidelines will be made available to the residents prior to the event.



## 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Committee discussed the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHWD) event.

The Committee recommends that the 2021 HHWD will be held on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. This will keep consistency with the timing of this event as with previous years.

## 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Day, event location (Minutes Only)

The Committee discussed the best location to host the HHWD event:

1. Town Square Parking Lot/West (Co-op). It was identified during the 2020 HHWD event that there was a congestion of traffic at the entrance off Airport Boulevard that backed up into the street. It was suggested to relocate the event for this reason.
2. Community Center parking lot. The Committee agrees this location does not provide the curb appeal as a reminder to residents that the event is actively taking place. It was agreed that signage at the entrances will not draw the same attention to the event as the visual of curbside activity.
3. Town Square Parking Lot/East (Greco). This location will provide both curbside visual appeal and provide adequate space for residents to enter and exit the area for this event.

The Committee recommends that the 2021 HHWD event location be in the Town Square/East Parking Lot.

## Notable Dates

- The next Waste Transfer Station is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Details on this event can be viewed on the Town of Gander Website at [www.gandercanada.com](http://www.gandercanada.com).

## D. Public Safety & Protective Services Committee:

The Public Safety & Protective Services Committee report was presented by Councillor Dove.

The Public Safety & Protective Services Committee was held on June 2, 2021. The meeting was chaired by B. Dove, Councillor (Via Teams). Other members present included: T. Pollett, Deputy Mayor (Via Teams); R. Anstey, Councillor; O. Fudge, Councillor, P. Woodford, Councillor; H. Lowe, Director of Protective Services/Fire Chief; B. Hefford, Town Clerk; L. Small, Administrative Assistant.

The following items were discussed:

## **Speed Hump Requests**

The Committee reviewed correspondence from a resident of Magee Road in which they expressed concern over Council's addressing of speeding in the area. Council is aware of the concerns of area residents and has already taken mitigating measures including reducing the speed limit to 40km/hr and approving widening of a portion of the road and the installation of a painted sidewalk. The Committee has asked that Municipal Enforcement continue to monitor and patrol the area.

The resident will be notified accordingly.

## **Department Activity Report**

The Director advised that regular weekly training for our firefighters has resumed. Training was suspended under provincial level 4 Covid-19 restrictions.

From the Municipal Enforcement front, our officers have been focusing on ATV and dirt bike education/ enforcement activities. Brochures have been printed and handed out when the opportunity arises to provide information to young riders.

The Committee was pleased with the departments ongoing activities and made special note of our Officers' continued engagement with public throughout the various Covid levels.

Attached is a letter from the Military Police thanking the Municipal Enforcement Department for their assistance on April 30 with their Wing Commander Run.

### **E. Engineering, Planning & Controls:**

The Engineering, Planning & Controls Committee report was presented by Councillor Woodford.

The Engineering, Planning & Controls Committee meeting was held on June 2, 2021. The meeting was chaired by P. Woodford, Councillor. Other members present included: T. Pollett, Deputy Mayor; G. Brown, Councillor; J. Blackwood, Director of Engineering; B. Hefford, Town Clerk.

The following items were discussed:

### **Development Application – 500 Gander Bay Road**

The Committee reviewed a development application from the owner of 500 Gander Bay Road to clear, grub and develop approximately 6 acres of land for the purpose of farming field vegetables and to facilitate a sawmill.

The area proposed for development is zoned Rural and both Agriculture and Forestry are permitted uses in this zone.

**Motion #21-095**

**Development Application – 500 Gander Bay Road**

Moved by Councillor Woodford and seconded by Councillor Anstey that the development application for 500 Gander Bay Road be approved as attached.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

**Sign Regulations**

The Committee was presented the revised Sign Regulations for their review and consideration. The intent of the proposed change in the regulation is to extend the period in which, temporary/portable signs are permitted on private property. After careful review, the Committee is recommending that the proposed 6-month expiration be changed to annually and presents this new draft to Council for its first reading and encourages anyone who would like to make representation on the proposed document to contact the Engineering Department.

**Building Permit Application – 131 Memorial Drive**

The Committee was presented with building permit application #21099 seeking approval from Council to permit the construction of an accessory building measuring approximately 107 square metres at 131 Memorial Drive. This structure would be an addition to an existing accessory building measuring 67 square metres for a total size of 174 square metres. The applicant has also requested that the building height be permitted to exceed the maximum height permitted in the accessory building regulations by 2.42 metres for a total structure height of 7.92 metres.

**Motion #21-096**

**Building Permit Application – 131 Memorial Drive**

Moved by Councillor Woodford and seconded by Councillor Brown that building permit application #21099 be approved as attached.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

Councillor Farwell asked if this was within Discretionary Authority and the Town Clerk stated it was as outlined in the Accessory Building Regulations.

### **Crosswalk – 55-57 Elizabeth Drive**

The Committee was presented with minutes forwarded from the Public Safety and Protective Services Committee related to the crosswalk at 55 Elizabeth Drive. They are seeking clarification on the site development as it relates to the original approved site plan. The Director presented the site plan that was approved, by the department, prior to construction for 55 -57 Elizabeth Drive and it was noted that an additional driveway exists that was not identified in the approved plan. The Committee is recommending that the property owner be notified of this nonconformance, and that this information be forwarded to the Public Safety and Protective Services department for their review and consideration.

### **Spruce Court Phase 13 – Concept Plan**

The Committee was presented with a proposed development plan for Spruce Court Phase 13, DMG Drawing #1489-21 as well as an overall concept plan for Spruce Court, DMG drawing dated June 2021 for their review and consideration. Following a general discussion, the Committee agreed with the preliminary development plans as submitted, subject to review and approval by the department.

#### **Motion #21-097**

#### **Spruce Court Phase 13 – Concept Plan**

Moved by Councillor Woodford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett that DMG drawing #1489-21 for Spruce Court Phase 13 be approved as attached.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

Councillor Woodford notified all residents that the new Soccer Complex has begun so please use extreme caution when in the area and access has been restricted. The ATV trail has been rerouted and the tree drop off is relocated to Cooper Blvd.

There was also a reminder to subscribe to the Public Notice option on [www.gandercanada.com](http://www.gandercanada.com).

### **F. Finance & Administration:**

The Finance and Administration Committee report was presented by Councillor Brown.

The Finance & Administration Committee meeting was held on June 3, 2021. The meeting was chaired by G. Brown, Councillor. Other members present included: R. Anstey, Councillor; P. Woodford, Councillor; O. Fudge, Councillor; B. Hefford, Town Clerk; K. Hiscock, Director of Finance (A).

The following items were discussed:

### **Minister of Infrastructure and Communities – WWTP Amendment No. 1**

The Finance Committee was presented with the amendment to the Canada-Town of Gander Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – National and Regional Projects agreement for the new Gander Wastewater Treatment Facility project.

The Engineering Department requested approval to amend the current funding agreement to include the construction of an accessory building at the new Wastewater Treatment Facility. The project will be cost shared with the Federal and Provincial governments with the Town of Gander contributing 37.07%.

#### **Motion #21-098**

### **Minister of Infrastructure and Communities – WWTP Amendment No. 1**

Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Anstey to approve amendment #1 to the Canada-Town of Gander Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – National and Regional Projects Agreement for the new Gander Wastewater Treatment Facility as attached.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

### **MAA – 2022 Assessments**

The 2022 annual property assessments were mailed to property owners on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The assessments are based on the market value as of January 1, 2021. The average residential value of properties in Gander has decreased by 1.1% from \$232,051 to \$229,431.

Ratepayers with concerns about their individual assessments are encouraged to contact the Municipal Assessment Agency at 877-777-2807 to discuss any issues before turning to the appeal process.

The deadline to file a formal appeal of your assessment is July 31, 2021. Details on how to appeal are provided with your assessment notice.

### **Purchase of Land – 30 Solberg Crescent**

A request from the property owner of 30 Solberg Crescent to purchase backland was presented to the Finance Committee for consideration. The owners were previously given approval to purchase the backland in 2014 but the proposed sale was cancelled due to non-payment.

At the Council meeting on October 14, 2020, a Motion to place a moratorium on all future backland sales was approved with the condition that existing contractual commitments in existence be honored.

The Committee does not feel that the previous request by the property owner of 30 Solberg Crescent adheres to the condition as an existing contract and does not recommend approval.

### **Property Tax Reduction**

The Committee reviewed one application for a residential property tax reduction that met Council's policy based on income criteria.

#### **Motion #21-099**

##### **Property Tax Reduction**

Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett that the property tax reduction be approved as attached.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

### **Tender – Supply and Delivery of Trees**

The Public Works Committee referred the results of the tender for the supply and delivery of trees for the 2021 season to the Finance Committee for consideration. One bid was received that met specifications and was submitted by Sheridan Nurseries in the amount of \$28,656.51, HST included.

The item is \$4,013.28 under budget.

#### **Motion #21-100**

##### **Tender – Supply and Delivery of Trees**

Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett the tender for the supply and delivery of trees be awarded to Sheridan Nurseries in the amount of \$28.656.51 HST included.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

## Mail-in Election Voting

The Town of Gander has considered the need to introduce Vote by Mail provisions for the 2021 Municipal Election. Considering the unpredictable nature of the COVID 19 Pandemic, Council feels it is prudent to make provisions ensuring voting is accessible to residents in a safe and secure manner.

Under Section 54 of the Municipal Elections Act, this planning first requires approval of the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs.

### Motion #21-101

#### Mail-in Election Voting

Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Fudge that the Town of Gander request approval from the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to authorize voters to vote by mail in Gander Municipal Elections.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

The Mayor noted that the 2021 election will not be exclusively vote by mail, however, will provide a safe and secure option for voters who choose to vote by mail.

## 235 Baird Place

The Committee reviewed an application to sell commercial land located at 235 Baird Place. The proposed use meets zoning regulations, and the Development Department is recommending approval of the application.

### Motion #21-102

#### 235 Baird Place

Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Anstey that the Town of Gander approve the sale of 235 Baird Place in accordance with Section 201.2 of the NL Municipalities Act, 1999., conditional on all other requirements of the NL Municipalities Act, 1999 being met.

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.

## G. Other Reports:

None

## 7. ADMINISTRATION

None

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor noted orange ribbons worn by Council and staff as symbol recognizing the impacts of the residential school system on Indigenous people. To our country's horror, there was 215 bodies discovered in Kamloops, British Columbia. Further embedding the negative history surrounding Canadian institutions and Indigenous communities.

The Mayor also noted the tragic act of hatred in London, Ontario where four members of the Afzaal family, spanning three generations. Council acknowledged the loss to family, friends, and the broader Muslim community both nationally and internationally. We must end hatred in our society.

The Mayor recognized the Rainbow crosswalk at the Town Hall – Symbolic gesture to promote inclusive values of our community and members of the LGBTQ.

The Mayor acknowledged "Together Again" re-opening plan announced by the Government of NL. This is an important step in moving towards post COVID life and provides a symbol of hope.

The Mayor also recognized the tremendously positive announcement of NAV CANADA to reverse redundancies at the Gander Area Air traffic Control Centre.

Councillor Anstey announced resignation as a Councillor effective June 29, 2021. The Mayor extended thanks on behalf of residents of Gander and Council.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

### Motion #21-103

#### Adjournment

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

In Favour: 7      Opposing: 0

**Decision:** Motion carried.



The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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**P. Farwell, Mayor**

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**B. Hefford, Town Clerk**