

# TOWN OF GANDER AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER



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## Public Notices

### FAMILY FIREWORKS



#### Family Fireworks in Gander

Let's all do our part in keeping our neighbours safe, by helping them prepare for fireworks!

Firework use is suggested to be limited to a few special occasions:

**Canada Day (July 1) 7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.**

**Gander Day (The first Monday in August) 7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.**

**New Years Eve (December 31) 7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.**

Gander Fire Rescue may, for weather-related or any other reason, declare that family fireworks shall not proceed.

Please check for updates at

[www.gandercanada.com](http://www.gandercanada.com).

Visit

[www.gandercanada.com/fireworksafety](http://www.gandercanada.com/fireworksafety)

for safety tips.

### Festival of Flight 2023

The 2023 Festival of Flight will take place August 3-7, 2023.

The schedule is available at

[www.gandercanada.com](http://www.gandercanada.com).





### FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT BUTTONS

**\$5.00**

Gander Co-op, Town Square, Kelly's Corner, Elizabeth Dr., Lawton's, Elizabeth Dr., Mister T's, Catalina Dr., Needs Convenience, Airport Blvd, Needs Convenience, Town Square, Shoppers Drug Mart, Airport Blvd., Steeple Community Centre, Airport Blvd, Tourist Chabot, TCH, Town Hall, Elizabeth Dr.

1ST PRIZE DRAW: THURSDAY, AUGUST 3  
Festival of Flight Prize Package (Value at \$200)  
Drawing at Opening Ceremonies - Cobb's Pond Rotary Park

2ND PRIZE DRAW: FRIDAY, AUGUST 4  
Domestic Trip Package (Value at \$200)  
Drawing at Concert in the Park Series - Cobb's Pond Rotary Park

3RD PRIZE DRAW: SATURDAY, AUGUST 5  
Smart Travel Package (Value at \$200)  
Drawing at Concert in the Park Series - Cobb's Pond Rotary Park

4TH PRIZE DRAW: SUNDAY, AUGUST 6  
Personalized Package (Value at \$200)  
Drawing at Concert in the Park Series - Cobb's Pond Rotary Park

5TH PRIZE DRAW: MONDAY, AUGUST 7  
Two (2) Economy Class round trip promotional tickets for travel within North America, the Caribbean, or Hawaii (excluding Mexico City) on Air Canada's flights, valid for travel on Air Canada, Air Canada Express and Air Canada Rouge scheduled flights only. Space is subject to availability in the applicable booking class. Certain conditions and blackout periods apply. Travel using the Promotional Tickets must be completed by August 30, 2024. (Value at 2,000 CAD) Sponsored by Air Canada

#### Festival Buttons

Buttons are \$5.00 each and by purchasing a button, you will have the chance to win awesome prizes including the grand prize - Two (2) Economy Class round trip promotional tickets for travel within North America, the Caribbean, or Hawaii (excluding Mexico city) on Air Canada's flights, valid for travel on Air Canada, Air Canada Express and Air Canada Rouge scheduled flights only!

### 2023 Waste Transfer Schedule

- August 12th
- September 9th
- November 18th
- December 9th

Operating hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit [www.gandercanada.com/garbage](http://www.gandercanada.com/garbage) for more information.



### OPEN HOUSE & VEHICLE EXTRICATION DISPLAY

Come learn about the work our firefighters do to keep our community safe!

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter? Gander Fire Rescue will be recruiting in the fall. This event is a great opportunity to see what being a firefighter is about!

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QUESTIONS?  
709-256-8887

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### Ministers Tour with Mayor

Minister of Environment and Climate Change; Honourable Bernard Davis, and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure; Honourable John Abbott, joined Mayor Farwell on a tour of the cutting-edge Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant in Gander.



## PRIDE WEEK

in Gander

pride

August 8 - 13, 2023

#### Pride Week Events

Gander Pride will be hosting Pride Week August 8-13.

This week-long celebration is a fantastic opportunity to embrace diversity, promote inclusivity, and show support for the LGBTQ+ community in Gander.

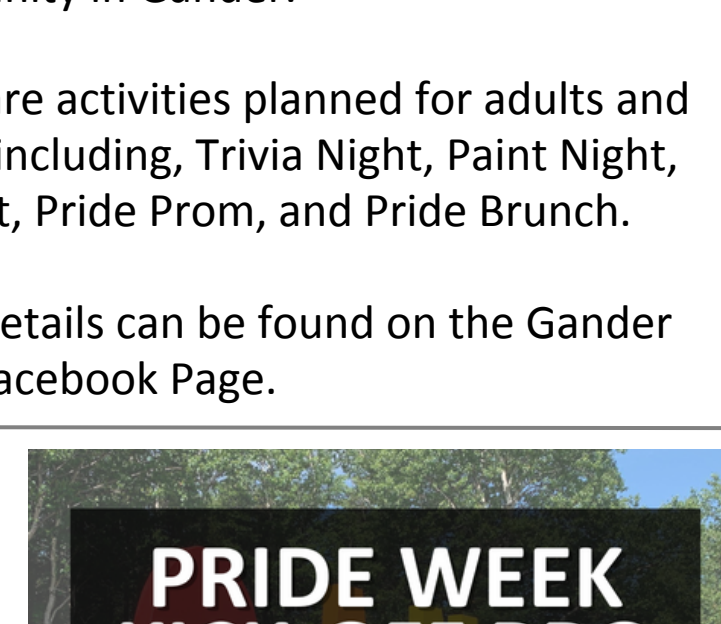
There are activities planned for adults and youth, including, Trivia Night, Paint Night, CrossFit, Pride Prom, and Pride Brunch.

More details can be found on the Gander Pride Facebook Page.

### Pride Week Kick-Off BBQ

The Town of Gander is pleased to sponsor the Pride Week Kick-Off BBQ at the Tourism Information Parking Lot on August 8th at 4 pm.

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## Town Council

#### Council Meeting Schedule

Next meeting: August 2, 2023 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](http://www.rogerstv.com/gander). The Town of Gander also live tweets during the meeting at [www.twitter.com/townofgander](https://www.twitter.com/townofgander).

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

[Click here for meeting minutes](#)

### July 5th Council Meeting Highlights

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

##### Little Cobb's Pond Boardwalk

The Committee reviewed the boardwalk to Little Cobb's Pond and identified the need for some repairs. Some of the boards need to be replaced and the brush needs to be cut back. The Department will review and see what repairs can be done within this year's maintenance budget.

#### PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS

##### Crosswalk – Markham/Lindbergh/Airport

With the increased activity in the adjacent sports facilities on both sides of Airport Boulevard and the desire of pedestrians to cross at this location, the Committee feels the lights should be reactivated to full control mode including the ability to activate the pedestrian crossing function.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

##### Fire on Ogilvie Street and Abandoned Buildings around Town

A recent fire in the area highlighted the risks associated with abandoned buildings and the importance of accessibility and egress in the Ogilvie neighborhood. Council understands and shares these concerns and has asked the Planning and Public Works Department to explore options for mitigating the risk of both.

#### GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

##### Immigration Matters - Welcoming Week

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada has announced that Welcoming Week will take place from September 8th to 17th 2023. Welcoming Week is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the people, places and values that make everyone feel welcome and give them a sense of belonging in their new communities. The Committee would like to participate in this initiative to make newcomers feel welcome, and since any event would require extensive staff involvement, this item will be referred to Management.

#### CORPORATE SERVICES

##### Audited Financial Statements

The 2022 statements indicated a surplus of \$1,863,796 due to the requirement to recognize federal and provincial funding as revenue for capital projects.

The surplus identified is in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) guidelines and is not used to determine Council's annual operating budget. Under PSAB, municipalities are required to recognize capital funding as revenue and record depreciation which is not included when preparing the operating budget.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

##### Development Officer's Report

The Development Officer provided a full briefing on current developer and investor interests in our community. Most is directed toward residential housing projects, specifically multi-density, and affordable housing developments. Interest from commercial and industrial developers is also high with national franchise and manufacturing investors continuing to explore opportunities.

## Event Calendar

Event	Date/Time	Additional Information
Garbage Collection for Gander Day (August 7)	Rescheduled to August 9	More information on garbage collection is available at <a href="http://www.gandercanada.com/garbage">www.gandercanada.com/garbage</a> or by calling 709-651-5938.
Matt & Megan Baseball Tournament	August 11 – 13	For more information, contact Jennifer Parsons at 709-571-1382 or <a href="mailto:janncc20@hotmail.com">janncc20@hotmail.com</a> .
Central Meet for Antique and Classic Cars	August 11 – 13	For more information visit <a href="http://www.gandercanada.com">www.gandercanada.com</a> or call 709-651-5927.
Concert in the Park	Every Thursday from July 6-August 31, 12:15 - 1:45 p.m.	Grab a friend, a picnic blanket, maybe lunch and head down to Cobb's Pond Rotary Park for some free live entertainment.

