

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Public Notices

Upcoming 2024

Waste Transfer Dates

April 13th
 May 11th

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

Visit

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 for more information.

WASTE TRANSFER STATION

2024 SCHEDULE



Solar Eclipse Soiree Gander 2024

Friday April 5th – "Astronomy on Tap" – Elks Club, Caldwell Street – Doors open 6:30, event runs 7 – 9 pm. Must be 19+.

Sat April 6th – GEO Centre's giant inflatable "Planetarium" – "Let's Talk Science" kids' activities – CNA Gander, Magee Road – 1 – 4 pm.

Sat April 6th – "Astro-Talk" – Legends Bar, Elizabeth Dr – 6 – 8 pm (minors must be accompanied by an adult) / "Outer Space Trivia" – 8 – 10 pm (19+ only).

Sun April 7th – GEO Centre's giant inflatable "Planetarium" – "Let's Talk Science" kids' activities – CNA Gander, Magee Rd – 1–4 pm

Monday April 8th – The Big Day! – CNA Gander Campus – Public access begins at 3:30 pm – Sky will begin to darken about 4:10 – Total sky darkness about 5:10.

Partners/Sponsors: MUN, STEEL COMMUNITY CENTRE, ALUMNI, CNA, Steele Hotels, belairdirect.

All activities are FREE. For info, contact Brian at bwilliams@gandercanada.com or 709-651-5914.



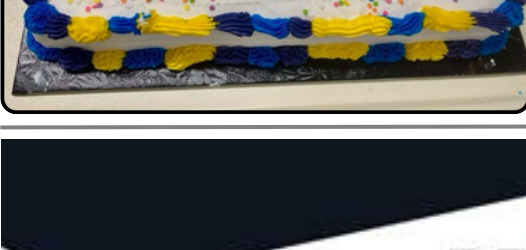
Targa Newfoundland, the only tarmac car rally in North America, returns to the streets of Gander

September 12th - 19th

for the 2024 edition of this world-famous event.

Read the full Targa

[Press Release](#)



WELCOME BACK!!! LABOUR & DELIVERY DEPARTMENT

The Town of Gander is pleased to announce the official reinstatement of the Obstetrics (OBS) unit at the James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre!

Our sincere thanks to the Citizens Health Action Committee, the Mayor's Advisory group, regional stakeholders and local community members, who all played a pivotal role in this most recent outcome!



Mining Industry Supplier Development Showcase

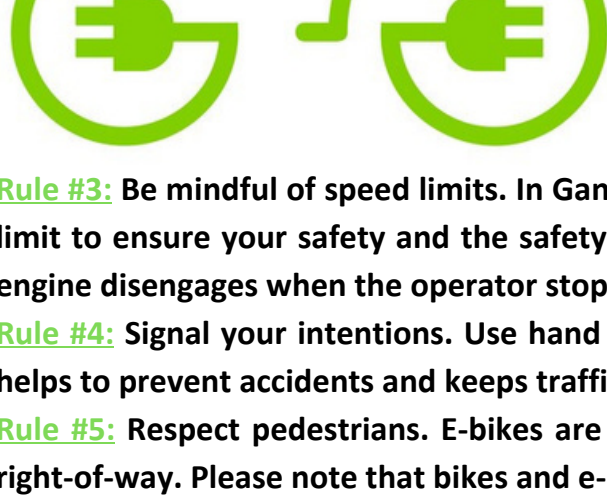


April 23-25

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.



As our community embraces the future of sustainable transportation, it's essential to ensure the safety of all road users, including those on electric bikes or e-bikes. E-bikes are a fantastic way to get around town while reducing our carbon footprint, but it's crucial to keep everyone safe. Know the Rules:

Rule #1: Know the rules of the road. E-bikes are considered bicycles, but they have their own set of regulations: obey traffic signals and signs, ride near the right-hand curb, and ensure your e-bike has a white light on the front and a red light or a reflector on the back.

Rule #2: Safety first! Always wear a helmet while riding an e-bike - it's the law, and it significantly reduces the risk of injury in an accident.

Rule #3: Be mindful of speed limits. In Gander, the maximum speed for e-bikes on roads is 32 km/h. Stay within this limit to ensure your safety and the safety of others. E-bikes must also have fully working pedals which means the engine disengages when the operator stops pedaling.

Rule #4: Signal your intentions. Use hand signals to indicate all turns and stops. Clear communication on the road helps to prevent accidents and keeps traffic flowing smoothly.

Rule #5: Respect pedestrians. E-bikes are required to always yield to pedestrians - slow down and give them the right-of-way. Please note that bikes and e-bikes are not permitted to ride on sidewalks or crosswalks.

Get involved in shaping Healthcare in Central Newfoundland!

Join the newly formed Regional Health Councils and have your say in local healthcare decisions. We're looking for community members who bring diverse perspectives and lived experiences to the table. Public Representatives with the right skills and passion are encouraged to apply! We value inclusivity and aim for representation across all demographics.

For more info on the Councils, including zones, structure, and commitments, visit:

Independent Appointments Commission: www.iacnl.ca or

Central Zone Council: www.exec-abc.gov.nl.ca/public/agency/detail/?id=817

Ready to make a difference? Fill out the online [APPLICATION](#)



Town Council

Council Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting: April 10, 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](#)

March 13th Council Meeting Highlights

- Town of Gander declares April 1, 2024, as RCAF Centennial Day to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and to honour the men and women who have, and continue to protect Canada and its people. Town Hall will be illuminated blue in recognition.
- Community Partnership Fund Committee reviewed the applications for funding and recommended 15 groups receive funding based on the policy. Recreation & Community Services agreed to provide funding to Camp Hancock and Pentecostal Church. Congratulations to: 1st United Scouting Gander, Airials Active Wellness Centre, Airport Nordic Ski Club, Baseball Gander, BGC Gander, Gander Community Tennis Association, Gander Golf Club, Gander Minor Softball, Gander Revolution, Gander Rod & Gun Club, Gander Wings, Open Door Community Youth Network, Senior/Family Play Area, SPCA, and Thomas Howe Forest Foundation Inc, for a combined total of \$44,000 in funding.
- The Economic Development Committee was advised that an application for funding under the Federal Government's Rural Transit Solutions Funding is ready for submission. We will be seeking \$50,000 toward a needs assessment and transit solution design.
- Planning & Public Works Committee reviewed an application by G. Gordon Enterprises Ltd to purchase 4.3 Hectares of crown land for the purpose of developing a residential subdivision. The land is currently zoned Residential High Density and could permit the proposed use. Committee had no objections to the application and is recommending the department review for potential concerns with servicing easements and right of ways and respond to the referral appropriately.
- Newfoundland has restructured its health board to a provincial board with Regional Councils. The aim is to enhance healthcare delivery across the province. Councils serve as advisory bodies that provide input to provincial govt on healthcare matters. These Councils offer avenues for community engagement and participation decisions being undertaken at the provincial level. Council would encourage anyone interested to apply online at www.iacnl.ca
- Committee discussed support by Air Ambulance Medical Transport Advocacy Group who advocate for most logical Air Ambulance bases in Central Newfoundland. Council has consistently stated that it is most logical for the service to be situated closer to the patients; all health services should be patient centric and capitalize on the effective utilization of transportation infrastructure. Actions undertaken include a meeting with Minister Osborne, writing Minister Osborne, and active engagement with stakeholders. The Mayor will provide a letter of support to the Advocacy Group.
- The Community Waste Diversion Fund offers financial support for projects promoting solid waste diversion in NL. Town of Gander intends to use the grant to subsidize "FoodCyclers", which turn organic waste into nutrient rich soil. Committee discussed approval of funding in the amount of \$15,000, with proposed timeline of March 31, 2024, to April 30, 2025. Committee recommended the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to sign the conditional letter of approval.
- Council was delighted to hear the announcement of the official reinstatement of the Obstetrics unit, beginning on March 18. This achievement is the outcome of a collaborative effort by residents, Town of Gander and NL Health Services. The Town welcomes new staff joining the OBS unit, pledging to foster a supportive community that encourages collaboration and inclusion. The leadership of Premier Furey, Minister Osborne, and Minister Haggie, along with the actions and commitment of The Citizens Health Action Committee and Mayor's Advisory group all played a pivotal role. "We are cautiously optimistic that this chapter can be put behind us and collectively, we focus on the long-term viability of the unit. We remain vigilant in addressing the systemic challenges that have persisted for decades," Mayor Farwell said.
- Council engaged in conversation to develop change to Development Regulations to accommodate the need for short-term rentals. The province now requires Municipal approval prior to issuance of a licence for this type of occupancy. Govt of NL recently introduced the Tourism Accommodation Act, which will outline rules for the operation of short-term accommodations. Platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO have become very popular yet require oversight. These platforms have had disruptive impact on traditional hospitality industry. The secondary focus is to ensure that there is fairness in economic considerations of all accommodation providers through an equitable taxation structure.

April 2024 Events

Event	Date/Time	Additional Information
72nd Annual Provincial Drama Festival	March 31st to April 6th Shows begin at 8pm each night	Joeshp R. Smallwood Arts & Culture Centre www.artsandculturecentre.com
Steele Hotels Provincial U18A all NL Hockey Tournament	April 1st – 3rd (various start times)	Steele Community Centre 155 Airport Blvd Gander, NL, A1V 1K6
Steele Hotels U11 Mega Provincials Hockey Tournament	April 4th – 6th (various start times)	Steele Community Centre 155 Airport Blvd Gander, NL, A1V 1K6
Solar Eclipse Events	April 5th - 8th (multiple venues) Total Eclipse on the 8th!	"Astronomy on Tap" at the Elks Club. Planetarium shows, science experiments, children's events & public lectures
Silver Jets Skating Club "Are You Ready For It" Ice Show	April 10th Starts at 7 p.m.	Steele Community Centre Tickets are \$15 Call 709-422-0442
Regular Meeting of Council	April 10th 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Watch Live: rogersTV.com/gander Live posts on X: @townofgander Agendas: gandercanada.com
Waste Transfer Station	April 13th 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
Seniors Wellness Session FIRE SAFETY	April 30th 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Steele Community Centre Call 709-651-5927 to reserve Space is limited!

