

# Town of Gander

## APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

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### Upcoming Events

#### Ultimate Fun Night April 1st

Do you and your family or friends love to play board games or put together puzzles?

If yes, we have the event for you! We'll deliver a board game or puzzle plus a snack right to your door, on Friday, April 1st for just \$5.00.

To participate, please register by calling 651-5927 before 12 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st. We'll drop off the game/puzzle on Friday, April 1st and pick it back up on Monday, April 4th.

#### Seniors Wellness Session

April 7th at 1:30 p.m.

Seniors are invited to join us as we host a wellness session and a snack at the Steele Community Centre.

We always have a laugh or two, learn new things, have a few prize draws and maybe meet new friends.

To participate, please call 651-5927 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to register. Admission is free, however, a limited number of spaces are available, so call now!

#### Commander Gander's Virtual Easter Egg Hunt

April 11th – 15th

Commander Gander has hidden Easter eggs in secret locations around Gander.

Check out the Recreation and Community Services – Town of Gander Facebook Page each morning, at 10 a.m. from April 11th to 15th, to see if you can figure out the location from the picture posted. If you can, comment "I Know" on the post and you could win 1 of 5 daily prizes!

#### Various Easter Activities

April 18th – 22nd

Tune into the Recreation and Community Services Facebook page as we'll be posting various Easter activities you can do during Easter break. We might even go "Live" every now and then!

#### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

April 21st at 2 p.m.

In 2022, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. The Town of Gander will mark this amazing milestone and her birthday by hosting an afternoon tea at the Quality Hotel. There will be delectable goodies, tea and entertainment. If you'd like to dress up in your "Sunday Best" or a special hat to celebrate, please feel free to do so.

More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Please call 651-5927 after April 4th to register as this event is free however, a limited # of tickets will be available.

For up-to-date information, please check the [Recreation and Community Services Facebook page](#) or visit: [www.gandercanada.com](http://www.gandercanada.com).

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#### Waste Transfer Station

Next events: April 9 & 23, 2022

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. For a fee, residents may dispose of metals, household garbage, bulk furniture, wood products, drywall and paper products.

Residents are encouraged to use this facility for all household debris and surplus items that cannot otherwise be reused, re-purposed or recycled.

[Click here for the complete 2022 schedule/fees](#)

#### Winter Parking Restrictions

End date: April 30, 2022

Winter parking restrictions will end on April 30, 2022. However, no vehicle shall be parked to interfere with snow clearing operations at any time of the year.

[Click here for complete snow clearing regulations](#)



#### Town Hall Closures

The Town Hall will be closed on Friday, April 15th for Good Friday and on Monday, April 25th for St. George's Day.

#### Garbage Schedule Changes

Holiday: April 15th

Alternate Collection Pick Up: April 14th

[Click here for Complete Garbage Collection Information](#)



#### National Volunteer Week

April 24-30, 2022



Message from Mayor Farwell

#### Gander Fire Rescue - New Pumper Truck



On March 16th, Gander Fire Rescue held a dedication and push in ceremony for their new pumper truck.

The previous truck was in service for 29 years. The new truck will be the new protector of our community for many years to come!

The net cost of this new vehicle was \$666,169, of which the Town's share was \$455,496 with the remaining amount provided by the Provincial Government.

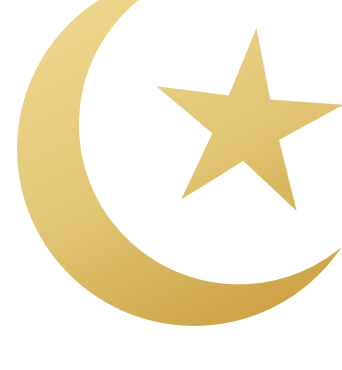
#### Ramadan in Our Community

Ramadan 2022 in Canada begins on the evening of Friday, April 1st and ends on the evening of Sunday, May 1st.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.

Gander is a diverse community and home to approximately 55 Muslims.

Ramadan Mubarak to all Muslims in our community!



#### Gander Stands with Ukraine

Council and the residents of Gander stand with Ukraine and Ukrainians around the world and throughout the province. Our thoughts are with you.

Newfoundlanders and Labradorians with relatives in Ukraine looking for safe haven in NL are encouraged to connect with the new Ukrainian Family Support Desk launched by the Provincial Government.

The contact email for the Helpdesk is [ukrainianfamily@gov.nl.ca](mailto:ukrainianfamily@gov.nl.ca).

#### Council Meeting Schedule

Next meeting: April 13, 2022 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](http://www.twitter.com/townofgander).



[Click here for Meeting Schedule and Agendas](#)

[Click here for Meeting Minutes](#)

### MARCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAM is looking at designing and installing two interpretive panel signs at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park.

#### MUNICIPAL WORKS AND SERVICES

Municipalities NL recently informed municipalities that they may be affected by the proposed changes to the Wastewater System Effluent Regulations. The Town of Gander complies with the regulations and there will be no changes required to the process currently in place.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Council reviewed a proposed set of guidelines for the use of fireworks in the community. There were a few recommended changes as well as the need for a section explaining why these guidelines are necessary. It is Council's hope that this will be sufficient in alleviating concerns raised and educate residents on the need for respect when using fireworks within the community. The brochure will also be made available to those selling fireworks to include with purchases.

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Council has given authority for the Town to enter into a contract with Cecon Development Corporation for Eastgate Subdivision Phase 10, Bannock Street. This development would create 10 single residential and one duplex building lot.

#### GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Dean of Nursing advised that she is optimistic that there will be sufficient enrolment to offer the Bachelor of Nursing program in Gander, starting in September 2022.

#### CORPORATE SERVICES

Council will re-allocate funds in the Public Safety and Protective Services budget to allow for the creation of a 28 week term position for an additional Municipal Enforcement Officer.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The cost of designing, printing and distributing brochures for the Festival of Flight has significantly increased, and the process involves many hours of staff time. Council recognizes that some residents may wish to have the information in a traditional paper format, but also acknowledges the financial and environmental cost of distributing thousands of brochures that are a duplication of information that is available online. Council will be discussing options further.

#### Drawing Contest

### TOWN OF GANDER'S KIDS DRAWING CONTEST

Have your drawing featured in our monthly newsletter!

This month's theme: Mental Health and Awareness Month

Draw something that makes you happy!

Submit your drawing to [communications@gandercanada.com](mailto:communications@gandercanada.com) by April 25th for a chance to have your drawing featured in May's newsletter!



April's winner: Judy Noble, Gander