

Gander Residents to Benefit From New Sport Multiplex that will Support Healthy and Active Lifestyles

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Today, the Honourable Derrick Bragg, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure; Scott Simms, Member of Parliament for Coast of Bays—Central—Notre Dame, on behalf of the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; and Percy Farwell, Mayor of the Town of Gander, announced funding for a new sport multiplex facility in the Town of Gander. They were joined at the announcement by the Honourable John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services and MHA for Gander.

The new facility will include a FIFA regulation-sized outdoor soccer field, and an eight lane 400-metre rubberized running track.

This sports facility will be an important hub for the community, providing residents with an inclusive place to gather and connect, and will promote active and healthy lifestyles for decades to come. It will also create immediate and long term jobs and promote economic growth in the Town of Gander at a time when our country and local communities need it most.

The Government of Canada is investing more than \$2.2 million toward this project through the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream (CCRIS) of the Investing in Canada plan. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Town of Gander are also contributing over \$2.2 million to this project.

Quotes

“Health and wellness are very important to this government and the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. The construction of this new multiplex will provide an opportunity for residents of Gander and surrounding areas to live an active lifestyle by participating in outdoor activities.”

Honourable Derrick Bragg
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

“As the MHA for the District of Gander, I am delighted for the opportunities the new multiplex will bring to our community and the surrounding area. Gander is known as a

hub for sports and recreation in our province and adding a state-of-the-art soccer field and running track will further attract new sporting events and support the local business economy. As the minister responsible for wellness, I hope many people take advantage of the new facility as another way to stay active and healthy.”

Honourable John Haggie

Minister of Health and Community Services

MHA for Gander

“Investing in modern, accessible recreation infrastructure is essential to building healthy and resilient communities. The construction of the new multiplex, soccer and track and field facility in Gander will provide a place for residents and families to connect and stay active. We are proud to work with our partners to deliver this important project to the community. It is an example of how Canada’s infrastructure plan invests in thousands of projects, creates jobs across the country and builds stronger communities.”

Scott Simms, Member of Parliament for Coast of Bays—Central—Notre Dame, on behalf of the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

“Council is excited to have the financial support of government to proceed with phase one of an initiative that will serve recreational, community health, social, and economic needs in Gander and throughout the surrounding region. Today’s announcement enables us to proceed immediately with phase one construction, creating local employment for the construction industry and resulting in a facility that residents and stakeholders throughout the region and across the province can enjoy. Financial support from other levels of government is critical to enabling the Town of Gander to continue to move forward as a progressive community, and regional service center, with quality infrastructure developed in a fiscally responsible manner.”

Percy Farwell

Mayor of the Town of Gander

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