

# Media Release

## Town of Gander

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### **Council brings down 21.1M budget for 2023, revealing growth in Gander.**

*(Gander, NL – December 12, 2022)* On Monday, December 12th, Corporate Services Chair, Councillor Wilson Hoffe, presented the Town Council of Gander’s budget for 2023.

The overall operating budget for 2023 has matching revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$21,115,088, an increase of \$1,217,876 or 6.1% over the 2022 budget. The current mil rate of 7.6 mils for residential properties and 7.7mils for commercial properties will remain unchanged.

Councillor Hoffe recognized that increases in the cost of living have caused financial hardships for many, especially for those with a lower household income. To help offset rising costs, Council will be increasing the threshold of income levels for tax reductions.

Council will continue its commitment to recreation and community programming, with a \$700,000 investment to expand, maintain, and upgrade recreation infrastructure. Eastgate and Spruce Court Subdivisions will see new playgrounds and Cobb’s Pond Rotary Park will acquire an accessibility ramp.

Additionally, spending in the amount of \$273,210 has been allocated for new programs of which \$161,700 is for one-time expenditures, including a \$75,000 contribution toward hosting the 2024 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games and \$86,000 for projects being undertaken by the SPCA, Gander Golf Course and the Nordic Ski Club. Council will also be offering further support to community groups through the increases in funding to the Hosting Grants and Community Partnerships Programs.

“Inflation has been a financial burden for many and we recognize the need to reduce further financial impact on taxpayers by limiting new expenditures while maintaining services and ensuring investments for future growth.” – **Councillor Wilson Hoffe, Chair of Corporate Services.**

The budget presentation and schedule of tax rates and fees are now available at [www.gandercanada.com/budgets](http://www.gandercanada.com/budgets) and will be available at the Town Hall as of December 13, 2022.

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