



**Council Awards Wastewater Treatment Plant Contract to Pomerleau Inc.  
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In the July 19th, 2018 Special Public Meeting of Council, the Gander Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Build Contract was awarded to Pomerleau Inc. for the value of \$18,748,500 plus HST.

Funding for the project was secured through the Build Canada Fund under the Provincial - Territorial Infrastructure component with a Federal contribution of \$11,686,331, a Provincial contribution of \$10,375,000 and the tax payers of Gander contributing \$13,001,169.

The technology brought forward by the recommended vendor is an aerated lagoon, a simple wastewater treatment system consisting of a manufactured water body with artificial aeration to promote the biological oxidation of wastewaters. This technology is best suited in areas where land is available and there are highly variable flows, typical to that found in Gander.

Council has secured land to the south east of Whitman’s Pond for the placement of the new facility and has ensured adequate room for future expansion of the facility as the Town continues to grow. The proponent has indicated an estimated 18 month construction period from the time of award.

**Quote**

“The provision of high quality wastewater treatment services that meets or exceeds Federal standards is a critical function of Council, particularly in a growing community like Gander where our infrastructure must be able to keep pace with our growth. We are excited to finally be in a position to award the major contract for the design and build of our new facility after what has been a prolonged and, for many of us, frustrating process since initiating this project several years ago. Council is committed to working with our contractor and consultants to ensure timely completion of this major initiative.” – Mayor Farwell, Town of Gander

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**Backgrounder:**

In 2009, the Town Council of the Town of Gander undertook an Integrated Communities Sustainability Plan. The number one sustainability initiative identified was sewage treatment, specifically the replacement of the two existing antiquated sewage treatment facilities. The town was experiencing and continues to experience strong growth in both the residential and commercial sectors. Council wanted to ensure the infrastructure was in place to support this continued growth.

During the same period, it was speculated that Federal regulators were developing new and more stringent wastewater regulations of which Gander's existing facilities would likely not meet. This prompted Council to immediately engage a consultant for recommendations on a plan to move forward. Council struck a steering committee consisting of town official's, stakeholders and government regulators and tasked them to secure sources of funding, land suitable for a new facility, a design, and management and construction team to bring this project to fruition.