



TOWN OF GANDER

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Council pleased that obstetric services have been re-instated in Gander

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The Town Council of Gander is pleased with the Central Regional Health Authority's re-instatement of obstetrical services in Gander, after years of James Paton Memorial Hospital being unable to provide these services.

Expecting mothers will no longer be burdened with travel for check-ups and deliveries and Registered Nurses will no longer be required to commute to the Regional Health Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor.

"Finally, we have reached the end of a long and very frustrating period for families throughout the central-northeast part of this province and dedicated nursing staff who have been forced to commute during this period. We know that it has been frustrating for Central Health as well. Delivery of this service is vital to a hospital that services such a large area and it is crucial that there be no further interruptions in service. While we appreciate that Central Health has delayed reinstatement of this service to ensure a sustainable model is in place, and we are encouraged by the introduction of midwifery services in the area in recent months to support recent obstetric hires, extended interruption of an essential service like obstetrics is unacceptable. The Town of Gander is committed to working with Central Health to provide any support appropriate in efforts to prevent future diversions." – *Mayor Farwell, Town of Gander*

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