

# Media Release

## Town of Gander

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## Town of Gander reaches agreement with Unifor 597

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The Town of Gander has reached an agreement with its unionized workforce, represented by Unifor.

The new collective agreement covers the period of May 2022 to May 2026. The contract includes a wage increase of 7.5% over 4 years, an additional 0.5% increase to pension, and a \$1000 signing bonus. Minor adjustments in rates and allowances are also included.

As part of the agreement, the Town will pay out remaining severance to staff and eliminate the benefit going forward.

Unifor 597 represents a total of 51 members of the Town of Gander’s staff including Municipal Works and Community Services staff.

“Our Council is pleased to have reached a new agreement with our unionized workers and we appreciate the efforts of all parties engaged in these negotiations. As with any negotiated agreement, the objective is always for both parties to engage in good faith and achieve an outcome that is fair and respects the relevant priorities of each. We are pleased that this has been accomplished without service disruption or undue hardship for our valued employees and the taxpayers who avail of, and pay for, the services provided.”- **Mayor Percy Farwell, Town of Gander.**

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