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### **Town of Gander Pleased to Host the 2022 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games**

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On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, during the Silver Jets Figure Skating Ice Show, Minister Haggie announced that the Town of Gander has been successful in their bid application to be the host community for the 2022 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games.

Initiated in 1976, and held every two years, the Games provide a competitive sport experience and support a pathway for athletes aspiring to represent the province at a national level. Approximately 1600 athletes, ranging in age from 11 to 18 years old, and coaches participate.

The Town of Gander last hosted the Winter Games in 2002. The application process to host the 2022 Games began in 2017 when staff, with Council's support, prepared a bid application. During this process, the Town of Gander received support for their bid from various groups such as the provincial school board, federal government, local hotels and sport organizations.

“Council is very excited that our bid to host the 2022 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games has been successful. The Games represent a highlight in the lives of the young athletes from around the province who will participate, and we are committed to providing an experience that they will always remember. Organization of such an event is a daunting task, but we are confident in the capacity of our community and its volunteers and supporters to rise to the occasion, as they have so many times before, to make the 2022 Winter Games a great success!”

*– Mayor Percy Farwell*

Council is encouraging residents to come together and volunteer their time to ensure the success of this worthwhile event. Those interested in getting involved should contact the Town of Gander's Recreation and Community Services Department at 651-5927.

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