

Media Release

Town of Gander



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Town of Gander hosts grand opening of new Wastewater Treatment Plant

(Gander, NL – June 9, 2022)

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held today at 2 p.m. to celebrate the grand opening of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Percy Farwell was joined by Churence Rogers, Member of Parliament for Bonavista—Burin—Trinity, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities; Honourable Elvis Loveless, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, on behalf of Premier Andrew Furey; and Honourable John Haggie, Member of the House of Assembly for Gander district.

All representatives were given the opportunity to speak at the event. Mayor Farwell thanked the funding partners for making the project possible and the representatives for joining him to celebrate this milestone.

Funding for the project was secured through the New Building Canada Fund – National and Regional Projects under the Provincial - Territorial Infrastructure component with a Federal contribution of a maximum of \$11,686,331, a Provincial contribution of a maximum of \$10,375,000 and the Town of Gander contributing \$13,001,169 and 100% of any budget overruns.

The facilities include a pumping station and a wastewater treatment plant, consisting of an operations and chlorination building, plus four outdoor gravity lagoons, each measuring approximately 65,532 m².

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is currently in operation and will continue to be a great asset to the Town, in providing a clean and safe community for many years to come.

Quotes:

“Gander’s new wastewater treatment plant will protect the health of one of Newfoundland and Labrador’s most precious assets - our waters. I am proud that our Government is partnering with the provincial government to make this important project happen.”

Churence Rogers, Member of Parliament for Bonavista—Burin—Trinity, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities

“Gander’s new wastewater treatment facility will help protect the local environment. This was a substantial project and our government is happy to have contributed more than \$10 million to help build the facility. Our provincial budget includes more than \$73 million for community infrastructure projects and \$10 million for municipal capital works projects. We look forward to working with Newfoundland and Labrador communities on more infrastructure this year.”

Honourable Elvis Loveless, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

“I was pleased to work with the Town of Gander and the Provincial and Federal Governments to bring this project to completion. It is a state-of-the-art wastewater plant and one of very few such in the Province. Fresh, clean, safe water is crucial to the health and well-being of the residents of Gander.”

John Haggie, Member of the House of Assembly - District of Gander

“Today is a proud day for our Council. We are so pleased to showcase our state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facilities. Council prioritizes investing in renewing and modernizing municipal infrastructure, as it is essential to sustain a healthy and resilient community. The new plant ensures continuous and reliable service, confirms Council’s commitment to the environment, and supports continued residential and commercial growth in this primary growth centre.”

Mayor Percy Farwell, Town of Gander

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