



TOWN OF GANDER

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Council grateful for posting of RCMP's Eastern District Policing Officer to Gander

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The Town Council of Gander is expressing appreciation to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for their decision to establish Gander as a logistical and command hub for RCMP operations throughout the eastern region of the province.

Strategically located and home to the Gander International Airport, Canadian Forces Base 9 Wing Gander and the 103 Search and Rescue Squadron, Gander is ideally suited to support their RCMP and their policing mandate.

"Given the fact that the Gander region has the largest number of Detachments in the Eastern District and is strategically positioned with key infrastructure and services, establishing the town as the central hub for the District makes sense," said Assistant Commissioner, Ches Parsons, Commanding Officer of RCMP Newfoundland and Labrador. "RCMP Superintendent Dan Austin will fill the position of District Policing Officer responsible for Eastern."

Mayor Percy Farwell, Town of Gander, noted "This enhanced role in Gander is very important, as it represents a commitment to establish a level of authority here that has not existed for some time and can be expected to strengthen the presence and effectiveness of policing resources in the area going forward. Many thanks to Assistant Commissioner, Ches Parsons for his vision and leadership. We look forward to continuing our solid relationship with the RCMP."

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