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Public Notices



Upcoming 2024 Waste Transfer Dates

June 8th July 13th

Operating: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit: <u>www.gandercanada.com</u> for more information.

All Town of Gander facilities & Admin Offices will



June 21, 2024

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY!

Honouring the rich cultural history of Indigenous communities

be CLOSED on June 24th



Town of Gander facilities & Admin offices will be CLOSED July 1st Garbage collection has been rescheduled to Wednesday, July 3rd









If I were Mayor I would...













Town of Gander would like to thank Community Services, Public Works, Municipal Enforcement, Gander Fire Rescue, Council and Staff for making #MunicipalAwarenessWeek2024 a huge success!



Town Council



Council Meeting Schedule: Next meeting: June 12, 2024 at 4 p.m.

Members of the public can attend at the Town Hall or view from home on RogersTV Channel 9 or www.rogerstv.com/gander. The Town of Gander also live tweets during the meeting at www.twitter.com/townofgander.

Click here for meeting schedule and agendas Click here for meeting minutes

May 8th Council Meeting Highlights

- The drawing for the new playground being developed at Briggs Street was reviewed. The project is being developed with the potential for future additions. This current project will include a playground set, swing set and grass play area.
- The CAO presented the results of an exercise to plan the development of smaller and more economical homes. The exercise involved the use of pre-manufactured mini style homes placed on smaller, more affordable lots. Economic Development Committee believes that the exercise was a good first step showing that the choice of housing can include more affordable options. It was noted that a move toward these types of developments will require changes to Council's zoning and building regulations.
- On April 23rd, Uber launched its ride-sharing service in NL. Committee feels Uber would be well received in Gander and a good complement to the existing transportation services. Staff have been asked to review Council regulations to determine impact of availability of ride-sharing services.
- The Rolling Barrage Motorcycle Ride will travel coast to coast to raise awareness for PTSD with First Responders, Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans, as well as Coast Guards. They will arrive at Town Hall on July 28,2024 at 4:15pm. Gander Fire Rescue will be escorting them.
- Planning & Public Works Committee reviewed a development application to renovate the existing building at 3 McCurdy Dr. to accommodate a 4-unit apartment complex. Correspondence was reviewed by Council, but after careful consideration, it was recommended that the application be approved.
- Furthermore, Committee reviewed a development application to operate a golf simulator/putting green at 132 Bennett Dr. (Gander Mall). Discretionary use was advertised with no objections being received. Committee recommended discretionary use be approved.
- Committee was presented with the Issued for Review construction drawings for Trail System Upgrades on Cooper Boulevard. The proposed scope of work will see upgrades to the section of trailway just south of Memorial Drive through to the Derby Pit access road. This project is being funded by the Federal Active Transportation Fund, which is providing \$400 million in federal funding over five years to support a modal shift away from cars. Gander has received a part of this Federal funding and hopes trail upgrades will encourage more physical activity.
 Governance and Legislative Services Committee reviewed a proposal from VocaLinks to equip Town of Gander's website with assistive technology, suggesting the absence of tools that aid individuals with disabilities like impaired vision or English proficiency. It was determined that the existing website already incorporates built-in accessibility features that align with recommendations, but it has become evident that information on the availability accessibility options could be improved. In spirit of continuous improvement, an accessibility page has been added to the website, giving more concise instructions on how to deploy those tools.
- The Committee is pleased to report that Town of Gander's application for the Celebrate Canada Funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage has been approved for \$5,000. This grant will support our local Celebrate Canada activities for the fiscal year 2024-2025.
- Committee deliberated the ongoing discussion regarding proposed roundabout at Memorial Dr and Cooper Blvd. NAV Canada expressed concerns about potential traffic disruptions during construction and has suggested using part of their property to facilitate temporary traffic flow. They also raised issues regarding the lack of safe pedestrian access for their 362 staff members and suggested considering controlled crossings to improve safety and connectivity. Incorporation of these considerations are important to ensure the safety and efficiency of the project.

June 2024 Events		
Event	Date/Time	Additional Information
Pride Month	Events throughout the entire month of June!	<u>https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?</u> id=100079550388050
Fly Your Car in Gander	June 1st 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Steele Community Centre <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1419741</u> <u>85862619/</u>
Waste Transfer Station	June 8th 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	More information on rates and fees is available at <u>www.gandercanada.com</u> or by calling 709-651-5938
Street Jam Gander	June 8th & 9th 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Steele Community Centre <u>https://www.streetjam.ca/events-1/street-</u> <u>jam-gander-1</u>
Regular Meeting of Council	June 12th 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Watch Live: rogersTV.com/gander Live posts on X: @townofgander Agendas: gandercanada.com
100th Anniversary RCAF Gala Event	June 14th Starting at 6 p.m.	Gander Airport International Lounge Tickets available at: <u>Bkk.cfmws.com/ganderpub</u>
Seniors Wellness Program	June 19th 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Steele Community Centre Call 709-651-5927 to reserve Space is limited!
National Indigenous Peoples' Day	June 21st	Check our Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/TownofGander</u> for forthcoming events and times

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