

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



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PUBLIC NOTICES



2025 Festival of Flight - July 31 - August 4, 2025

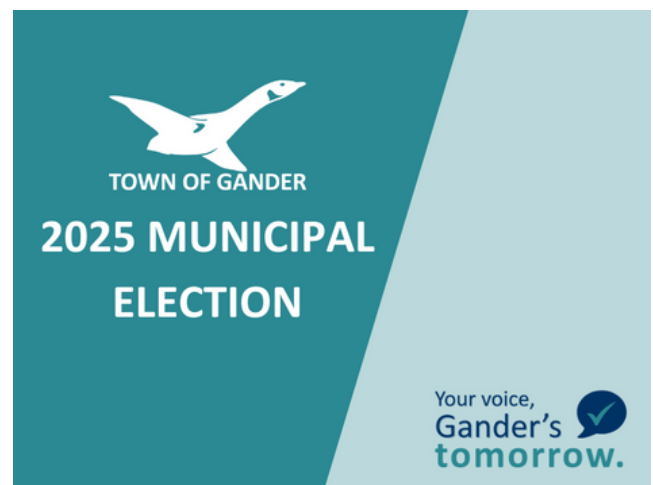
The schedule's packed again this year, with events for all ages. From kids' activities and live music to fireworks and community gatherings, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Check out the schedule [here](#).

2025 Municipal Election - October 2, 2025

Participating in the municipal election is a vital way to contribute to Gander's growth and well-being. Stay informed, ask questions, and make your mark on decisions that impact our town's future.

For Candidate and Voter information please visit:
<https://www.gandercanada.com/election>



NEW FIRE BAN PROCEDURE



Change in fire ban procedure for Gander – Summer 2025
Gander Fire/Rescue will now follow the Provincial Fire Hazard Map in applying fire bans in Gander. View the map here: gov.nl.ca/fire-hazard-map

What this means

- A fire ban is in place any time Gander is marked “Very High” or “Extreme” on the Provincial Fire Hazard Map.
- That map is the official way to check fire ban status.

Will GFR post on Facebook?

Yes, but those are just reminders. Always go by the Provincial Fire Hazard Map for the latest info.

Can GFR issue its own ban?

Yes, if needed or in emergencies.

Questions or need help?

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2025 Waste Transfer Schedule

The Town of Gander, in partnership with PBO Industrial Disposal Inc., operates a waste transfer station located on McCurdy Drive, next to the Public Works Depot.

Upcoming events:

- August 9
- September 13
- October 18

Visit www.gandercanada.com/garbage for more information.



Council Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for August 6, 2025 at 4 p.m.

Attend in-person or view from home at www.rogerstv.com/gander. Live updates are provided at www.x.com/townofgander.

[Click here for meeting schedule, agendas and minutes](#)

Event Calendar

Stay up to date with everything happening in the Town of Gander!

Check out our frequently updated event calendar for all the latest information:

<https://events.gandercanada.com>



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Come From Away - Opening Night

The audience laughed, cried, and rose to their feet, filled with pride for Gander and NL. Directed by Jillian Keiley, this version brings the story home in a powerful way.

After the show, we hosted a reception in the International Lounge to thank and congratulate the cast, crew, and team who helped bring it all to life.

The Honourable Fred Hutton, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation, joined and spoke about what the production means to the province.

Performances run through August 31, with shows Thursdays to Sundays. Tickets are still available now: www.comefromawaygander.ca

2025 Canada Games Torch Relay

The Canada Games torch passed through town on July 17, carried by local torchbearers.

Huge shoutout to everyone who came out to cheer them on. Best of luck to everyone participating in the games August 8 - 25 in St. John's!



Gander Pride Week - Flag Raising

Gander Pride led a great week of events celebrating identity and inclusion. We were proud to help raise the Pride flag and kick off Gander Pride week.

Thank you to Premier Hogan and all who showed up to support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Broadening Horizons Tour of Town Hall!

Broadening Horizons dropped by Town Hall for a closer look at how local government works.

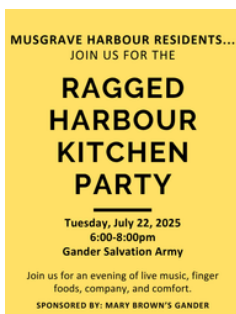
They had a great chat with Council during a Q&A session and toured different departments to learn more about the services that keep our town running!

Musgrave Harbour Evacuation Response



On Sunday, July 20, the Town of Gander was called upon to support evacuees from Musgrave Harbour due to a wildfire. In response, we quickly activated a emergency coordination role and began working through the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre, Canadian Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

The Steele Community Centre was established as the main hub for evacuee services, with the Town providing logistical and operational support, and sharing updates to keep both the public and evacuees informed.



The response from community organizations, volunteers, and local businesses was truly outstanding. Together, we offered food, shelter, essential services, and meaningful moments of comfort and connection during a difficult time.

The evacuation order was lifted on Friday, July 25, and we're relieved to know that Musgrave Harbour residents returned home safely.

We want to sincerely thank the first responders, emergency partners, and everyone who continues to work tirelessly to manage the wildfire.



Council Highlights

NOTABLE ITEMS



Planning and Public Works Report (May 22 – June 25, 2025):

- 5 residential permits issued (4 single-family dwellings, 1 semi-detached)
- Seasonal maintenance: pothole/asphalt repairs, street sweeping, lawn restoration
- Spring water main flushing nearing completion
- Flooding mitigation: Ditching completed on Magee Road
- Ongoing infrastructure upgrades and facility work



Development Highlights:

- Cluster Development (Briggs & Hughes Streets) – Approved for 1 single and 1 double dwelling, using existing services
- 6 Lacey Place – Approved a 10% height variance for an accessory building
- 57 MacDonald Drive – Accessory Building Regulations amended to allow swimming pool placement in the flanking yard
- 31 Read Street – \$14,150 in Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) support approved for a secondary suite



Home Based Business Applications:

- 19 Jackson Place – Nail enhancement service (one chair, by appointment only). Approved as a discretionary use; public notification completed with no objections.



Procurement Highlights

- Road Salt (2025–2026) – Avalon Coal, Salt & Oil awarded \$235,248.60
- Bell Internet Services – Contract renewed (~\$5,000/month); upgrades include fibre to Water Treatment Plant
- Street Upgrades (OC25-04) – Contract awarded to Springdale Forest Resources Inc. for \$952,072.35 (under budget by \$132,627.68)



Strategic Initiatives:

- Transit Needs Assessment: \$57,500 contract awarded to Colliers Project Leaders; includes case studies, public engagement, and a final report
- Exploration underway for new industrial area near former landfill and extension of Dickens Street commercial lots
- Climate Change Challenge Fund: \$251,766.56 awarded for fuel switching project at Public Works Depot

IMPORTANT DATES

July 31 – August 4: Festival of Flight

August 9: Waste Transfer Station (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

September 2–4: Municipal Election Nomination Period

