



**TOWN OF GANDER
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday, November 13, 2025, 01:00 PM
Council Chambers**

Council Present:

Percy Farwell, Mayor
Pat Woodford, Councillor
Sheldon Handcock, Councillor
Tara Pollett, Deputy Mayor
Krystle West, Councillor
Samantha Abbott, Councillor

Staff Present:

Brad Hefford, Chief Administrative Officer/Town Clerk/Director of Governance and Legislative Services
Alexa Oldford, Manager of Governance and Legislative Services
James Blackwood, Director of Planning and Public Works
Kelly Hiscock, Director of Corporate Services
Jerry Knee, Director of Community Services
Dave Shea, Fire Chief
Kayla White, Manager of Communications, Branding and Partnerships

Regrets:

Jim Lidstone, Councillor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Percy Farwell, Mayor at 1:05 pm.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Farwell delivered the Land Acknowledgement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Woodford

Seconded By Councillor Handcock

THAT the agenda for the November 13, 2025 Special Meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

For (6): Mayor Farwell, Councillor Woodford, Councillor Handcock, Deputy Mayor Pollett, Councillor West, and Councillor Abbott

Carried (6 to 0)

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 30 Byrd Avenue - Remediation Order

Multiple concerns have been received from nearby residents regarding the deteriorating condition of the private property located at 30 Byrd Avenue. The property has been deemed derelict, with significant refuse accumulation, and has reportedly attracted rodent activity, posing a health and safety concern to the surrounding neighbourhood. In response, the Town of Gander has completed an inspection of the property and is prepared to issue a formal Removal and Remediation Order to the property owner, in accordance with its authority under section 102 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*, section 41 of the *Occupancy and Maintenance Regulations*, and section 285 of the *Towns and Local Service Districts Act, 2023*.

While a mandatory compliance period must be observed following service of the order, the Town recognizes the urgency of the pest control issue and, under the current extenuating circumstances, is prepared to proceed with emergency pest control measures along the property boundary and within the Town-owned easement to mitigate further impact.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Pollett

Seconded By Councillor Handcock

THAT the Town of Gander immediately procure pest control services on an emergency basis to address rodent activity along the boundary and within the Town-owned easement adjacent to the property located at 30 Byrd Avenue, pursuant to its authority under section 285 of the *Towns and Local Service Districts Act, 2023*.

For (6): Mayor Farwell, Councillor Woodford, Councillor Handcock, Deputy Mayor Pollett, Councillor West, and Councillor Abbott

Carried (6 to 0)

Moved By Deputy Mayor Pollett

Seconded By Councillor Abbott

THAT a Removal and Remediation Order be issued to the property owners of 30 Byrd Avenue under section 102 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, section 41 of the Occupancy and Maintenance Regulations, and section 285 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act, 2023, to require the removal of debris and implementation of appropriate pest control measures.

For (6): Mayor Farwell, Councillor Woodford, Councillor Handcock, Deputy Mayor Pollett, Councillor West, and Councillor Abbott

Carried (6 to 0)

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Woodford

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Pollett

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:13 pm.

For (6): Mayor Farwell, Councillor Woodford, Councillor Handcock, Deputy Mayor Pollett, Councillor West, and Councillor Abbott

Carried (6 to 0)

P. Farwell, Mayor

B. Hefford, Town Clerk