**TOWN OF GANDER**
**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**
**Monday, October 19, 2026, 11:00 AM**
**Council Chambers**

Council Present:
Percy Farwell, Mayor
Pat Woodford, Councillor
Sheldon Handcock, Councillor
Tara Pollett, Deputy Mayor
Jim Lidstone, Councillor
Krystle West, 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
Dave Shea, Fire Chief

Regrets:
Samantha Abbott, Councillor

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Farwell at 11:05 am.

## 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

"We acknowledge that the lands on which we gather are situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Beothuk [bee-oth-uck], and Mi'kmaq [mee-gum-maq] Nations. We also acknowledge Labrador as the traditional homelands of the Innu [in-new], and Inuit [in-new-eet].

We strive to be responsible stewards of the land and commit ourselves to working in a spirit of truth and reconciliation. Therefore, the Town of Gander has an inherent responsibility to foster healthier relationships with First Peoples and further the Calls to Action as outlined by the Truth

and Reconciliation Commission."

## 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the Special Meeting of Council was presented for approval.

Resolution: **26-254**
**Moved By** Councillor Pollett
**Seconded By** Councillor Handcock
THAT the agenda for the October 19, 2026 Special meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

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

**Carried (6 to 0)**

## 4. STANDING COUNCIL BUSINESS

## 5. ADMINISTRATION

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Recission of Motions

#### a. Rescission of Motion 26-145

Council reviewed the status of the previously approved application to subdivide Lot 283 Waterton Street into two legal properties. It was noted that the applicant has voluntarily withdrawn their application and that the associated development permits have been cancelled. As the applicant is no longer proceeding with the proposed subdivision, the previously granted subdivision approval is no longer required.

I move,

Resolution: **26-255**
**Moved By** Councillor Woodford
**Seconded By** Councillor Lidstone
**THAT** Motion 26-145, which approved subdivision of Lot 283 Waterton Street into two legal properties, be rescinded.

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

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**b. Rescission of Motion 26-147**

Council reviewed the status of the previously approved variance for 33 Waterton Street. It was noted that the applicant has voluntarily withdrawn their application and that the associated development permits have been cancelled. As the applicant is no longer proceeding with the proposed development, the previously granted variance approval is no longer required.

I move,

Resolution: **26-256**
**Moved By** Councillor West
**Seconded By** Councillor Pollett
**THAT** Motion 26-147, which approved a variance to the side yard requirement at 33 Waterton Street from 3.0 metres to 2.85 metres to accommodate the construction of a residential dwelling unit, be rescinded.

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

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**6.2 CHIF Application**

Council is presented with a proposal to submit an application under the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure's Municipal Capital Works Program for the Penney Avenue Development Initiative.

The project is intended to support Gander's growing housing demand by creating a sustainable and inclusive neighbourhood capable of accommodating more than 100 residential units across a range of housing types and affordability levels. The development will provide walkable access to schools, recreation facilities, services, and commercial

amenities while supporting future mixed-use growth and economic development within the community.

The project includes the detailed design, tendering, and construction of municipal infrastructure required to service the Penney Avenue extension to Cooper Boulevard, including storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water distribution, roadway construction, drainage infrastructure, and the development of fully serviced lands for future residential and neighbourhood commercial development.

The total estimated project cost is $6,014,280.46, including HST, with the Town's required contribution being $1,804,284.13, including HST.

I move,

Resolution: **26-257**
**Moved By** Councillor Woodford
**Seconded By** Councillor Lidstone
**THAT** the Town of Gander apply for cost-shared funding through the Municipal Capital Works Call for Applications administered by the Municipal Infrastructure Division of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for the Penney Avenue Development Initiative in the amount of $6,014,280.46, including HST.

The Town of Gander agrees to provide its required municipal contribution of $1,804,284.13, including HST, should the project be approved for funding, and further acknowledges that any costs exceeding the approved project budget shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Gander.

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

**Carried (6 to 0)**

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Farwell requested a motion for adjournment.

Resolution: **26-258**
**Moved By** Councillor Woodford
**Seconded By** Councillor Pollett

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 12:24 pm

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

**Carried (6 to 0)**

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P. Farwell, Mayor

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A. Oldford, Town Clerk