

Small Business Week 2023

The Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce is celebrating small business owners during Small Business Week. Our annual Small Business Week luncheon is being held Oct. 19 at the Gander Curling Club. We'd like to thank our sponsors for allowing us to celebrate small business owners - BDC, CIBC, TD Canada Trust, Scotiabank, CBDC and the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology.

Small Business Profile

Evexia Osteopathy

Jaime Evans, owner of Evexia Osteopathy, always dreamed of owning her own business. "I love being my own boss," she says. "It's very rewarding but it can also be very hard. I've been very fortunate to have great mentors along the way and the support of family."

Osteopathy is a whole-body therapy that works from head to toe and can help restore function to the entire body. "Osteopathy can help relieve pain, whether it is neck pain, back pain, migraines, arthritis and so much more," says Jaime. "I really enjoy working with pregnant women as well helping them get ready to give birth, it is extremely rewarding." Jaime is also trained in providing Cold Laser Therapy and Craniosacral Therapy. "It is a very safe, non-invasive and gentle form of manual therapy," she adds. "Our main goal is to restore the body to optimal function and balance."

Owning a small business comes with its struggles, but Jaime says just do it! "There will always be fear, but don't be afraid to reach out for help and reach out to your local Chamber they are there to help too."



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Welcome New Members

Adventure Trail Group

This group of hard working volunteers has been diligently working to develop the Lakeside Trail, a new 7.1 km hiking trail you can access behind our own Tourist Information Centre. The Trail can also be accessed from Thomas Howe Demonstration Forest and the Silent Witness Memorial.

George Saloum Dentistry

With more than 20 years of experience in dentistry, Dr. George Saloum and his team are devoted to providing personalized, state-of-the-art care to their patients offering a wide range of dental services, from general family dentistry to restorative procedures and cosmetic services. Their friendly and knowledgeable staff go the extra mile to ensure your experience is as comfortable and pleasant as possible.



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Chamber meets with PAL Airlines

The Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce invited regional stakeholders to a meeting with PAL Airlines on October 5th to learn about their new agreement with Air Canada to operate out of Gander.

This new agreement with Air Canada that will see it operate flights between Gander and Halifax under the Air Canada Express branding beginning on November 1, 2023.

The three-year agreement will have two flights running daily out of Gander to Halifax including the current 2:30 p.m. flight and a new evening flight at 7:30 p.m., which will double capacity. Under the agreement PAL Airlines will also operate flights to Halifax out of St. John's, Deer Lake and Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

"Passengers can book their flights directly through Air Canada, which took a great deal of work behind the scenes in terms of technology," explains Janine

PAL Airlines Quick Facts

- 11 Companies
- 1950+ Employees
- More than 1,000 Employed In Newfoundland and Labrador
- PAL has grown substantially since 2020, increasing the number of employees by 60% with the majority of these skilled positions in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- 50 Years in operation
- 14 aircraft

Browne of PAL Airlines. "For the passengers they can still earn and redeem Aeroplan points, the planes may have PAL on the tail, but they are still Air Canada Express flights."

As the largest independent airline in Eastern Canada, PAL Airlines will still maintain it's own local flights within our province.

Welcome New Members

Exploits Discovery Corp.

Part of the new gold rush in central Newfoundland, Exploits Discovery Corp. is a Canadian mineral exploration company focused on the acquisition and development of gold projects in our region. The Company holds the Bullseye, Gazeebow South, True Grit, Great Bend, Mt. Peyton, and Jonathan's Pond projects.

BDO Debt Solutions

BDO Debt Solutions believes everyone can get out of debt, turn the page, and live a debt-free life. BDO Licensed Insolvency Trustees are licensed to provide consumer proposal and bankruptcy services, two legislated forms of debt relief. They provide one-on-one counselling and dedicated support to help you reach your goals. Debt is not the end of your story. Your next chapter is waiting.

Eady Group Real Estate

Are you looking for your dream home in Gander, Newfoundland? Look no further! Marc and Sharayah Eady, are dedicated to helping you find the perfect property in this beautiful area. They know Gander and its real estate market inside out. Whether you're buying, selling or wishing to build a home, they are here to guide you every step of the way.

Know of a business that would make a great Chamber member? Have them contact us today at jmills@ganderareachamber.ca.



Welcoming Post-Secondary Students

The Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce was so pleased to partner with the Town of Gander, Association for New Canadians, College of the North Atlantic and MUN School of Nursing to host a welcome party for new post-secondary students to Gander on Sept. 12 at the Gander Lions Club. A great time was had by all!



Student Job Fair

Our first Student Job Fair was held at the College of the North Atlantic on September 15 and we would like to thank the companies and organizations who participated:

Canadian Tire
College of the North Atlantic
Gander International Airport
PAL Airlines
Rogers TV
Steele Hotels

There were lots of students on hand with resumes who got an opportunity to meet with employers. We were so pleased to facilitate this event for our members and students.

We are hoping to have even more companies take part next year, so if you are looking for some great part-time help in the fall please keep an eye out for our Student Job Fair notice.

Thank you to our Members

When we put out the word to our members that we were going to put together a special welcome package for new post-secondary students coming to study in Gander at the College of the North Atlantic, MUN School of Nursing and Gander Flight Training, we couldn't have been more appreciative or grateful for the response from our fabulous members!

A big thank you to the following businesses and organizations who stepped forward with freebies, deals and coupons for incoming students:

Association for New Canadians
Axe Shed
Booster Juice
Central Office Equipment
Computer Shack
Corner Pocket Sports Bar and Billards Room
Gander International Airport
Jumping Bean
Jungle Jim's
Lakeview Chrysler
Legends Lounge and Grill
Pizza Delight
Riverside Construction
Steele Hotels
Subway
Town of Gander
Town Square Book Stop
YQX Crossfit

We are hoping to make this an annual initiative and look forward to showing new students all of the amazing businesses that Gander and Area have to offer.



Congratulations to Adventure Trail Group

Congratulations to one of our newest members, the Adventure Trail Group, on the grand opening of their Lakeside Trail.

Something like this does not happen overnight, it took years of dedicated work by a group of amazing volunteers who had a vision and made it a reality.

The Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce is so proud to have played a small part in their success story and we were thrilled they decided to have their grand opening on our beautiful deck.

Come check out their hiking trail to Gander Lake behind our Tourist Information Centre at 109 Trans Canada Highway. You can also access the Lakeside Trail from Thomas Howe Demonstration Forest and the Silent Witness Memorial.



Member Appreciation BBQ

The Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce is so grateful to its members, we are a strong business community because of your support. To recognize our members our Board of Directors fired up the barbecues on September 14th and we served more than 100 hamburgers and hot dogs from our beautiful deck overlooking Gander Lake. Thank you again to all our members for a great day and a great year!

Board of Directors 2023

The Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce is operated by a Board of Directors elected during our Annual General Meeting.

This year's board consists of:

President - Corey Smith, Briggs Aero

1st Vice President - Deb Brinson,
Gander Bay Castle Building Centre

Past President - Brad Eisan, Landmark
Surveys

Treasurer - Sarah Barry, RBC

Area Director - Duane Collins, Hare
Bay Adventures

Director - Marc Eady, Eady Group Real
Estate

Director - Jaime Evans, Evexia
Osteopathy

Director - Josh Hodder, Co-Operators

Director - Frank Skeard, Glenwood
Ward Councilor, Qalipu First Nation
Band

We currently have a couple of open positions on our Board of Directors and if you would like to help guide the Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce for the next year please let us know by e-mail at ganderchamber@ganderareachamber.ca.

Did you know?

The Chamber Benefit Plan is the #1 benefits plan for small and mid-sized businesses in Canada. With more than 30,000 businesses nationwide taking advantage of this stable, flexible plan. You can even join as a single entrepreneur. Call us today for more information 709-256-7110