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**Claude Elliott, the Ex-Mayor of Gander to Lead Q&A
at COME FROM AWAY
in Toronto after the [Wednesday July 24](#) evening performance**

The character **Claude Elliott** is at the heart of the story of the musical **COME FROM AWAY**. As mayor of Gander NF in 2001, when the show is set, Claude led the efforts to house and feed the 7,000 stranded travellers who found themselves in Gander when air space closed after the attacks at the Twin Towers.

The real **Claude Elliott** will drop by the **Elgin Theatre** in Toronto to lead a post-show Q&A with the audience at the [Wednesday July 24th](#) evening show. He will be on his way back to Gander from the show's Southern Hemisphere premiere in Melbourne, Australia.

Elliott served as mayor of Gander from 1996 to 2017, while also working as a full-time paramedic at Gander's James Paton Memorial Hospital.

A natural storyteller with an infectious laugh, Elliott has many stories about those unforgettable five days during which the citizens of Gander went without sleep while they offered their famous hospitality to people from around the globe.

COME FROM AWAY
is now on playing at the Elgin Theatre, 189 Yonge Street, Toronto
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