



Environmental Sustainability Committee

Monday, September 11, 2017

10:30 am

Council Chambers, Town Hall

359 Main Street

Agenda

- 1. Approval of the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting, July 10, 2017
- 3. Business arising from Previous Meeting, July 10, 2017:**
 - a. Cittaslow Designation – Community Group presentation/update
 - b. Committee Workplan:
 - i. Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Pilot Program
 - ii. Solar Wolfville
 - iii. Plastics – Joint Educational Program (Wolfville/VWRM)
 - iv. Ecology Action Centre Workshop – Sea-Level Rising, Janet Eaton
- 4. Roundtable Discussion**
- 5. Question Period**
- 6. Next Meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017**
- 7. Adjournment**

Cittaslow Requirements for Excellence:

Town of Wolfville, Nova Scotia



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INTRODUCTION

This report assembles information for the Town of Wolfville's application for Cittaslow designation.

The report is organized in two parts:

Summary – Town of Wolfville's Conformity with Cittaslow's Requirements for Excellence – a summary of the Cittaslow Requirements for Excellence and various plans, policies or other initiatives indicating Wolfville currently meets these requirements.

Detailed Description of Wolfville's Conformity with Requirements for Excellence – a more detailed description of the plans, policies and initiatives referred to in the Summary

SUMMARY – TOWN OF WOLFVILLE’S CONFORMITY WITH CITTASLOW REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCELLENCE

Attachment C of the Cittaslow Charter identifies 52 requirements for excellence, organized under the following six major headings:

- Environmental Policies
- Infrastructure Policies
- Technologies and Facilities for Urban Quality
- Safeguarding Autochthonous Production
- Hospitality
- Awareness

There is also seventh category which addresses “extraordinary requisites”

Communities applying for Cittaslow designation must demonstrate their level of conformity with these requirements for excellence. In many cases, this will involve identifying specific municipal plans or policies that support these requirements. In other cases, activities, events or organizations associated with the community will be evidence of conformity with the requirement.

The following tables (1.1 – 1.7) describe plans, policies or other initiatives that are consistent with the Cittaslow Requirements for Excellence. We have organized these according to the categories noted above. The tables simply list relevant plans, policies or initiatives, and details are outlined in the second part of the report. In some cases relevant policies will apply to more than one excellence and these situations are cross-referenced.

Table 1.1 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

Principal		Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
E1.0	Verification of the quality of the air, of water, of the soil within the parameters established by law	E1.1 Source Water Protection Plan E1.2 Wolfville Pesticide Management Task Force E1.3 Open Air Fire By-Law E1.4 Sustainable Design Principles E1.5 Melbourne Principals E1.6 Smoke Free Indoor Public Places By-Law E1.7 Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program E1.8 Idling Control By-Law
E2.0	Plans for the promotion and dissemination of differentiated refuse collection including urban refuse and special wastes	E2.1 Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management By-Law
E3.0	Dissemination and promotion of industrial and domestic composting	Curbside compost collection (see E2.1)
E4.0	Existence of a purification plant for urban or cooperative sewage	E4.1 Commercial Development Plan
E5.0	Municipal plan for saving energy, with reference particularly to the use of alternative sources of energy (renewable sources, green hydrogen, mini hydroelectric power plant) and producing heat from RSU and biomasses*	E5.1 County of Kings Municipal Planning Strategy
E6.0	Ban on the use of O.G.M.* in agriculture	
E7.0	Municipal plan for the regulation of commercial art and traffic signs	E7.1 Land Use By-Law
E8.0	Systems for controlling electromagnetic pollution	
E9.0	Program for controlling and reducing noise pollution	E9.1 Prevention of Excessive Noise By-Law E9.2 Wolfville Noise Complaint Report
E10.0	Systems and programs for controlling light pollution*	Section 4.17 of Land Use By-Law (see E7.1)

E11.0 Adoption of systems of environmental management (EMAS and ECOLABEL or ISO 9001; ISO 14000, SA 8000 and participation in Agenda 21 projects)*

Table 1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES

Principal		Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
I1.0	Plans for improving and for the reclamation of historical centers and/or works of cultural or historical value	Section 4.4 of the County of Kings Municipal Planning Strategy (see E5.1)
I2.0	Plans for safe mobility and traffic	Pedestrian and bicycle trails and sidewalks exist and are identified in existing municipal plans for further development.
I3.0	Bicycle tracks connecting schools and public buildings.	Pedestrian and bicycle trails and sidewalks exist and are identified in existing municipal plans for further development.
I4.0	Plans favoring alternative mobility over private transportation and for the integration of traffic with public means of transportation and pedestrian areas*	I4.1 Acadia Rideshare Program I4.2 Kings Transit
I5.0	Verification of Infrastructures to guarantee that public places and those of public interest are accessible for the disabled and the removal of architectural barriers and access to technologies*	I5.1 Building code
I6.0	Promotion of programs to facilitate life and local activities (recreation, sports, activities aimed at creating bonds between school and family, assistance, including home assistance for the elderly and chronically ill, social centres, regulatory plan of municipal business hours, public lavatories).*	I6.1 Summer Recreation Programs 2009
I7.0	Center for medical assistance.	I7.1 Eastern Kings Memorial Community Health Centre I7.2 Emergency Response Services
I8.0	Quality green areas and service infrastructures (interconnecting green areas, play grounds, etc.)	I8.1 Managed and maintained parks and trail system within the Town and as part of the University. .
I9.0	Plan for the distribution of merchandise and the creation of “commercial centers for natural products”.	I9.1 Wolfville Farmer’s Market
I10.0	Agreement with the shopkeepers with regards to the reception and assistance to citizens in trouble: “friendly shops”	

I 11.0	Redevelopment of deteriorating urban areas and projects for the reutilization of the city.	I11.1 Commercial Development Plan (see E4.1)	I11.2 Wolfville Downtown Façade Improvement Program	I11.3 Railtown commercial/residential redevelopment
I 12.0	Program for an urban restyling and upgrading*	I12.1 Wolfville Downtown Façade Improvement Program	I12.2 Central Ave. Redevelopment	
I 13.0	Integration of the U.R.P. functions, with Slow City information windows*			

Table 1.3 TECHNOLOGIES AND FACILITIES FOR URBAN QUALITY

Principal		Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
T1.0	Window for bio-architecture and programs for the training of personnel assigned to the information project for the promotion of bio-architecture*	T1.1 K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre
T2.0	Equipping the city with cables for optical fiber and wireless systems	T2.1 Eastlink cable upgrades
T3.0	Adoption of systems for monitoring electromagnetic fields.	
T4.0	Providing refuse containers in keeping with the environment and the landscape and removal according to established timetables.	Curbside compost collection (see E2.1)
T5.0	Programs and promotion for planting public and private places with important environmentally suitable plants, preferably autochthonous in line with criteria of landscape gardening.	T5.1 K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre
T6.0	Plans for providing services for the citizens (Dissemination of municipal services via internet and plans for creating and educating the citizens in the use of an internet-based civic network).	T6.1 Municipal and Acadia University websites T6.2 CAP Site
T7.0	Plan for controlling noise in specifically noisy areas.	See E9.1 and E9.2
T8.0	Plan concerning colors.	T8.1 Downtown streetscape façade improvements
T9.0	Promotion of telework.	

Table 1.4 SAFEGUARDING AUTOCHTHONOUS PRODUCTION

Principal	Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
S1.0 Plans for the development of organic farming. *	S1.1 Acadia Community Farm
S2.0 Certification of the quality of artisan produced products and objects and artistic crafts.*	
S3.0 Programs for the safeguarding of artisan and/or artistic craft products in danger of extinction.*	
S4.0 Safeguarding traditional methods of work and professions at a risk of extinction. *	S4.1 Acadia Community Farm S4.2 FANS Food Policy Council S4.2 New farmer's Gathering
S5.0 Use of organic products and/or those produced in the territory and the preservation of local traditions in restaurants, protected structures, school cafeterias).*	S5.1 Wolfville Farmer's Market S5.2 Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op/TAN Coffee S5.3 Other Wolfville restaurants and commercial establishments feature local, organic products. S5.4 Healthy Food programs at local schools
S6.0 Programs for educating taste and nutrition in schools in collaboration with Slow Food*	S6.1 Slow Motion Food Film Festival S6.2 Slow Food Nova Scotia S6.3 Edible Schoolyards Program S6.4 NS Department of Agriculture Window Box Program
S7.0 Favoring the activities of wine and gastronomic Slow Food Presidia for species and preparations risking extinction.*	S7.1 Slow Food Nova Scotia
S8.0 Census of the typical products of the territory and support of their commercialization (updating of markets for local products, creation of	S8.1 Select Nova Scotia's Product Catalogue

	appropriate spaces).*	
S9.0	Census of trees in the city and enhancing the value of large trees or "historical trees".	S9.1 Town Department of Public Works
S10.0	Promoting and preserving local cultural events. *	S10.1 Town Recreation Department
S11.0	Promoting "urban" and school gardens for autochthonous cultures grown with traditional methods.	S11.1 Acadia Community Farm S11.2 Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens

Table 1.5 HOSPITALITY

Principal		Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
H1.0	Training courses for tourist information and quality hospitality*.	H1.1 NSCC Hospitality Management Program
H2.0	Using international signs in the tourist signs of the historical centers with guided tourist itineraries. *	H2.1 Information Kiosks.
H3.0	Reception policies and plans to facilitate the approach of the visitors to the city and access to information and services (parking, extension/elasticity of opening hours of public offices, etc.) with particular regards to scheduled events.	H3.1 Visitor Centres H3.2 Commercial Development Plan H3.3 Clock Tower Development
H4.0	Preparation of "slow" itineraries of the city (brochures, websites, home pages, etc.)	H4.1 Wolfville Guided Walking Tours
H5.0	Making the tourist operators and storekeepers aware of the need for a transparency of prices and the exhibition of rates outside the business establishments.	

Table 1.6 AWARENESS

Principal	Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
A1.0 Campaign to provide the citizens with information on the aims and procedures of what a Slow City is, preceded by information of the intentions of the Administration to become a Slow City*	A.1.1 Wolfville Cittasloe Committee
A2.0 Programs to involve the social fabric in acquiring the “slow” philosophy and the application of Slow City projects and in particular: educational gardens and parks, book facilities, adhesion to the project of the germ plasma bank.*	A2.1 Slow Food Nova Scotia A2.2 Select Nova Scotia A2.3 FANS A2.4 Acadia Slow Food Campus Program
A3.0 Programs for the dissemination of the Slow City and Slow Food activities.*	A3.1 Slow Motion Film Festival

Table 1.7 EXTRAORDINARY REQUISITES

Principal	Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
ER1.0 Meeting the requisite, launched by Slow City, for the campaign of "action/identity" of Slow City*	ER1.1 Wolfville Cittasloe Committee
ER2.0 Constitution and support of the Slow Food Presidia (note of merit). Member cities are required to add the trade mark Cittaslow (Slow City) to their municipal letterhead and to add the contents of the "slow" philosophy to their website.	ER2.2 Town Council

* = Obligatory Requirement

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WOLFVILLE'S CONFORMITY WITH
REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCELLENCE**

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

E1.0 Verification of the quality of the air, of water, of the soil within the parameters established by law.

E1.1 Source Water Protection Plan

Involves the development of a protection area boundary, identification of risks, the creation of a comprehensive management plan and a monitoring plan to ensure that:

- The plan is regularly updated if it is not meeting its objectives.
- Changes in the state of the health of the Source Water Protection area are evaluated.
- The plan remains current with changing conditions and priorities in the Source Water Protection area.

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=441&Itemid

E1.2 Wolfville Pesticide Management Task Force

Facilitates the process of bringing before Council recommendations for a pesticide policy which would lead to the elimination of the use of non-essential landscape pesticides for the Town of Wolfville and its citizens.

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=248&Itemid=262

E1.3 Open Air Fire By-Law

Prohibits open air fires and specifies the requirements for acceptable fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and structures, as well as enforcing penalties for offences in order to respect the health, well being, safety and protection of persons, the safety and protection of property, and activities that may cause nuisances including burning, odours, and fumes.

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=573&Itemid

E1.4 Sustainable Design Principles

Involve several development guidelines regarding stewardship, resource efficiency, diversity and choice, human needs, resilience, pollution reduction, distinctiveness, biotic support, and self sufficiency that are geared towards making Wolfville a more sustainable community.

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=324&Itemid=262

E1.5 Melbourne Principles

Represent a holistic approach to making communities more sustainable and offers a framework around which consensus and commitment can be built and strategy developed. Wolfville has adapted these principles for the town, and Principle 3 and 5 relate to protecting the environment. Principle 3 states that Wolfville will “recognize the intrinsic value of biodiversity and natural ecosystems and protect and restore them.” Principle 5 states the town will “build on the characteristics of ecosystems in the development and nurturing of a healthy and sustainable town.”

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=321&Itemid=262

E1.6 Smoke Free Indoor Public Places By-Law

Prohibits smoking inside any public establishment or assembly area for the purposes of “respecting the health, well-being, safety and protection of persons; persons and activities in public places and places open to the public; and nuisances, including odours and fumes.

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=574&Itemid

E1.7 Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program

“The Kings County Lake Monitoring Program is an important component of the Municipality’s efforts to preserve and protect its fresh water lakes on the South Mountain Plateau. Volunteers and Municipal staff have collected lake water samples since 1997, and have compiled an extensive database on lake water quality. The information collected is analyzed in order to compare lakes, observe trends and see if the land use controls are working. Together, the Municipality and volunteers link water quality science with land use planning to ensure that clean and sustainable lakes can be enjoyed for generations to come.”

<http://www.county.kings.ns.ca/comdev/lakemon/>

E.1.8 Idling Control By-Law

Prohibits persons from idling vehicle for more than three minutes and provides other guidelines for enforcement. In addition to this, the Eco-Kings Action Team conducted a county-wide Anti-Idling Day on April 5, 2008 throughout Kings County.

http://www.ecokings.ca/docs/Kings_County_Anti-Idling_Final_Report_August_19_2008.pdf

<http://www.ecokings.ca/>

E2.0 Plans for the promotion and dissemination of differentiated refuse collection including urban refuse and special wastes.

E2.1 Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management By-Law

Guidelines are in place for proper recycling and waste separation.

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&qid=570&Itemid=262

E3.0 Dissemination and promotion of industrial and domestic composting

The Town of Wolfville has mandatory curbside compost collection and provides residents with compost bins and guidelines on waste separation. (See E2.1)

E4.0 Existence of a purification plant for urban or cooperative sewage.

E4.1 Commercial Development Plan

"The Wolfville Water Utility maintains high quality drinking water through an optimal treatment process, regular testing and highly trained staff. Full sewage treatment is provided through reaction lagoons." (p.17, subsection 10)

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&qid=748&Itemid=262

E5.0 Municipal plan for saving energy, with reference particularly to the use of alternative sources of energy (renewable sources, green hydrogen, mini hydroelectric power plant) and producing heat from RSU and biomasses.*

E5.1 County of Kings Municipal Planning Strategy

Section 5.4 contains information regarding siting of small-scale wind turbines.

<http://www.county.kings.ns.ca/comdev/mps/sections/mps-5-4.pdf>

E6.0 Ban on the use of O.G.M. in agriculture.

E7.0 Municipal plan for the regulation of commercial art and traffic signs.

E7.1 Land Use By-law

Section 24 of the Land Use By-law contains information regarding signs

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&qid=390&Itemid=262

E8.0 Systems for controlling electromagnetic pollution.

E9.0 Program for controlling and reducing noise pollution.

E9.1 Prevention of Excessive Noise By-Law

"With the authority vested in the Town by the Municipal Government Act to control noise, this bylaw is intended to establish acceptable standards for noise to encourage respect for the comfort, privacy and enjoyment of life for Town residents without the sanctions which accompany the control of excessive noise generating behaviour through the Canadian Criminal Code.

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=566&Itemid=262

E9.2 Wolfville Noise Complaint Report

The Door to Door campaign in 2007, was created as a result of the numerous noise complaints reported in early fall. At that time, the campaign members primarily attended the addresses where the RCMP had received noise complaints. The same addresses were attended by the 2008 Door to Door campaign and only one of these had a noise complaint last year.

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=449&Itemid=262

E10. Systems and programs for controlling light pollution.*

Section 4.17 of the Land Use By-Law contains information regarding lighting; "Any outdoor lighting associated with a development shall minimize the impact on properties in the surrounding area by using techniques such as hooded street lights." (p.14) (See E7.1)

E11. Adoption of systems of environmental management (EMAS and ECOLABEL or ISO 9001; ISO 14000, SA 8000 and participation in Agenda 21 projects). *

INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES

11. Plans for improving and for the reclamation of historical centers and/or works of cultural or historical value

Section 4.4 of the County of Kings Municipal Planning Strategy contains information regarding heritage and cultural preservation and tourism development. (See E5.1)

12. Plans for safe mobility and traffic

The Town has developed a trail system connecting significant open space resources and other destination points in the community. A former rail line has been developed as a significant trail link within the community and informal trails on the dyke system establish connections beyond the municipal boundaries.

Side walks are provided in most areas of the Town, are well maintained and snow is cleared routinely to provide year round pedestrian links.

13. Bicycle tracks connecting schools and public buildings.

The Town prepared a sustainability plan and participated in the development of an Active Living Strategy for the County both of which promoted increased physical activity and bicycle linkages.

14. Plans favoring alternative mobility over private transportation and for the integration of traffic with public means of transportation and pedestrian areas (extra-urban car parks linked to public transportation, escalators, moving walkways, rail or cable installations, cycling tracks, pedestrian itineraries providing access to schools, work places, etc.) *

14.1 Acadia Rideshare Program

Currently only offered to Acadia students, faculty and staff with @acadiau.ca email address, they are working to expand the program to include the local community as well.

<http://www.theasu.com/rideshare/>

14.2 Kings Transit

Transit serves the entire County and provides a public transit alternative for travel within the region.

15. Verification of Infrastructures to guarantee that public places and those of public interest are accessible for the disabled and the removal of architectural barriers and access to technologies. *

15.1 Municipal Building Code.

Municipal building codes are regularly updated and, along with provincial legislation, ensure barrier free access.

16. **Promotion of programs to facilitate life and local activities (recreation, sports, activities aimed at creating bonds between school and family, assistance, including home assistance for the elderly and chronically ill, social centres, regulatory plan of municipal business hours, public lavatories).***

16.1 Summer Recreation Programs 2009

The Town of Wolfville and the various volunteer organizations supported by the Town provide a number of recreational programs

http://www.wolfville.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&qid=536&Itemid=262

17. **Center for medical assistance.**

17.1 Eastern Kings Memorial Community Health Centre

Provides healthcare services within the Town

<http://www.go.ednet.ns.ca/~healthque/>

17.2 Emergency Response Services

Provides ambulance and emergency response within Wolfville.

18. **Quality green areas and service infrastructures (interconnecting green areas, play grounds, etc.)**

18.1 Municipal and University Parks and Open Space

Wolfville maintains a number of municipal parks and a linked trail system from the Reservoir park to the waterfront. Managed trail systems are also associated with Acadia University lands.

19. **Plan for the distribution of merchandise and the creation of “commercial centers for natural products”.**

19.1 The Wolfville Farmers Market

The Market provides a year round venue for the sale of natural products. Held weekly outdoors and indoors and has a mission “to provide a fair and direct market venue for locally-produced goods and services in an environment that inspires and nourishes community. The Market is being expanded and a new permanent, year round location being developed.

- I10. **Agreement with the shopkeepers with regards to the reception and assistance to citizens in trouble: “friendly shops”.**
- I11. **Redevelopment of deteriorating urban areas and projects for the reutilization of the city.**

I11.1 The Commercial Development Plan

The Plan provides a list of development plans and initiatives (p. 37-40)

“There are several parcels of land within the downtown core. The Railtown condominium project has added more residents to the downtown, and has helped focus future development on local redevelopment of the rail area into condominiums” – Commercial Development Plan (p. 36) (see E.4.1)

I11.2 Downtown Façade Improvement Program (need more information)

A program was initiated in 2009 to improve storefronts on the Main Street.

I11.3 Railtown Development

The Railtown redevelopment was a major downtown revitalization project that resulted in the construction of a mix residential and retail/commercial development on Wolfville’s waterfront.

- I12. **Program for an urban restyling and upgrading. ***

I12.1 Downtown Façade Improvement Program (see I11.2)

I12.2 Central Avenue Redevelopment

Central Ave was reconstructed in the summer of 2009 to create an attractive, pedestrian oriented, thoroughfare connecting Main St and Front St and improving pedestrian access to the Farmer’s Market, the Railtown development and the waterfront open space and trails.

- I13. **Integration of the U.R.P. functions, with Slow City information windows. ***

TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES FOR URBAN QUALITY

T1. Window for bio-architecture and programs for the training of personnel assigned to the information project for the promotion of bio-architecture *

T1.1 KC Irving Environmental Centre

As part of the Acadia University, the facility includes six acres of public gardens representing native plant communities of the Acadia Forest Region, a glassed-in winter garden (climate controlled for research purposes), a garden of medicinal and food plants plus fully wired conferencing and educational facilities.

<http://kcirvingcentre.acadiau.ca/>

T2. Equipping the city with cables for optical fiber and wireless systems

T2.1 Eastlink Cable Upgrades

Major cable system upgrades are being undertaken by Eastlink (need additional information)

T3. Adoption of systems for monitoring electromagnetic fields.

T4. Providing refuse containers in keeping with the environment and the landscape and removal according to established timetables.

The Town of Wolfville has mandatory curbside compost collection and provides residents with compost bins and guidelines on waste separation. (See E2.1)

T5. Programs and promotion for planting public and private places with important environmentally suitable plants, preferably autochthonous in line with criteria of landscape gardening.

T5.1 K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre (see T1.1)

T6. Plans for providing services for the citizens (Dissemination of municipal services via internet and plans for creating and educating the citizens in the use of an internet-based civic network).

T6.1 – Town and University Websites

Both the Town of Wolfville and Acadia University maintain websites with complete information on municipal services and links to other community resources.

T6.2 - CAP Site

There is a CAP site at the Public Library providing internet access to all residents including those that may not have access from home.

T7. Plan for controlling noise in specifically noisy areas.

The Town of Wolfville has noise control bylaws. See E9.1 and E9.2

T8. Plan concerning colors.

T8.1 Downtown Façade Improvement Program

Design guidelines and coordination was undertaken as part of the streetscape and façade improvement program for Main St.

T9. Promotion of telework.

SAFEGUARDING AUTOCHTHONOUS PRODUCTION

S1. Plans for the development of organic farming. *

S1.1 Acadia Community Farm

Mission: To provide Acadia University and Wolfville residents with responsibly grown produce by introducing students, faculty, staff, and community members to the principles and practices of sustainable food by creating a shared space for community interaction and environmental education. – see Acadia Farm Policy Proposal

Acadia Community Farm offers a variety of programs and workshops on traditional methods of food production (preserving, canning, etc.).

<http://acadiafarm.org/>

S2. Certification of the quality of artisan produced products and objects and artistic crafts. *

S3. Programs for the safeguarding of artisan and/or artistic craft products in danger of extinction. *

S4. Safeguarding traditional methods of work and professions at a risk of extinction. *

S4.1 Acadia Community Farm (see S1.1)

S4.2 FANS food Policy Council (need information)

S4.3 New Farmer's Gathering (need information)

S5. Use of organic products and/or those produced in the territory and the preservation of local traditions in restaurants, protected structures, school cafeterias). *

S5.1 Wolfville Farmer's Market (See I9.1)

<http://wolfvillefarmersmarket.com/>

S5.2 Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op and TAN Coffee

Just Us! was Canada's first fair trade coffee roaster. They are also one of Canada's most successful worker-owned businesses based on a firm belief in "people and the planet before profits." All Just Us! Products are grown naturally, without chemicals, to enhance the well-being of farmers, their communities, the environment and wild-life.

TAN Coffee is also a fair trade producer/retailer on Main St.

<http://www.justuscoffee.com/>

S5.3 Other Restaurants and Commercial Establishments Featuring Local Organic Products

A number of Wolfville restaurants and retail establishments support the use of local organic products

S5.4 Healthy Choices at Schools program (need information)

S6. Programs for educating taste and nutrition in schools in collaboration with Slow Food*

S6.1 Slow Motion Food Film Festival

<http://www.novascotialife.com/events/2009-11-06/slow-motion-food-film-festival-wolfville>

S6.2 Slow Food Nova Scotia

A non-profit, eco-gastronomic member-supported organization that was founded in 1989 to counteract fast food and fast life, the disappearance of local food traditions and people's dwindling interest in the food they eat where it comes from, how it tastes and how our food choices affect the rest of the world. The Tempest Restaurant in Wolfville will be offering a locally sourced meal on December 10th as part of the Terra Madre Day events throughout the province.

<http://www.slowfoodns.blogspot.com/>

S6.3 Edible Schoolyard Program (need information)

S6.4 Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture Window Box Program – (need information)

S7. Favoring the activities of wine and gastronomic Slow Food Presidia for species and preparations risking extinction. *

S7.1 Slow Food Nova Scotia (see S6.2)

S8. Census of the typical products of the territory and support of their commercialization (updating of markets for local products, creation of appropriate spaces). *

S8.1 Select Nova Scotia's Product Catalogue – need information

S9. Census of trees in the city and enhancing the value of large trees or “historical trees”.

S9.1 Town Department of Public Works – need information

S10. Promoting and preserving local cultural events. *

S10.1 Town Recreation Department – need information

S11. Promoting “urban” and school gardens for autochthonous cultures grown with traditional methods.

S11.1 Acadia Community Farm (see S1.1)

S11.2 Harriet Irving Botanical Garden

Provides educational and interpretative programs re native species; maintains a seed bank

HOSPITALITY

H1. Training courses for tourist information and quality hospitality*.

H1.1 NSCC Hospitality Management Program – need information

H2. Using international signs in the tourist signs of the historical centers with guided tourist itineraries. *

H2.1 Information Kiosks

The Town maintains a number of information kiosks throughout the Town focused on local history.

H2.1 Information kiosks and public displays throughout Wolfville focused on the community's history.

H3. Reception policies and plans to facilitate the approach of the visitors to the city and access to information and services (parking, extension/elasticity of opening hours of public offices, etc.) with particular regards to scheduled events.

H3.1 Visitor Centres

The existing Visitor Information Centre at Willow Pond is located on the edge of downtown Wolfville. (p. 33) (See E4.1)

The Town of Wolfville and Acadia University have been reviewing the potential for a new visitor centre that would link the town to the campus. The proposed facility would provide information for people visiting the town and the University a starting point for campus tours, a coordinated contact point for recreation programs and facilities and registration for conferences. The facility would also have meeting room space available to the public. A number of similar facilities at colleges and universities in the New England area have been reviewed, and the Town and Acadia are currently refining the development model for the Centre. A site for the Centre has been selected on Main Street in front of the ATF facility.

H3.2 Commercial Development Plan (see E4.1)

H3.3 Clock Park Development

The Town has recently taken possession and is redeveloping the Clock Park on the Main St. This will be a focal point for visitors on the Main St.

H4. Preparation of “slow” itineraries of the city (brochures, websites, home pages, etc.)

H4.1 Wolfville Guided Walking Tours

Local residents provide guided walking tours of the downtown and heritage properties.

H5. Making the tourist operators and storekeepers aware of the need for a transparency of prices and the exhibition of rates outside the business establishments.

AWARENESS

- A1. Campaign to provide the citizens with information on the aims and procedures of what a Slow City is, preceded by information of the intentions of the Administration to become a Slow City***

A1.1 Wolfville Cittasloe Committee

This being undertaken by the Committee established by the Town to prepare the Cittasloe application. Community information and education programs are being implemented by the Committee.

- A2. Programs to involve the social fabric in acquiring the “slow” philosophy and the application of Slow City projects and in particular: educational gardens and parks, book facilities, adhesion to the project of the germ plasma bank. ***

A2.1 Slow Food Nova Scotia (see S6.2)

A2.2 Select Nova Scotia – need information

A2.3 FANS – need information

A2.4 Slow Food Campus Program (Acadia) – need information

- A3. Programs for the dissemination of the Slow City and Slow Food activities. ***

A3.1 Slow Food Film Festival (see S6.1)

EXTRAORDINARY REQUISITES

ER1. Meeting the requisite, launched by Slow City, for the campaign of “action/identity” of Slow City (obligatory)

ER.1.1 Wolfville Cittasloe Committee

The responsibility of the Wolfville Cittasloe Committee (see A1.1)

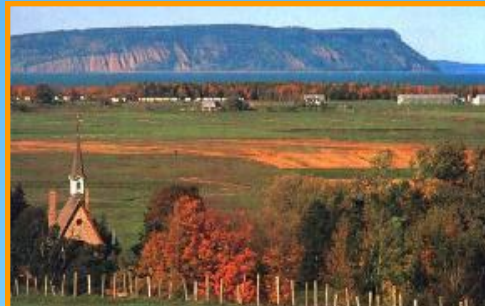
ER2. Constitution and support of the Slow Food Presidia (note of merit). Member cities are required to add the trade mark Cittaslow (Slow City) to their municipal letterhead and to add the contents of the “slow” philosophy to their website.

ER2.2 Town Council Initiative – need information

Presentation to Town of Wolfville Council

Cittaslow Designation

June 18th 2013



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International network of towns where quality of life is important

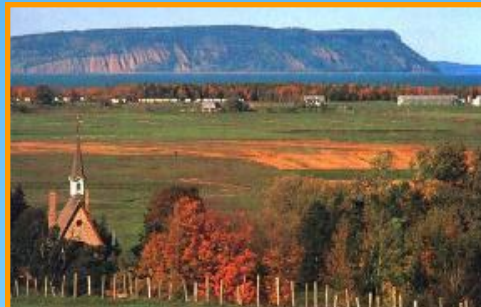


Council Presentation: Overview

- * Introduction to Cittaslow
- * Benefits for Wolfville
- * Next Steps



Introduction to Cittaslow



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International network of towns where quality of life is important



Cittaslow Manifesto

- * International organization committed to environmental conservation, the promotion of sustainable development, and the improvement of urban life.
- * Cittaslow is the mark of quality for smaller communities that have made the choice to improve the quality of life for residents by improving the quality of the environment and the urban fabric and safeguarding the production of unique foods and wine that contribute to the character of the region



Cittaslow Communities

- * 176 designated communities in 27 countries since Cittaslow was established in 1999
- * Only communities of less than 50,000 population are eligible; the vast majority are less than 10,000 population
- * Two designated Canadian communities (Cowichan Bay, BC and Naramata, BC); Three designated US communities



Designation/Approval Process

- * Site Visit/Approval to Submit Application (done – 2009)
- * Submit Application for Approval
- * Annual Fee



Eligibility Criteria: Seven Categories

- * Energy and Environment
- * Infrastructure
- * Quality of Urban Life
- * Agriculture, Tourism and Artisan
- * Hospitality, Awareness and Training
- * Social Cohesion
- * Partnerships

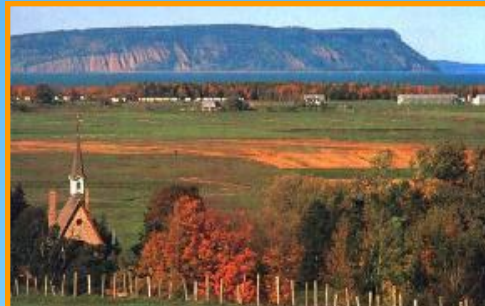


Evaluation Approach

- * 71 criteria in the seven categories
- * Some are mandatory
- * A mix of quantitative and qualitative measures
- * Weighted and scored
- * Minimum score required for designation



Cittaslow Designation – Wolfville Benefits

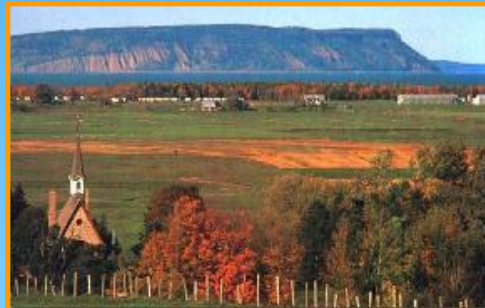


Possible Benefits of the Designation

- * International Recognition and Exposure
- * Complements and Supports the Wolfville Brand
- * Tourism and Economic Impacts
- * Networking Opportunities – Local and International
- * Access to Cittaslow Research, Resources, Best Practices
- * Enhanced Tools for Planning and Policy Evaluation



Cittaslow Designation – Next Steps



Next Steps

- * Council Support to Pursue Designation July
- * Research on Benefits/Impacts July – Sept.
- * Prepare Application
- * Community Engagement
- * Report to Council
- * Council Endorsement/Submit Application October



Cittaslow Requirements for Excellence

Town of Wolfville. Nova Scotia. Canada



**Application for Certification
November 2015**



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INTRODUCTION

The History of the Cittaslow Initiative

In 2009, with the endorsement and involvement of Wolfville Town Council, a small group of community volunteers initiated a process to explore designating Wolfville as a Cittaslow community. During this initial stage of the project, representatives of Cittaslow International visited Wolfville and met with the Mayor and members of Council, representatives of Acadia University, and community representatives. Following their visit, they encouraged Wolfville to submit a formal application for membership.

In June 2013, the volunteers pursuing this initiative met with the current Council and indicated their intention to:

- Research possible implications of Wolfville's Cittaslow designation based on a review of available literature, background documentation and contact with other Cittaslow communities in North America.
- Provide an initial opportunity for community input concerning the possible designation
- Prepare a report for Council documenting the results of their investigations
- Based on the report, ask Council for a decision on whether the Town will make formal application for Cittaslow designation.

The report was presented to Council in December 2014 and referred to municipal staff for comment. The staff report was positive and in June 2015, Wolfville Town Council passed a resolution supporting the submission of the Cittaslow application.

The Organization of the Application

The Town of Wolfville's application for Cittaslow designation is organized in three parts:

Community Context – A description of the community.

Summary – Town of Wolfville's Conformity with Cittaslow's Requirements for Excellence – a summary of the Cittaslow Requirements for Excellence and various plans, policies or other initiatives indicating Wolfville currently meets these requirements.

Detailed Description of Wolfville's Conformity with Requirements for Excellence – a more detailed description of the plans, policies and initiatives referred to in the Summary.

Information Sources for the Application

Information has been compiled from a wide range of sources for this application. Most of the descriptions of organizations and community programs and projects have been taken directly from websites sponsored by these organizations or others. The description of Town policies, bylaws and planning documents are in most cases based on the original documents. Most of the statistical data is from the 2013 Vital Signs report.

PART ONE
THE COMMUNITY CONTEXT

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Wolfville is a community of 4,300 permanent residents located in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley about 100 kilometres northwest of the provincial capital of Halifax. The Town overlooks Cape Blomidon, situated in the narrow passage separating the Bay of Fundy from the Minas Basin, and contributing to some of the highest tides in the world.

Located at the eastern gateway of the fertile Annapolis Valley and home to Acadia University, Wolfville has a long association with the region's agricultural, educational and cultural development. The Wolfville area has been home to many of our founding cultures. Once a hunting ground for First Nations people, around 1680, Wolfville and nearby Grand Pré (now a UNESCO World Heritage site) became home to Acadians who constructed dykes to hold back the waters of the Minas Basin, thus creating rich pastures for livestock and fertile fields for crops. The British deported the Acadians in 1755 and colonized the area with New England Planters who set up a primarily agricultural economy.

Incorporated in 1893, Wolfville served as the local seaport, rail station and retail and service centre for the surrounding region for much of the 19th century. While no longer a commercial seaport, the Town continues in this role by providing retail, financial, health and educational services for residents in the region. In addition, the Town has become a major Nova Scotia tourist destination welcoming visitors who patronize local stores and restaurants, find accommodation in a wide range of historic inns and bed and breakfasts, participate in local events and explore the vineyards and history in the surrounding countryside.

Acadia University has been described as one of the best liberal arts universities in Canada. The sprawling, green 250-acre campus within the Town of Wolfville is home to historical buildings dating back to 1838. With an enrolment of about 3,500, the University is a major presence in the community and contributes significantly to the educational, cultural and economic vitality of the Town. The University, through its curriculum, programs, policies and projects has embraced Cittaslow's principles and is reflected in this application for certification.

PART TWO

SUMMARY: TOWN OF WOLFVILLE'S CONFORMITY WITH THE CITTASLOW REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCELLENCE

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Attachment C of the Cittaslow Charter (June 21, 2014) identifies 50 requirements¹ for excellence, organized under the following seven major headings:

- Energy and Environmental
- Infrastructure
- Quality of Urban Life
- Agricultural, Turistic and Artisan
- Hospitality, Awareness and Training
- Social Cohesion
- Partnerships

Communities applying for Cittaslow designation must demonstrate their level of conformity with these requirements for excellence. In many cases, this will involve identifying specific municipal plans or policies that support these requirements. In other cases, activities, events or organizations associated with the community will be evidence of conformity with the requirement.

Tables One to Seven in this section of the report describe plans, policies or other initiatives that are consistent with the Cittaslow Requirements for Excellence. We have organized these according to the categories noted above. The tables simply list relevant plans, policies or initiatives. Additional details are outlined in Part Three of the report. In some cases relevant policies will apply to more than one excellence and these situations are cross-referenced.

Tables One to Seven identify specific Wolfville initiatives consistent with each of the Cittaslow Requirements. However, there are three over-arching municipal documents that broadly speak to this issue. These are: The Town of Wolfville Strategic Plan; the Municipal Planning Strategy and Vital Signs.

¹ There are in fact 52 requirements noted, but in the Quality of Life category, two requirements are duplicated.

The Town of Wolfville Strategic Plan (2012) was adopted by the current Council and articulates Council's Vision for the community and Strategic Directions that will help to shape Council's policies and plans for Wolfville. The Vision states:

Wolfville is a Town with a thriving, diverse and adaptive economy built on the strengths of Acadia University, the beauty and productivity of our region, and the entrepreneurship of our citizens. We embrace and preserve the best of our past while seeking a modern future. Residents from all walks and stages of life live in safe and attractive neighbourhoods, in harmony with each other, in accommodation that is affordable for their unique needs. Residents and businesses are engaged in the Town's development and future and are confident in the leadership provided by the Municipality's Council and staff.

The following Five Strategic Directions were identified by Council to achieve their Vision:

1. Well Maintained and Sustainable Infrastructure
2. A Diverse, Prosperous and Sustainable Local Economy
3. A Growing Population Encompassing all Ages and Stages Who Live in Safe, Attractive, Cohesive Neighbourhoods
4. A Robust Active Living and Cultural Community
5. Efficient and Effective Leadership from a Committed and Responsive Executive and Administrative Team

The Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)² sets out many of the policies that govern housing, infrastructure, urban design, sustainability and community services. It is the single most important municipal document defining our conformity with Cittaslow principles. We have cited specific MPS policies and the land-use bylaws associated with the MPS in the tables that follow. However, the overall policy framework of the MPS is also relevant.

² The current MPS was adopted in 2008 and amended in 2012. The Town is currently updating the MPS; this work will be completed in 2016.

The Wolfville MPS adopts the Melbourne Principles³ as its guiding framework. These principles represent a holistic approach to making communities more sustainable and offer a framework around which consensus and commitment can be built and strategy developed. Principles 3 and 5 relate to protecting the environment. Principle 3 states that Wolfville will “recognize the intrinsic value of biodiversity and natural ecosystems and protect and restore them.” Principle 5 states the town will “build on the characteristics of ecosystems in the development and nurturing of a healthy and sustainable town.”

In addition, in Canada municipal plans and policies are subject to Provincial review and ratification. Consequently, the Wolfville MPS must respect “statements of provincial interest”. There are six such statements, of which the following four are most relevant to Cittaslow.

Drinking water supplies: - land use plans and policies must address the protection of both the quality and supply of municipal drinking water.

Agricultural lands – lands actively farmed or with agricultural potential, lands on which speciality crops are cultivated and dykelands must be protected and preserved.

Infrastructure – planning documents must promote the efficient use of infrastructure and reduce the need for new municipal infrastructure.

Housing – planning documents must include housing policies that address affordable and special needs housing.

Vital Signs demonstrates the community's commitment to ongoing research and evaluation as a tool for improving the quality of life in Wolfville. In 2009, Wolfville became the first Nova Scotia municipality and the smallest municipality in Canada to have a Vital Signs report prepared. The report, which was updated in 2013, is coordinated by Community Foundations of Canada who work in partnership with local organizations to provide a detailed community profile with statistical indicators for a wide range of topics including demographics; income and poverty; health; safety; transportation, local economy, arts, culture and education and the environment. Much of the data compiled by Vital Signs are relevant to the Cittaslow Requirements for Excellence and are included in this application.

³ The Melbourne Principles for Sustainable Cities were developed in Melbourne Australia in April 2002 during an international charrette sponsored by the United Nations Environmental Programme and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives.

Table One ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Wolfville's commitment to environmental protection and energy conservation is reflected in the plans it has prepared and the bylaws it has adopted. While many environmental and energy requirements are mandated by Provincial legislation and implemented on a regional basis, Wolfville has demonstrated leadership by exceeding the mandatory requirements and placing a priority on local initiatives. The Town was Canada's first Fair Trade municipality and one of the first to restrict vehicle idling and smoking in private automobiles when children were present. The Town's land use bylaws are much more restrictive than many other municipalities with respect to such things as illuminated signage and both the Town and the University place a high priority on energy efficiencies and recycling programs.

Cittaslow Requirement		Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
1.1	Air Quality Conservation	1.1a Smoke Free Indoor and Outdoor Public Places By-Law 1.1b Idling Control By-Law 1.1c No smoking in private vehicles bylaw 1.1d Open Air Fire By-Law
1.2	Water Quality Conservation	1.2a Source Water Protection Plan (2008) and Source Water Protection Advisory Committee 1.2b Wolfville Water Utility
1.3	Drinking Water Consumption of Residents	1.3a Wolfville residents' water consumption is higher than the provincial and national average.
1.4	Urban Solid Separate Waste Collection	1.4a Improvements in the Composition of the Waste Stream. Collection of recyclables and organics has increased since 2006, resulting in a reduction of residual waste from 67.6% to 55.3% by 2013. 1.4b Municipal Waste Recycling Stations 1.4c Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management By-Law
1.5	Industrial and Domestic Composting	See 1.4a Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management By-Law
1.6	Purification of Sewage Disposal	See 1.2b Wolfville Water Utility 1.6b All municipal sewage is treated prior to disposal.
1.7	Energy Saving in Buildings and Public Systems	1.7a Energy Audit of Municipal Buildings 1.7b No information is available on the percentage energy savings in public buildings.

1.8	Public Energy Production from Renewable Sources	See 1.7a Energy Audit of Municipal Buildings 1.8a Street light conversion/LED lights 1.8c No information is available on the percentage of public energy from renewable sources
1.9	Reduction of Visual Pollution, Traffic Noise	1.9a Prevention of Excessive Noise By-Law 1.9b Property Minimum Standards Bylaw 1.9c Land Use Bylaw – General restrictions on light impacts 1.9d Land Use Bylaw - Sign restrictions 1.9e Potential Protection of Significant View Planes
1.10	Reduction of Public Light Pollution	See 1.9c and 1.9d General restrictions on light impacts and restrictions on illuminated signs
1.11	Electrical Energy Consumption of Resident Families	1.11a No information is available on the actual energy consumption of resident families compared to national average.
1.12	Conversion of Biodiversity	1.12a Planting Native Species in Town Parks

Table Two INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

Over the past 20 years Wolfville has placed a high priority on trail development. Ongoing investment in walking, hiking and biking trails on reclaimed rail beds, the waterfront, and the Town's ravine corridors has created a network that facilitates inter-urban movement as well as regional connections. The Town's commitment to the continued development of sustainable, active transportation infrastructure is reflected in many recent plans and policies. Employment, retail and commercial land uses are centralized in the core area of the community on a vibrant Main St and the University campus for the benefit of pedestrians and cyclists.

Requirement	Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
2.1 Efficient cycle paths connected to public buildings	2.1a Sustainable Transportation Study (2011) 2.1b Active Transportation Plan (2015). 2.1c Parks and Open Space Master Plan (2012) 2.1d Regional Trail Development
2.2 Length of the urban cyclepaths compared to total km of urban roads	2.2 a Length of cyclepaths/trails as a proportion of urban roads. The Town provides over 15 km of trails and roughly 25 km of sidewalks compared to roughly 34 km of urban roads.
2.3 Bicycle parking in interchange zones.	2.3a Secure bicycle parking program.
2.4 Planning of ecomobility as an alternative to private cars	See 2.1b Active Transportation Plan (2015). 2.4a Walk to Work Statistics. Considerably fewer Wolfville residents drive to work compared to the provincial and national average and almost four times as many residents walk to work in Wolfville than the provincial average. 2.4b Expansion of Urban Sidewalks 2.4c Positive Public Perception of Walkability – Wolfville residents rank the community's walkability much more positively than those in the Province as a whole. 2.4d Kings Transit 2.4e Kings Point-to-Point Transit

2.5	Removal of architectural barriers *	2.5a Provincial Building Code 2.5b Local Redevelopment Projects
2.6	Initiatives for family life and pregnant women	A number of programs are offered for expectant mothers and families with young children by local health authorities (see 2.7); the Wolfville Childrens Centre and licensed early learning and childcare centres (see 6.4) and the Wolfville Recreation Department.
2.7	Verified accessibility to medical services	2.7a Eastern Kings Memorial Community Health Centre 2.7b Emergency Response Services 2.7c Local Physicians/Walk In Clinics 2.7d Alternative Medical Practioners
2.8	Sustainable distribution of merchandise in urban centres	2.8a Wolfville Farmer’s Market and Good Food Hub Kitchen 2.8b Sustainable Practices Adopted by Local Merchants
2.9	Percentage of residents that commute daily to work in another town	2.9a Approximately 53% of employed Wolfville residents work in Wolfville.

Table Three QUALITY OF URBAN LIFE REQUIREMENTS

The Town's commitment to Quality of Life is reflected in the priority it places on planning. Guided by principles of sustainability, social cohesion, access to quality public services, and efficient use of resources, the Town adopts effective strategies to protect and promote residents' quality of life. Acadia University provides a number of specialized facilities and programs for environmental education and preservation for both students and residents. Community networking and communication is promoted with widespread internet access, and several online communication forums for residents and visitors, providing comprehensive information on local news and events. The Town, University and local employers are committed to a work-life balance that is consistent with the principles of a "slow city".

Requirement	Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
3.1 Planning for urban resilience.	3.1a Municipal Planning Strategy 3.1b Municipal Economic Development Initiatives 3.1c Other Municipal Plans and Strategies
3.2 Interventions of recovery and increasing the value of civic centres.	3.2a Imagine Wolfville's Downtown 3.2b Downtown Improvement Programs
3.3 Recovery/creation of social green areas with productive plants and fruit trees.	3.3a K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre 3.3b Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens 3.3c Acadia Community Farm 3.3d Community Greening Initiatives See 1.12 re. Native species planting in municipal parks
3.4 Urban liveableness (housework; nursery; company hours).	While formal policies have not been adopted by the University or the Municipality (two of the Town's major employers), informal arrangements support a work-life balance with consideration for flexible hours and working from home.
3.5 Requalification and reuse of marginal areas	Early settlers established an extensive system of dykes to protect agricultural land from the highest tides in the world. These dykes still allow the protected lands to be actively farmed and provide an attractive walking/biking area for residents and visitors.

3.6	Use of ICT in the delivery of interactive services for citizens and tourists	3.6a Municipal and Acadia University websites 3.6b CAP Site 3.6c Community Wireless access
3.7	Service desk for sustainable architecture.	3.7a Downtown Architectural Guidelines 3.7b Design Review Committee
3.8	Cable network city (fibreoptics, wireless)	See 3.6c Community Wireless Access 3.8a Valley Community Fibre Network
3.9	Monitoring and reduction of pollutants (noise, electrical systems) .	See discussion re. Energy and Environmental Policies – Sections 1.1, 1.9 and 1.10
3.10	Development of telecommuting	3.10a Town/Acadia Telecommuting Facilities
3.11	Promotion of private sustainable urban planning (passivhouse; mater construction, etc.)	While a number of residents and businesses in the area have embraced sustainable architectural and planning approaches to residential and commercial development, no specific municipal programs promote or support these efforts.
3.12	Promotion of social infrastructure (time based currency, free cycling projects)	These types of initiatives are done on an informal basis in Wolfville. There is for example a free-cycling program for clothing at a local coffee shop that occurs occasionally but formal programs are not in place.
3.13	Repeats 3.11	
3.14	Repeats 3.3	
3.15	Creation of spaces for the commercialization of local products	See 2.8a Wolfville Farmers Market
3.16	Protection/increasing value of workshops – creation of natural shopping centres	See discussion in Section 4.
3.17	Metre cubes of cement (net infrastructures) in green urban areas	No information is available on the cubic metres of cement in green urban areas compared to national average.

Table Four AGRICULTURAL, TURISTIC AND ARTISAN REQUIREMENTS

Wolfville has a rapidly developing tourism economy strongly rooted in the areas heritage, culture and agricultural resources. Surrounded by 15 vineyards, Wolfville is at the centre of a growing Nova Scotia wine industry that directly and indirectly supports 854 full time equivalent jobs and has an estimated economic impact of close to \$200million. Wolfville is considered by many to be one of the more vibrant cultural centres in Nova Scotia and displays, performs and celebrates its unique culture in every manner of festival and event. Most of the events are focused on local customs, lifestyles, music and the area's rich agricultural heritage.

The strong connection between town and country is embraced and celebrated by Wolfville. This is reflected in efforts to preserve, protect and promote the economic, cultural and artistic lifestyle of our rural neighbours and make this an inseparable part of the Town's plans, policies and programs.

Requirement	Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
4.1 Development of agro-ecology*	See 3.3c Acadia Community Farm
4.2 Protection of handmade and labelled artisan production	See 2.8a Wolfville Farmers Market 4.2a Harvest Gallery
4.3 Increasing the value of working techniques and traditional crafts	No specific initiatives in Wolfville.
4.4 Increasing the value of rural areas (greater accessibility to resident services)*	See 3.3c Acadia Community Farm See 2.8a Wolfville Farmers Market
4.5 Use of local products, if possible organic, in communal public restaurants (eg school canteens)	See 2.8a Wolfville Farmer's Market and Food Hub 4.5a Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op/TAN Coffee 4.5b Healthy Choices Programs at Local Schools/University 4.5c Local Sourcing by Wolfville Business
4.6 Education of flavours and promoting HTE use of local products, if possible organic, in the catering industry and private consumption	See 2.8a Wolfville Farmer's Market and Food Hub See 3.3c Acadia Community Farm 4.6a Slow Food Nova Scotia
4.7 Conservation and increasing the value of local cultural events	4.7a Town of Wolfville Cultural Development Policy 4.7b Devour Food Film Festival

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- 4.7c Deep Roots Music Festival
 - 4.7d Randall House Museum
 - 4.7e Apple Blossom Festival
 - 4.7f Magic Bus Wine Tour
 - 4.7g Town of Wolfville Public Art Committee
 - 4.7h Guided Walking Tours
 - 4.7i Acadia Cultural Events and Performing Arts Series
 - 4.7j Fundy Film Society
 - 4.7k Acadia Community Co-operative Theatre
 - 4.7l Acadia University Art Gallery
 - 4.7m Annual Community Theatre Productions

4.8	Additional hotel capacity (beds/resident per year)	4.8a No information is available on the hotel beds per resident compared to the national average. 4.8b Acadia University Summer Visitor Programs
4.9	Prohibiting the use of GMO in agriculture	This is a provincial rather than municipal area of responsibility. Currently, GMO in agriculture is not prohibited in Nova Scotia. .
4.10	New ideas for enforcing plans concerning land settlements previously used for agriculture *	See discussion re. Municipal Planning Strategy update 4.10a West End Residential Lands Study (2014)

Table Five HOSPITALITY, AWARENESS AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Wolfville has an active and growing tourism sector and retail, restaurant and hospitality businesses that rely on both visitors and regional residents. Customer service, fair business practices and effective communication are hallmarks of the success of these businesses. Supported by the Town, regional tourism agencies and organizations such as the Wolfville Business Development Corporation, the hospitality sector continues to expand and enhance the visitors' experience in Wolfville. Business and event organizers embrace Cittaslow principles with their commitment to local products, customer service, transparency and communication.

Requirement	Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
5.1 Good welcome (training of people in charge, signs, suitable infrastructure and hours)	5.1a Town of Wolfville - Economic Action Plan (2012) 5.1b Visitor Centres 5.1c Wayfinding Project 5.1d Information Kiosks and Interpretative Displays 5.1e Community Media
5.2 Increasing awareness of operators and traders (transparency of offer and practiced prices, clear visibility of tariffs) *	5.2a Standard Business Practices/Consumer Protection Legislation
5.3 Availability of slow itineraries	Many local businesses promote slow itineraries by emphasizing quality of life; community connections; and local products.
5.4 Adoption of active techniques suitable for launching bottom up processes in the more important administrative decisions	5.4a Town of Wolfville: Communications Policy and Plan
5.5 Permanent training of trainers and/or administrators and employees on Cittaslow slow themes.	5.5a Wolfville Cittaslow Committee
5.6 Health Education (battle against obesity, diabetes)	5.6a Physical Activity Strategy (2013) 5.6b Municipal Alcohol Management Project 5.6c Town and Gown Committee/Acadia Students Union
5.7 Systematic and permanence information for citizens regarding the meaning	See 5.5a Wolfville Cittaslow Committee

	of Cittaslow	
5.8	Active presence of associations with the administration of Cittaslow themes	See 5.5a Wolfville Cittaslow Committee See 2.8a Wolfville Farmers Market and Food Hub
5.9	Support for Cittaslow campaigns	See 5.5a Wolfville Cittaslow Committee
5.10	Insertion/use of Cittaslow logo on headed paper and website	Will be implemented following certification

Table Six SOCIAL COHESION REQUIREMENTS

Wolfville is a progressive, caring and welcoming community. The Town's population demonstrates a diversity of lifestyle and ethnicity that is not common in most small communities in Nova Scotia. In addition, Acadia University attracts many foreign students who further contribute to the Town's diversity. While in Canada many social programs that assist populations in need are administered by the Province, these are augmented by a number of volunteer and community based organizations in Wolfville addressing poverty, the needs of special populations and youth.

Requirement	Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
6.1 Minorities discriminated	6.1a Municipal Anti-Discrimination Policies/Provincial Legislation 6.1b Municipal Proclamations in Support of Minorities
6.2 Enclave/neighbourhoods	6.2a Community Diversity Wolfville's proportion of non-Canadian citizens and foreign born residents both exceed the provincial average. Quantifiable information is not available on residential distribution, but these residents are fully integrated and live throughout the community. 6.2b Reclaiming and Sustaining Core Neighbourhoods Report (2013)
6.3 Integration of disabled people	6.3 Local Investment in Services for the Disabled. Services for individuals with special needs are primarily regional and provincial responsibilities; local municipal spending is not documented and cannot be compared to regional averages. 6.3a Larche Society
6.4 Children care	6.4a Information is not available on children 0-3 years in public nursery school compared to regional average 6.4b Wolfville Children's Centre/Licensed Early Learning and Childcare Centres
6.5 Youth condition	6.5a Information is not available on youth (18-25 years) employment compared to regional average
6.6 Poverty	6.6a In 2010, 25.2% of individuals living in private households in Wolfville had incomes below the after tax low income measure,

compared to 17.4% for the Province.

6.6b Community Organizations Addressing Poverty

6.7a Information is not available on number of associations/1000 population compared to regional average.

See 6.2a Community Diversity

6.9a Wolfville had a lower turnout in the 2012 municipal election than the provincial average.

6.10a Local Investment in public housing. Public housing is administered by the Province and every municipality contributes on a per capita basis so Wolfville's contribution cannot be compared to regional averages. The Town provides a number of public units for low income individuals and seniors.

The University, municipal and volunteer organizations offer a wide range of programs specifically targeting youth.

Table Seven PARTNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The Town and the Wolfville Cittaslow Committee are fully committed to communicating the benefits of slow food and slow cities and supporting Cittaslow International.

Requirement	Supporting Plans, Policies or Other Initiatives in Wolfville
7.1 Support for campaigns and slowfood activity	See 5.7a Wolfville Cittasloe Committee
7.2 Collaboration with slowfood and other organizations promoting natural and traditional food	See 2.8 Wolfville Farmers Market and Food Hub See 3.3c Acadia Community Farm See 4.6 Slow Foods Nova Scotia
7.3 Support for twinning projects and cooperation for the development of developing countries covering also the spread of Cittaslow, slowfood, etc.	Will be implemented following certification.

**PART THREE: DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WOLFVILLE'S
CONFORMITY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCELLENCE**

Energy and Environmental Requirements

1.1a Smoke Free Indoor and Outdoors Public Places By-Law

Prohibits smoking inside any public establishment or assembly area for the purposes of respecting the health, well-being, safety and protection of persons; persons and activities in public places and places open to the public; and nuisances, including odours and fumes.

1.1b Idling Control By-Law

Prohibits persons from idling vehicle for more than three minutes.

1.1c No smoking in private vehicles bylaw

Wolfville was one of the first municipalities in Canada to adopt a bylaw prohibiting smoking in private vehicles when children were present.

1.1d Open Air Fire By-Law

Prohibits open air fires and specifies the requirements for acceptable fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and structures, as well as enforcing penalties for offences in order to respect the health, well being, safety and protection of persons, the safety and protection of property, and activities that may cause nuisances including burning, odours, and fumes.

1.2a Source Water Protection Plan and Committee

The initial Source Water Protection Plan was prepared in 2008 to fulfill requirements set out by the Province for safe drinking water. Specific requirements for identifying, monitoring and protecting drinking water are identified and must be reflected in local planning documents. Guided by the Source Water Protection Plan, the objective of the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee is to provide the Water Utility with advice regarding water quality and quantity concerns, sources of contamination in the source water supply area; management options, and the success of the protection plan.

1.2b The Wolfville Water Utility

The Wolfville Water Utility maintains high quality drinking water through an optimal treatment process, regular testing and highly trained staff. Full sewage treatment is provided through reaction lagoons.

1.3a Water Consumption

In 2009, each person in Wolfville used an average of 321.4 litres of water daily (all purposes; not just drinking water). While this was down by 7.1% from 2006 levels, it was still higher than the provincial and national averages (292.0 and 274.0 litres respectively).

1.4a Improvements in the Composition of the Waste Stream

Between 2006 and 2013, the Town increased the proportion of recyclables and organics in the waste stream (from 13.3 to 17.7% and from 19.1 to 27.5% respectively) while reducing residual waste from 67.6% to 55.3% of the waste stream.

1.4b Waste Collection and Recycling Stations

The Town maintains over 60 recycling waste stations in public areas throughout the community.

1.4c Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management By-Law

A comprehensive bylaw is in place for waste management. The bylaw restricts the amount of waste directed to landfills; encourages recycling; establishes mandatory curbside compost collection and provides residents with compost bins and guidelines on waste separation. Strict penalties are in place for non-compliance.

1.7a. Municipal Energy Audit

The Town is about to undertake an energy audit of all municipal buildings. The Audit will be completed in 2016 and recommendations will be made for energy savings in all public buildings.

1.8a Street Light Conversion/LED Lights

The Town has replaced street lighting with energy efficient LED lights. Acadia University has adopted a similar program.

1.9a Prevention of Excessive Noise By-Law

The bylaw establishes acceptable standards for noise to encourage respect for the comfort, privacy and enjoyment of life for Town residents.

1.9b Property Minimum Standards Bylaw

The bylaw establishes minimum standards for properties and outlines the responsibilities of property owners in this regard. It provides a comprehensive set of requirements for internal and external areas of the dwelling to ensure building design, infrastructure and services do not place

residents at risk and that the property is not unsightly or incompatible with neighbourhood standards.

1.9c Town of Wolfville - Land Use Bylaw – Light restrictions

Section 4.17 of the Land Use By-Law indicates any outdoor lighting associated with a development shall minimize the impact on properties in the surrounding area by using techniques such as hooded street lights.”

1.9d Town of Wolfville - Land Use Bylaw – Sign restrictions

Section 24.3 of the Land Use Bylaw creates a number of restrictions on the size, location and type of signs to reduce visual distractions and unsightly displays. The bylaw also places extreme restrictions on the use of illuminated signs which are prohibited in most areas of the Town, including the downtown commercial zone.

1.9e Possible Protection of View Planes

The protection of significant view planes is being investigated as part of the current updating of the Municipal Planning Strategy

1.12a Sustainable Planting in Town Parks

The Town has participated in a program with the Nova Scotia Community College to introduce sustainable, native species plantings in municipal parks.

Infrastructure Requirements

2.1a Town of Wolfville Sustainable Transportation Study (2011)

The study established the connection between sustainable transportation systems and safe and healthy communities; age friendly communities and acceptable infrastructure investment. The study makes recommendations for the integration of bicycle lanes, new connections to established trail systems, downtown traffic flow and parking and transit.

2.1b Town of Wolfville. Active Transportation Plan (2015)

The Plan established a strategy for increasing active transportation options in the Town through improved physical links and trail connections and increased education/awareness. Implementation of the recommendations will create an active transportation network for the Town.

2.1c Town of Wolfville Parks and Open Space Master Plan (2012)

A major recommendation of the Plan is to build upon the existing recreational trails network to create a looped trail system. The Town has developed a trail system connecting significant open space resources and other destination points in the community. A former rail line has been developed as a significant trail link within the community and informal trails on the dyke system establish connections beyond the municipal boundaries. Future plans of subdivision for new residential area require pedestrian/bicycle links to the established trail systems.

2.1d Regional Trail Development

Wolfville is participating with other area municipalities to develop a major trail system using a former rail network. The last link is currently being developed by the Town and will connect major destinations throughout the Annapolis Valley, from the historic town of Annapolis Royal to the UNESCO World Heritage site at Grand Pré.

2.3a Bicycle Parking

Bicycle parking areas have been established at various locations in the downtown area of Wolfville. This initiative was supported by downtown business interests and was identified in the Active Transportation strategy.

2.4a Walk to Work Statistics

In Wolfville, approximately 24% of residents walk to work, compared to 7% provincially and 6% nationally. Approximately 67% of Wolfville residents drive to work, compared to 85% provincially and 80% nationally.

2.4b Expansion of Urban Sidewalks

In 2011, roughly 47% of Wolfville streets had sidewalks; an increase from 40% in 2009

2.4c Positive Perceptions of Wolfville's Walkability

In 2011, 88% of residents felt the Town provided enjoyable walking routes; 82% felt safe on walking routes; and 75% felt the routes were well located to reach stores, community facilities, school and work. These proportions compare with 66%, 73% and 48% in the Province of Nova Scotia.

2.4d Kings Transit

Transit serves Wolfville and the surrounding County and provides a public transit alternative for travel within the region.

2.4e Kings Point-to-Point Transit

A non-profit organization that provides door to door transportation for residents with special needs and who do not have access to transportation.

2.5a Provincial Building Code – Barrier Free Access.

Provincial building codes are regularly updated and, along with provincial legislation, ensure barrier free access. All municipalities must comply.

2.5b Local Redevelopment Projects

In addition to building code requirements, the Town routinely considers barrier free access in all planning and redevelopment projects that involve updating older infrastructure. Current examples include recreation facilities, the redevelopment of the Wolfville elementary school and sidewalk upgrades.

2.7a Eastern Kings Memorial Community Health Centre

Provides healthcare services within the Town

2.7b Emergency Response Services

Provides ambulance and emergency response within Wolfville.

2.7c Local Physicians/Walk In Clinic

The Town is served by a number of local doctors, dentists, chiropractors and other medical specialists. There is also a walk in clinics providing immediate access to medical services for residents.

2.7d Alternative Medical Services

The Town is home to a large number of alternative medical practioners offering services and counselling with respect to holistic medicine, naturopathy, etc.

2.8a The Wolfville Farmers Market and Good Food Hub Kitchen.

The Market provides a year round venue for the sale of local, organic products with a mission to provide a fair and direct market venue for locally-produced goods and services in an environment that inspires and nourishes community. It is located in the core area of Wolfville in the DeWolfe building, a former apple packing warehouse. The permanent market building is also widely used for other community events including educational and training courses addressing nutrition; food security; cooking with local products, etc. The Good Food Hub Kitchen provides high quality food programming, community gatherings and certified production facilities for growing food businesses.

The Market is also a key location for the sale, protection and promotion of the works of local artisans. Local artists, potters, woodworkers, jewelry makers and others display their materials and interact with residents on a weekly basis.

2.8b Sustainable Practices Adopted by Local Merchants

Wolfville merchants participate in urban beautification, energy efficiency upgrades, tourism promotion and recycling, often in partnership with the Town. Merchants are also committed to local products and local suppliers.

2.9a Commute to Work

Approximately 53% of employed Wolfville residents work in Wolfville.

Quality of Urban Life Requirements

3.1a Municipal Planning Strategy

See discussion in Part Two of the report.

3.1b Municipal Economic Development Initiatives

The Town has undertaken a number of studies addressing fiscal sustainability and economic development and has a full time economic development officer.

3.1c Other Municipal Plans and Strategies

In addition to the MPS and the Economic Development initiatives, the Town of Wolfville regularly plans for all aspects of municipal responsibility to ensure the community's ongoing urban resilience. Current and recent planning studies are listed throughout the application. These include,

among others, the Recreation Facility Study; Energy Audit; Active Transportation Plan; Downtown Visioning (Imagine Wolfville's Downtown); Core Area Neighbourhood Study; and the Physical Activity Strategy.

3.2a Imagine Wolfville's Downtown (2014)

A downtown redevelopment concept plan was prepared to address a number of key issues including, new approaches to downtown planning and planning approvals; the establishment of Urban Design Guidelines in conjunction with an update of the existing Architectural Standards; special planning studies for the residential areas adjoining the downtown; and infill development.

3.2b Downtown Improvement Programs

In recent years the Town has undertaken a number of initiatives to make an already vibrant downtown more attractive for residents and visitors. These include the street furniture and plantings; the redevelopment of the major downtown park (Clock Park), new signage and a major wayfinding project to orient visitors to key sites and attractions; replacement of street lights, installation of public art, etc.

3.3a KC Irving Environmental Science Centre

The K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre contains state-of-the-art research laboratories, greenhouses, a conservatory, and controlled environmental facilities. As part of the Acadia University, the facility includes six acres of public gardens representing native plant communities of the Acadia Forest Region, a glassed-in winter garden (climate controlled for research purposes), a garden of medicinal and food plants plus fully wired conferencing and educational facilities. The Garden Room is a special meeting and gathering place open daily to students, visitors, community and faculty.

3.3b Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens

The Gardens occupy more than six acres on the Acadia campus and act as a meeting place for science and nature enthusiasts. Since September 2002, the Gardens have provided a stimulating and interesting environment for the study and viewing of native flora of the Acadian Forest Region, as well as a quiet place for a walk. The gardens are home to more than 20,000 plants native to the Acadian Forest Region as well as several hundred non-native plants brought by Acadian and Planter settlers for food and medicinal purposes.

3.3c Acadia Community Farm

The Farm began in the 2008 with the Mission of providing local organic produce to the Acadia dining hall while providing a community garden. It has become an educational community centre for the exchange of knowledge surrounding gardening, food, and sustainable agriculture.

3.3d Community Greening Initiatives

Community groups and volunteers participate in a number of greening initiatives, including the Wolfville Community Garden, street planting, volunteers who maintain plants along public trails and walkways, etc.

3.6a Town and University Websites

Both the Town of Wolfville and Acadia University maintain websites with complete information on municipal services and links to other community resources.

3.6b CAP Site

A CAP site at the Public Library provides internet access to all residents including those that may not have access from home.

3.6c Community Wireless Access

Wireless access is available in many Wolfville stores and restaurants; at the public library and throughout the Acadia campus.

3.7a Downtown Architectural Guidelines

The downtown area of the municipality is a designated architectural control district and architectural and design guidelines are in place to preserve the integrity and respect the heritage of the core area.

3.7b Design Review Committee

In areas not designated as architectural control districts, the Town has established a committee composed of architects; heritage specialists and other experts to review the design of new buildings.

3.8a Valley Community Fibre Network (VCFN)

The Town of Wolfville and Acadia University, along with the Nova Scotia Community College and other area municipalities, are owners of the VCFN. VCFN provides direct fibre optic services to businesses and the public sector with the goal of offering high-capacity data communication capabilities and enhancing economic development with telecommunication resources equivalent of those found in larger urban centres.

3.10a Teleconferencing Facilities

Both the Town of Wolfville and Acadia University are equipped to accommodate teleconferencing and remote access meetings; training; etc.

Agricultural, Turistic and Artisan Requirements

4.2a Harvest Gallery

This private gallery located on Main St in the downtown focuses on the work of local artists and artisans.

4.5a Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op and TAN Coffee

Just Us! was Canada's first fair trade coffee roaster. They are also one of Canada's most successful worker-owned businesses. TAN Coffee is also a fair trade producer/retailer on Main St.

4.5b Healthy Choices Program at Schools and Acadia University

A program exists at the local school to provide healthy meal choices. Similar programs exist at Acadia University including an orientation for first year students, operated in conjunction with the Acadia Community Farm, on nutritious eating opportunities.

4.5c Local Sourcing by Private Business

Most locally owned Wolfville restaurants use local organic products and actively promote local fare in their menu options. Local food retailers stock and promote local products.

4.6a Slow Food Nova Scotia

A non-profit, eco-gastronomic member-supported organization that was founded in 1989 to counteract fast food and fast life, the disappearance of local food traditions and people's dwindling interest in the food they eat where it comes from, how it tastes and how our food choices affect the

rest of the world. Slow Food Nova Scotia has drawn a number of its executive members, supporters and promoters from Wolfville and area.

4.7a Town of Wolfville Cultural Development Policy

The policy recognizes Wolfville's cultural community and provides a framework to encourage efficient use of resources and encourage consistent, complementary decision-making related to cultural development.

4.7b Devour Food Film Festival

The world's largest food film festival, Devour attracts an international audience interested in food and film for a four day event featuring entertainment, education and the arts.

4.7c Deep Roots Music Cooperative/Deep Roots Festival

The cooperative holds concerts, fund-raisers and educational events throughout the year, culminating in an annual four day music festival celebrating Mi'kmaq, Acadian, African-Nova Scotian and other Canadian and international performers.

4.7d Randall House Museum

The museum reflects life in Wolfville in the 18th and 19th centuries. Attendance at the museum has increased an average of 30% compounded annually from 2009-11, while attendance at other area museums has declined in this same period.

4.7e Apple Blossom Festival

A regional springtime festival featuring local music, events and community gatherings to celebrate the Annapolis Valley's traditions and agricultural heritage.

4.7f Magic Bus Wine Tour

The Bus, supported by the Town of Wolfville, provides guided tours of local wineries.

4.7g Town of Wolfville Art in Public Places Policy and Committee

The policy establishes a standardized and transparent process for the acquisition, selection, maintenance, de-accession, monitoring and evaluation of purchased and/or donated works of art for display in public spaces, direction for placement of public art, and a sustainable funding model for the development, acquisition and management of the Public Art for the Town of Wolfville. The

goal of the Committee is to unveil, every four years, a permanent piece of public art by means of juried process.

4.7h Wolfville Guided Walking Tours

Local residents provide guided walking tours of the downtown and heritage properties.

4.7i Acadia Cultural Events and the Performing Arts Series

Every year, Acadia University presents and hosts a variety of cultural and arts events including concerts in a broad range of musical styles, classical and contemporary theatre, stimulating literary events and lectures, and unique exhibitions of art.

The Acadia Performing Arts Series has existed for over 75 years and in 2013 attracted an audience of over 4,000 people and between 2010 and 2013 served more than 1,150 people with workshops and outreach activities.

4.7j Fundy Film Society

The Fundy Film Society was established in 2001 as a non-profit society to bring high quality independent, Canadian and foreign film to the Annapolis Valley. The Society operates in partnership with the Toronto International Film Festival which brings films to Wolfville that would generally only be accessible in major urban areas in Canada. Since 2002, the Society has screened over 500 films.

4.7k Acadia Cinema Co-operative Limited/Al Whittle Theatre

Rather than losing this privately owned movie theatre when the owners felt it was no longer commercially viable, it was purchased by a community co-op. In addition to accommodating the Fundy Film Series and a wide range of movies that would generally not be shown in commercial theatres, it is a performance and meeting venue for virtually every major festival, event and community forum. In 2012-13, the Theatre hosted 237 performances and events with a total audience of 17,000.

4.7l Acadia University Art Gallery

Established as a public gallery in 1978, the Acadia University Art Gallery offers a year-round exhibition program of contemporary and historical work. Exhibitions and outreach programming promote visual literacy and enhance the intellectual and cultural experience of the University and

wider community. Exhibitions are presented from internal and external curatorial projects, submissions from artists and exhibitions from other cultural institutions including the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the National Gallery of Canada, The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and international organizations.

4.7m – Annual Community Theatre Productions

A number of local community organizations host annual performances involving local residents and frequently promoting social causes. Examples include the annual Christmas productions of the Fezziwig Society and the Women of Wolfville productions that aid charities supporting women and children.

4.8b Acadia University Summer Visitor Programs

The University hosts a number of recreational, educational and cultural events during the summer using the residences and food service facilities to accommodate large groups of visitors.

4.10a West End Residential Lands Study (2014)

The western portion of the Town of Wolfville is the only remaining major undeveloped residential area. This study explored innovative approaches to future development that would be more sustainable through different forms of urban development and design and would accommodate higher densities while maximizing the preservation of green space and the protection of environmental sensitive areas.

Hospitality, Awareness and Training Requirements

5.1a Town of Wolfville – Economic Action Plan 2012

The Economic Action Plan focuses on tourism (along with retail development and expanded education and research activities) and identifies strategies to enhance the municipality as a tourism destination and improve the visitor experience. Opportunities to expand specialty retail, accommodation and food service businesses are identified as well as the need for improved promotional activities.

5.1b Visitor Centre

A fully staffed Visitor Information Centre operates from May until October in Wolfville.

5.1c Wayfinding Project

The project resulted in easily identifiable, consistent signage at key locations in the Town to direct visitors to parks, the waterfront, the University, trails and other attractions.

5.1d Information Kiosks and Interpretative Displays

The Town maintains a number of information kiosks throughout the community focused on local history and current events. Interpretative signs are used to provide information on unique natural and geological features and the history of the Town and the University,

5.1e Community Media

A bi-monthly newspaper, the Grapevine, provides detailed information on community meetings, programs and special events of interest to both visitors and residents. The "Valley Events" website is also a source of information on local events in the region.

5.2a Standard Business Practices/Consumer Protection Legislation

Fair and transparent pricing and superior customer service are standard business practices in Wolfville. Furthermore, Provincial/National legislation regulates these practices with respect to such things as product labelling, warranties; product safety testing, displaying maximum prices for accommodation etc. All businesses in Wolfville must comply with these regulations.

5.4a Town of Wolfville Communications Policy and Plan/Provincial Legislation

The Town has a policy that prescribes requirements for communicating with the public and inviting public input to decision-making. All major Town plans, policy reviews and studies involve community consultation. For a number of matters routinely dealt with by Town Council or committees, Provincial legislation makes transparency and accountability mandatory.

5.5a Wolfville Cittaslow Committee

This volunteer Committee was established with the support of the Town to prepare the Cittaslow application. A number of community information and education programs have been implemented by the Committee to date. The Committee is now in the process of expanding its membership and adopting a more formal structure and mandate to pursue Cittaslow projects, training and communication following designation.

5.6a Town of Wolfville Physical Activity Strategy (2013)

The preparation of municipal physical activity strategies are supported by the Province of Nova Scotia as a means to address serious health issues associated with sedentary lifestyles including increased obesity, diabetes and other diseases. The Wolfville strategy was developed with considerable community input and resulted in a number of recommendations for improved access to recreation facilities and programs; active transportation initiatives; promotion and education. Town staff include a full time active living coordinator responsible for implementing the Physical Activity Strategy.

5.6b Municipal Alcohol Management Program

Wolfville was an early participant and strong supporter of this Provincial initiative aimed at reducing the harms associated with alcohol. Wolfville served as a case study for the initial research and both the Town and University have actively embraced programs, policies and interventions to reduce alcohol harms.

5.6c Town and Gown Committee/Acadia Students Union

The Wolfville Acadia Town and Gown Committee exists to develop and enhance relationships, communications and policies among Acadia students, community, residents, police and Town. The Committee addresses issues such as neighbourhood relations, safe housing, and students' health and safety. The Acadia Students Union also operates a number of programs specifically focused on the health and safety of students.

Social Cohesion Requirements

6.1a Town Policies/Provincial Legislation Prohibiting Discrimination

The Town's hiring, promotion and procurement policies and practices prohibit discrimination. These policies are frequently based in Provincial legislation dealing with non-discrimination, human rights and race relations and consequently are strictly enforced.

6.1b Municipal Proclamations in Support of Minorities

The Town of Wolfville frequently makes public proclamations to support minority rights, including for example, recognizing Gay Pride celebrations.

6.2a Community Diversity

In 2011, Wolfville at 8.5% had a higher proportion of non-Canadian citizens than both Nova Scotia (2.4%) and Canada (6.0%). In 2011, 11% of Wolfville's population was foreign born, more than double the provincial proportion (5.3%).

6.2b Reclaiming and Sustaining Core Neighbourhoods Report (2013)

The report provides analysis and recommendations with respect to housing and social stability in the core area of the community. Issues addressed include community stability and cohesion and diversity of housing stock and residents (both permanent residents and university students).

6.3a Larche Homefires Society

The Society operates 5 homes for individuals with developmental disabilities in Wolfville and the surrounding area. They are currently in the process of developing a new facility to house day programs. L'Arche is an important part of the Wolfville community and provides a level of service for the individuals it serves that far exceeds that which would be available in most small communities in Nova Scotia.

6.4b Wolfville Children's Centre/Early Learning and Childcare Centres

In 2013, there were three licensed childcare facilities in Wolfville with a capacity to care for 85 children. The Wolfville Children's Centre, a non-profit organization providing care and programming to build self-esteem, contribute to child development and encourage language skills and school readiness, is the largest of these with sixty spaces.

6.6b Community Organizations Addressing Poverty

There are a number of organizations in Wolfville will community service programs to support low income families. These include, among others, the Wolfville Area Foodbank established in 2007

and currently serving over 130 families a month; the Western Regional Housing Authority (see public housing below); and a number of churches and service clubs.

6.9a Political Participation

In Wolfville, 37.3% of eligible voters turned out for the 2012 municipal election, compared to 42.7% for the province as a whole.

6.10 Public Housing

Public housing is administered by the Province and every municipality contributes on a per capita basis so Wolfville's contribution cannot be compared to regional averages. Public housing is also administered on a regional basis. The Housing Authority responsible for the region that includes Wolfville, manages a number of rent geared to income apartments for seniors; rent supplemented apartments for lower income families and affordable housing units. Wolfville is also a participant in the regional chapter of Habitat for Humanity which provides volunteer built homes for families requiring assistance.