



ATTENDING

Councillor David Mangle, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Acadia Director Safety and Security Patrick Difford, Acadia Senior Director Student Affairs James Sanford, ASU VP Communications Ted Higa, RCMP Sgt. Stephen Power and Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

ALSO ATTENDING

Director Community Development Chrystal Fuller, Compliance Officer Blair MacMurtery, ASU VP Finance Matt Gendron, and Drew Morris (Professional Placement with Community Development and Recreation Management)

LATE ARRIVALS

RCMP Sgt Stephen Power and Acadia Senior Director Student Affairs James Sanford

ABSENT WITH REGRET

Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, and ASU President Suzanne Gray

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor Mangle, called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

- Introductions made for all those attending

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as posted

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24, 2015

The minutes were approved as drafted

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. Town Council / ASU Council Meeting – February 2, 2016

- Mayor Cantwell highlighted that this was a great success. Exciting concept put forward for the pairing up of ASU Council members with Town Council members
- On March 5th there will be a Student Life summit meeting (2:00pm-4:00pm). Topics will be brought forward to those students in attendance for further discussion

12:10pm RCMP Sgt Stephen Power arrived

- Meeting provided an excellent opportunity for open dialogue
- Productive meeting that should again be scheduled at the start of next year with a new ASU Council in place – important to develop the Town Council/ASU Council relationship early with a possible meeting date in May, June or July in advance of the school year start date
- Chair added that the importance of a meeting such as this is to build on understanding – important to come face-to-face and discuss the issues. Further develop the feeling of community
- Very critical to continue to understand one another so that we have a better functioning community



b. Workplan for Committee in 2016

Director Community Development updated the Town & Gown committee on the status of the Core Area Action Plan which was developed in 2014 and focused primarily on problems and not on cooperation.

12:25pm Acadia Senior Director Student Affairs James Sanford arrived

Chair put forward that a number of the Action Items from the Core Area Action Plan could likely be completed by small sub-Committees of the Town & Gown

The purpose of the Town & Gown Committee was highlighted: "To develop and enhance relationships, communications and policies among Acadia students, community, residents, police and Town. This objective would be achieved by addressing issues of common concern and may include neighbourhood relations, housing, the environment, economic activities, recreational and cultural events, health and safety issues and academic outreach."

- **Proposed focus for Town & Gown Committee:**
 - Strengthening partnerships and opportunities with the Town & Gown;
 - Resolving conflicts; and
 - Providing feedback from the Gown perspective on a number of By-laws that will be revised

- **Proposed Town & Gown Committee Priorities for 2016**
 - Partnership agreement regarding facility access;
 - Event Coordination / Sport Tourism Development;
 - Alcohol Policies for event and Municipal Alcohol Strategy Review; and
 - Input into Draft By-laws. Town and Gown Committee would not have primary responsibility for the By-laws but would provide feedback. This would include MPS, LUB, Rooming House Licensing, Noise, Vending and any other where there is possible impact on Acadia University

- **Potential By-laws for 2016/17:**
 - Vending By-law;
 - Community Standards By-law;
 - MPS/LUB;
 - Boarding House Licensing;
 - Business Registry;
 - Dog By-law revisions; and
 - Prevention of Excessive Noise By-law

- **Other activities that will occur**
 - RCMP issues will be dealt with at the RCMP Advisory Board and at the staff level;
 - Best practices will be learned through communications with other university towns;
 - Continued improvement and reporting on By-law function will occur;
 - Public Art will be dealt with by the Art in Public Spaces Committee; and
 - MPS review will deal with a number of items on the list, these include:

- Housing
- Hours of operation of lounges
- Placemaking opportunities

The Town & Gown Committee agreed upon the following priorities for 2016:

- Partnership agreement regarding facility access;
- Event Coordination / Sport Tourism Development;
- Input into Draft By-laws;
- Continue to Develop Relationships; and
- Sharing and Implementation of Best Practices

c. Input into MPS Process, and

Lodging, Board and Rooming Houses in Town of Wolfville, Discussion Paper

- Housing is a significant problem in rural Nova Scotia and in Wolfville. There is a high percentage of under-housed people, a market that is pushing up prices to unaffordable levels, sub-standard housing, and conflicts in certain neighbourhoods that don't want a certain kind of housing
- Student housing is often a controversial issue
- Looking at best way in which to accommodate all those within the community in an affordable way so that there is a range of housing types
- There is a need to manage those conflicts that happen so as to have better community integration
- Moving in the direction of licensing Boarding Houses – Residential Rental Licensing By-law
- The Lodging, Board and Rooming Houses in Town of Wolfville Discussion paper was presented to Committee as part of the Agenda Package
 - Chair requested that Discussion paper be shared with Acadia Students.
- Wolfville has a very challenging issue in regards to student housing
- Chair highlighted that it is very important to have the total community represented at future discussion sessions

4. BUSINESS ARISING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, DECEMBER 8, 2015:

a. "Moving from Senior to SEEN – Empowering Individuals and Committees"

- Presentations included in Agenda Package for information purposes

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Town of Wolfville Prevention of Excessive Noise Bylaw – Ch64

- Compliance Officer brought forward the revamping of the Town's Prevention of Excessive Noise Bylaw Ch64
- The revamp was for clarity and re-aligned issues within the Bylaw to bring them up-to-date
- Next steps:
 - The Compliance Officer will be seeking Community feedback
 - The Draft Bylaw will be presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting April 5th with a recommendation that it be presented at a Public Hearing
 - The Draft Bylaw would then be presented at a Public Hearing on May 17th in advance of the second reading at the Town Council Meeting on May 17th



6. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next meeting of the Town and Gown Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Approved at the March 22, 2016 Town & Gown Meeting.

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Service