



ATTENDING

Councillor David Mangle, Acadia Director Safety and Security, Patrick Difford, Acadia Senior Director Student Affairs James Sanford, ASU VP Communications (outgoing) Ted Higa, ASU VP Communications (incoming) Sam Nielsen, RCMP Sgt. Stephen Power, Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, and Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

ALSO ATTENDING

Director Community Development Chrystal Fuller, Compliance Officer Blair MacMurtery, and Community Development Officer Andrew Webber.

LATE ARRIVALS

Acadia Senior Director Student Affairs James Sanford

ABSENT WITH REGRET

Mayor Jeff Cantwell, and ASU President Samantha Sproule

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor Mangle, called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2016

The minutes were approved as drafted

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. Committee Priorities – Action Plan Update:

- **Research and implement best practices**
 - Towards the implementation of best practices, Director Community Development attended the Ontario Town & Gown Symposium in Guelph, ON (see item 5a)
- **Promote Neighbourhood connections**
 - Nothing to report
- **Development of partnership agreement for facilities**
 - Nothing to report
- **Event Coordination – Welcome Week Events**
 - The Town of Wolfville and Acadia University are engaging one another to collaboratively plan and implement an event during, or immediately following, Acadia University's Welcome Week (the first week of September)
 - While Welcome Week garners the majority of influence in building this relationship, it is recommended that another event coordinated by the Town, smaller in nature, be run in January as students return from winter break. Hosting a rekindling event at this time will



- aid in re-establishing the relationship between all parties and ensuring that it continues onwards in the second half of the academic year
 - ASU is looking at an “Amazing Race” event around Wolfville to kick off Welcome Week. An event that would incorporate local businesses and have the students become more familiar with the Town of Wolfville
 - Council will receive a follow-up report outlining the successes, challenges, and recommendations for running such events in future years upon the completion of the first event during Welcome Week
 - In previous years there was an increase in non-alcohol events, and this should be continued into the next Welcome Week
 - While there will always be some perceived negatives to Welcome Week, a proactive approach to communications with all members of the Community will go a long way to minimizing the negative impacts of such an event
- **Provide input on key Bylaws/Policies – Update on Dog Bylaw Ch16**
 - The Dog Control Bylaw was amendment in October 2013 included a new definition of “Designated Off Leash Areas”
 - Acadia University properties known as the “Acadia Green Space” and the playing fields north of the railway tracks were included as designated off leash areas
 - Acadia has requested to have all its properties removed as off leash areas from the Town of Wolfville Dog Control Bylaw
 - Further to the request for removal of the Acadia properties from the Dog Control Bylaw and based on the number of calls for service in and around the other designated off leash areas, a consideration for the removal of all unconfined off leash areas from the Town of Wolfville would be appropriate
 - Staff are considering the following amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw:
 - The removal of the Acadia owned properties from the Bylaw
 - The removal of all or some of the listed “Designated Off Leash Areas”, and
 - The consideration for a dedicated Off Leash Park for the dog community
 - Chair highlighted that it was important to seek out feedback from the community at-large and not just feedback from dog owners

4. ASU/ACADIA UPDATES

a. CIS Championships

- Women’s CIS Championship is scheduled to take place at Acadia University 10-13 November, 2016, with eight teams coming from across the Country
- The CIS Championship Committee would be pleased to attend a meeting in the Town, or establish communications with a Town office. Any coordination with the Town will take place through the Community Development Officer
- There is an organizing committee in place to oversee the planning leading up to this event
- Planning efforts are underway to incorporate the Valley District Soccer Association local youth soccer programs
- Looking at promoting this as a high profile soccer event in the Valley with a possible cumulative total attendance in the range of 5000-8000 people



b. Bylaws Review

- Concern expressed by ASU representative with regards to the Prevention of Excessive Noise Bylaw amendment to the start of construction to 7:00am from originally published 8:00am
- ASU will be working with the Compliance Officer to develop an infographic to inform all students about the revised Prevention of Excessive Noise Bylaw and what it means to them

c. Community Alcohol Project – Partners Shifting the Culture of Alcohol (CAPPSCA) – Long-Term Vision

- This group developed in late summer/early September 2015 and spun off from several different forums which had been focussed on issues of youth and alcohol
- CAPPSCA is a gathering of interested partners that meet monthly looking at reducing alcohol harm
- Proposed that it might be worthwhile having the executive of this group attend a future Town & Gown Committee meeting to provide highlights of their work
- Through May and into June, there's a collaborative effort between the School Board and Emergency First Responders to encourage more bystander intervention among the high school population for social events that take place around graduation in an effort to try and curtail some of the negative consequences of end of school year drinking – look out for each other and take care of each other

5. CONFERENCE UPDATE

a. Ontario Town & Gown Association Symposium

- Director Community Development attended the [Ontario Town and Gown Association symposium](#), for the first time, May 9-11, 2016
- The theme of the symposium was Trending to the Future: Open Communities
- The Symposium was focused primarily towards Ontario Universities and Colleges, but there were representatives in attendance from Saint Mary's and from an Alberta College

1:01 pm Sgt Stephen Power departed the Town & Gown Committee meeting

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Project Charter: Residential Rental Business Bylaw (RRBB)

- The Town of Wolfville is focused on developing a Residential Rental Business Bylaw (RRBB) and the draft Project Charter was presented to the Town & Gown Committee for feedback on the university/student related issues
- Phase 1 of the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) identified significant community concern regarding rental housing and how it is planned for and regulated. The consultants for Phase 1 recommended that the Town develop and implement a Residential Rental Business Bylaw as part of Phase 2 of the MPS review as planning regulations are often not the most effective tool to deal with some of the issues relating to rental housing.
- Rental housing is often cited as a type of affordable housing, particularly aimed at low income individuals, seniors and students, though not exclusively for these segments of our community.

In Wolfville, it is believed that students are the main group that takes advantage of multi-tenant rental housing. However, seniors are also another group that may take advantage of this kind of tenure. An RRBB would regulate multi-tenant rental situations to ensure the safety of shared rental accommodation and property maintenance standards

- The guiding principles of this Project speak to how this project will proceed and our approach. Council, staff and others involved in this project will base actions on these principles:
 - Affordable housing must be available in Wolfville
 - Students are a welcome addition to our community and must be accommodated within community
 - We will strive to hear, respect and learn from all points of view
 - Empirical data and evidence based decision-making will guide our thinking
 - We will “name the problem” in order to develop solutions that make our community more inclusive, safer and welcoming
- The objectives of the RRBB are:
 - To create a Bylaw that regulates residential rental businesses (RRBs), including a definition of RRBs
 - To adopt this Bylaw at the same time or before the draft MPS is presented to Council
 - To educate the public on multi-tenant rental housing options and impacts
- A key will be to focus on the problem and the behaviours without attaching a “student” label to all issues – this is a community/resident problem.
- The Project Charter will go to Committee of the Whole June 7, 2016

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- ASU representative highlighted that on corner of Prospect and Gaspereau, there is a blind corner which could lead to a hazardous situation. Request put forward that the sign look into having a sign posted for awareness of the blind corner
 - Issue to be forwarded on to Wolfville’s Traffic Authority, Sgt Stephen Power

8. NEXT MEETING

As Chair would not be in attendance at the June 28, 2016 Town & Gown Conference, it was recommended that the next meeting the Town and Gown Committee be scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm.

Approved at the July 26, 2016 Town & Gown Meeting

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Service