



Wolfville/Acadia Town and Gown Committee

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

12:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Town Hall
359 Main Street

Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes of September 27, 2016 (attached)
3. Issues for Discussion:
 - a. Overview of Committee Function
 - b. Update on Council Strategic Planning Process
 - c. Welcome Week Update
 - d. Meeting Time & Frequency
 - e. ASU – Community Relations Officer
4. Roundtable Discussion
5. Question Period
6. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2017
7. Adjournment



POLICY

Wolfville & Acadia Town and Gown Committee	
Policy Number 120-012	Supersedes Policy Number Not Applicable
Effective Date 2013-04-02 2013-05-21 amended 2014-12-16	Approval By Council (Motion Number) No. 08-04-13 Amending No. 08-05b-13 03-12b-14

1.0 Purpose

The primary purpose of the Wolfville & Acadia Town and Gown Committee is 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.

2.0 Scope

This Policy is applicable to all members of the Town of Wolfville Town & Gown Committee.

3.0 References

- 3.1 Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act

4.0 Definitions

- 4.1 CAO means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Wolfville
- 4.2 The Mayor means the Mayor of the Town of Wolfville

5.0 Policy

- 5.1 **Composition.** The T&C Committee would consist of 8 members:
- a. The Mayor
 - b. CAO
 - c. 1 Councillor
 - d. Acadia Director Safety and Security
 - e. Acadia Student Union (ASU) President
 - f. Acadia Senior Director of Student Affairs



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- g. RCMP Sergeant
- h. Off campus student representative

5.2 Council will select a Chair at the December meeting for the next year. Council member will serve as chair.

5.3 All Committee members serve without pay. Council member will serve 2 year terms. All other representatives are connected to a position.

5.4 The CAO will serve as a member on the Committee.

5.5 Duties and Responsibilities

- a. Generate ideas to continue to improve the relationships between the university, the community, the Town and the police;
- b. Specifically make recommendations to Council on strategies to lessen the negative impact on neighbourhood resulting from the large percentage of university students living in town;
- c. Develop communication strategies to celebrate the successes and work of the students and other citizens to enhance community relations;
- d. Promote the positive attributes of living in a campus community and support activities to ensure a safe and healthy community;
- e. Provide an open forum for discussion of issues and concerns among the partners in the community.

5.6 Administration.

- a. The meeting of the Committee will be held monthly. The Chair will communicate the meeting schedule annually.
- b. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of Town Hall or at an alternate location with agreement of the committee.

CAO

March 10, 2016

Date

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS INPUT

Committee: Town & Gown Committee

Date: 2016-09-27



A. KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM PAST TERM

- Focus on more of a strategic look at what the Town & Gown Committee is doing – measurement and assessment to guide decisions and directions. Continue to build an evidence-based approach into the way in which things are done
- Relationship between Acadia/ASU and the Town is much better than it was in the past. There is better communication and students feeling more respectful about their Town
- Town Council to ASU Council meeting held to further build relationships
- Identifying and working on shared priorities. Moving issues forward without being done strictly through enforcement
- The examination of how other Town & Gown communities are tackling issues and the reaching out to other organizations to further the development of best practices
- The close relationship that the Compliance Officer has developed with the ASU and the employment of a student intern with the Town's Compliance Officer
- The improved relationship that Town staff has developed with Acadia staff towards working as a true partnership – more intentional and planned out

B. TOP PRIORITIES GOING FORWARD

- Housing – a way in which the students are more engaged with the Town
- Engaged/enhanced Communication
- Research and Implement Best Practices while providing input on key Bylaws/Policies
- Development of Partnership Agreements for Facilities

C. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AS PART OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS?

- With regards to the use of language moving forward, examine using different terms when talking about "Students" (i.e., Mature Students, International Students, First-year students)
- Having a student work with the Compliance Officer on a more permanent basis with on-campus office space available for the Compliance Officer to provide more campus presence – possibly revisiting the "Student Ambassador Program"
- Focus on keeping graduate students from Acadia in the Wolfville area