



ATTENDING

Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, ASU President Samantha Sproule, ASU VP Communications Sam Nielsen, RCMP Sgt. Andrew Buckle, and Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

ALSO ATTENDING

Director Community Development Chrystal Fuller and interested members of the public

ABSENT WITH REGRET

Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, Acadia Director Safety and Security Patrick Difford and Acadia Senior Director Student Affairs James Sanford

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WOLFVILLE-ACADIA TOWN & GOWN COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED

3. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

a. Overview of Committee Function

- Chair conducted a roundtable of introductions for Committee members and members of the community in attendance
- Committee functions, Goals and objectives were discussed
- ASU President highlighted that the title “Town & Gown” for the Committee was outdated and no longer applicable for the title for the Committee. The suggestion was put forward at the January 19th Housing Symposium that two Committees be formed along the lines of Risk Management and Service Learning. The name of “Town and Gown” suggests two entities instead of having a focus on integration
 - Staff are working with Council to seek direction on the Strategic Plan that is being developed which will impact all Committees of Council for the Town of Wolfville
 - Better alignment – historically, the Town & Gown has been about problems, with a more recent look at Opportunities and Successes
- Duties of the Committee, as outlined in Policy 120-012, were reviewed with Committee members by Director Community Development
- The Town & Gown is not an operational body – advice to Council is provided through the Committee
- In moving forward, comments and/or observations by Committee members are to be sent to Chair/Director Community Development prior to next meeting



b. Update on Council Strategic Planning Process

- The Strategic Planning input provided by the Town & Gown Committee at the September 27, 2016 meeting was reviewed with Committee members. Director Community Development reviewed the input with Committee members:
 - Key accomplishments from the past term
 - Top priorities going forward
 - What would you like Council to consider as part of the Strategic Planning Process
- The Strategic Plan (2017-2021) One-Pager was highlighted to the Committee outlining that the document would be going before Council at the January 31st meeting for approval
 - Vision: “We are a green town where all can feel part of and celebrate our spirited community fabric”
 - Mission: “We provide leadership and collaborative governance in the allocation of public resources for the greater good of the Wolfville community”
 - One of the key tools for success will be having aligned Administrative and Committee structure

c. Welcome Week Update

- Welcome Week schedule:
 - Students arriving on September 2nd
 - International students arriving on August 30th
 - Returning Students arriving on September 4th
 - First day of classes on September 6th
 - Welcome Week September 2-5, 2017
- The Town is looking at constant improvement to Welcome Week to ensure that it is an enjoyable time for the community
- The Town is looking at opportunities early in September such as moving the dates of “Mud Creek Days” to enable having all residents of Wolfville participate – issue is under consideration by staff – all Wolfville’s residents, both permanent and temporary, available to participate
- Town staff are continuing to have planning discussions with Acadia administration

d. Meeting Time and Frequency

- In the past, the Town & Gown committee has met monthly
- The conflict with the next regularly scheduled meeting, February 21st, is Acadia’s Reading Week
- Due to February conflict, the next regularly scheduled meeting is March 21, 2017

e. ASU – Community Relations Officer

- ASU President highlighted that positions have changed on the ASU Executive
- The role of Community Relations did not fit under of the ASU Executive positions and is going to be a new position with someone elected specifically for that specific purpose – ASU elections taking place in February – although no applications submitted as of yet, the deadline for submissions is not until January 30th
- This position will help to build on the Acadia’s relationship with the community. The ultimate goal, from a Town staff perspective, is to embed someone in Acadia administration to deal with off-campus issues



4. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Chair highlighted an Acadia student's interest in sharing information about the 4th Annual Student Research & Innovation Conference that is being hosted at Acadia University March 3-4, 2017. Conference is open to the public with no admission fee
- In moving forward, Chair encouraged all those in attendance to be fairly frank and honest and open with issues to bring before the committee

5. QUESTION PERIOD

- Thanks expressed to the Committee for moving issues forward and that we are moving in the right direction towards relationship building and not finger-pointing
- It would be beneficial to the community if there were some clear, simple relationship building messages that could be used as reminders
- In terms of renaming the Committee, there is a requirement to wait and see what the role of the Committee will be in the future. If there is a dramatic change, recommended that there be a two-hour open meeting to outline the reasoning behind the Committees name change
- Director Community Developed asked the Committee about feedback with regards to the Town of Wolfville hosting the International Town & Gown Committee in 2018 (estimated in the May-June timeframe). Committee expressed that this would be a great opportunity for not only Wolfville but also the region and further discussion will be needed

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Wolfville-Acadia Town & Gown Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE TOWN & GOWN COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 1:00 PM

CARRIED

Approved at the May 16, 2017 Town & Gown Committee Meeting

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Service