



ATTENDING

Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, ASU President Samantha Sproule, Acadia Director Safety and Security Patrick Difford, and Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

ALSO ATTENDING

Director Community Development Chrystal Fuller

ABSENT WITH REGRET

Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, Acadia Senior Director Student Affairs James Sanford, ASU VP Communications Sam Nielsen, and Sgt Andrew Buckle

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor Proudfoot, called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

- Chair noted that the Town & Gown Committee did not have a quorum and that the meeting would still proceed with a discussion of Agenda items

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2017

- Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2017 meeting deferred until next Town & Gown Meeting due to quorum not being present

3. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- **Welcome Week Update – Director Community Development**
- There were previous discussions regarding the Town and Acadia doing more in concert with each other to support Welcome Week activities, in particular for the Town to rationalize resources
- One of the ideas presented was to examine the option of moving Mud Creek Days to the Fall timeframe for increased Acadia student participation. However, this year, due to Town staff's focussed support to Canada 150 events, Mud Creek Days will remain in the July timeframe
- There will not be any Town sponsored events as part of Welcome Week, but the Town will continue to work with Acadia and the ASU to participate where the Town has resources and capacity
- Town staff will also work with the Wolfville Business Development Corporation (WBDC), an organization that has previously supported events to welcome the students back to Wolfville
- Chair highlighted that she will be around during Welcome Week and if there is a presence needed she will be able to support Welcome Week activities
- The concern around moving Mud Creek Days to the Fall was based on the lateness of making the move and the events historical connection to being held in July. There are so many events already taking place in the Fall, that retaining the scheduling of Mud Creek Days in the July timeframe made more sense for this year
- Part of the interest in moving the event to the fall from Staff's perspective was:
 - an opportunity of focussing on the 'mud' aspect of the event and having the students bring a fun element to the event, and
 - A Fall event would provide an opportunity for residents and incoming students to get together in a fun environment



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- Due to involvement with Canada 150, Mud Creek Days will remain scheduled in the July timeframe, but there is an opportunity next year with Wolfville's 125th birthday to move Mud Creek Days to the Fall
 - It was agreed that there is a need to look at how to better involve Acadia students in Town events and activities
 - Town Staff will be happy to be involved in supporting some Welcome Week initiatives in some capacity, and in the future, there needs to be a focus on a "Welcome Month"
 - Recommended that Welcome Week not just focus on new students but also at the University population as a whole

 - **ASU – Community Relations Officer – ASU President**
 - Acadia Student Chris Saulnier successfully ran for this position and has been appointed
 - ASU President provided an outline of responsibilities for the Community Relations Officer:
 - Responsible for relations with the Wolfville Town Council;
 - Responsible for attending all Town Council meetings and Town & Gown meetings and communicating the events of these meetings to ASU Council
 - Hold regular meetings with the Town of Wolfville Compliance Officer
 - Report regarding activities/events/plans shall be submitted for presentation to ASU Council prior to the last meeting of each month;
 - Sit on the Student Life Committee and two other Union Committees
 - Initiate and carry out, with the approval of ASU Council, one project per semester which they feel are of importance to the student body;
 - This position will work with the Executive Board on Town relations and connecting students to the community;
 - Act as an Elections Assistant as required at the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer, in compliance with By-Laws 3;
 - Hold at least three regular office hours per week during the academic year; and
 - Be responsible for other such duties as assigned by ASU Council
 - Beneficial to have an Acadia student focussed on Town Relations
 - Director Community Development highlighted that this appointment was very exciting from Town staff perspective

 - **Innovative Housing Symposium – Summary Report – Director Community Development**
 - The Innovative Housing Symposium was held on January 19, 2017 looked at the future of housing and development in the Town of Wolfville
 - There are a number of initiatives within the Innovative Housing Symposium Report
 - The housing symposium stream of discussion that was of particular interest to the Town & Gown Committee was:
 - Stream 1 - Social Integration of Seniors & Students
 - Wolfville is unique in its location and role as a 'University Town'
 - Currently, social integration is not happening in some areas of the Town
 - Focus of this discussion & goals were:
 - Identify social struggles of small towns and rural Nova Scotia – What are the barriers?
 - Identify capabilities to address social issues through planning legislation
 - Review innovative approaches to address social integration



- What approaches work best for small town and rural Nova Scotia?
- Unique challenges to the Town of Wolfville were identified as being:
 - Issues stemming from social conflicts have become most prominent between students and seniors
 - The Town still contains limited capabilities to fully address these social concerns to a level desired by the community
- Persisting issues in Wolfville include:
 - Public engagement and outreach
 - Lifestyle conflicts
 - Housing: Accessibility and affordability
- Town & Gown Cooperation strategies:
 - Goal: more focus should be placed on relationship building and the development of amore proactive approach
 - Provide better 'risk management plan' to prevent issues
 - Further coordination and collaboration of resources between Town and University
 - Broaden scope of Committee
 - Place a member from a broad spectrum of social groups on the committee
 - Change name of committee to something that embraces the integration and pursuit of mutual benefits between the Town and University – 'One Wolfville' Committee was suggested
 - Civic Hub/Library – living learning lab for students
 - Community Relations Officer
 - Youth learning labs

ACTION: The Town & Gown Committee will review the Summary Report from the Innovative Housing Symposium to identify issues that are of particular interest to the Town & Gown Committee

- Staff will organize the initiatives from the Housing Symposium Report that are of interest to the Town & Gown Committee for the next Town & Gown Committee meeting
- Chair agreed that excellent work had been done at the Innovative Housing Symposium but work does need to be done now to move initiatives forward
- Staff will coordinate with the Town & Gown Committee Chair to look at developing a separate Workshop outside of the Town and Gown Committee regular meetings to involve a wider group of participants

4. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Staff will look at options for a Town Council-to-ASU Council meeting
- Mayor Cantwell highlighted that May 17th was International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- Town staff (CAO) is presenting at the [International Town & Gown Association \(ITGA\) conference](#) in Eugene Oregon, May 30 – June 2, 2017
- Each year, the ITGA recognizes members who work towards improving the quality of life in campus communities. There is a call for [ITGA Awards](#) with a deadline of April 3, 2017 and a winner will be selected from each of the following categories:
 - A City/Town that best represents the true spirit of ITGA



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- A University that best represents the true spirit of ITGA
 - A University student who best represents the true spirit of ITGA

5. QUESTION PERIOD

- No questions presented to Committee

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Wolfville-Acadia Town & Gown Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2017

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MARCH 21, 2017 TOWN & GOWN COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 1:01 PM

CARRIED

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

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Service