

# Your Town Council in Action

Items of Interest from Wolfville's Town Council Meeting



Summary of issues brought forward at the **June 20, 2017 Meeting of [Town Council](#)**

- The Minutes from the meeting will be approved at the Town Council meeting on July 18, 2017
- [Agenda Package](#) | [Audio Recording](#)

## MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PUBLIC HEARING, JUNE 20, 2017

### **21 LINDEN AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

- The property at 21 Linden Avenue is currently a two-unit dwelling, containing a total of six bedrooms
- The development agreement application proposes a four-unit dwelling, containing three 3-bedroom units and one 1-bedroom unit, totaling to ten (10) bedrooms
- Council approved the Development Agreement for 2 Linden Avenue

### **450 MAIN STREET MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTRATION**

- The Acadia Cinema Building located on the property of 450 Main Street is approximately 110 years old, based on the deed repository that has been recorded back to the year 1907
- The Acadia Cinema Co-operative Ltd (ACC), non-profit operators of the Al Whittle Theatre in the Acadia Cinema building, applied to have the theatre's significance recognized both provincially and municipally
- In February of 2017, the Acadia Cinema Building was recognized and designated as a Provincial Heritage Property, which provided the property owners with conservation advice and cost sharing initiatives to maintain the exterior appearance of the existing building
- Nova Scotia's Heritage Property Act provides municipalities with the power to establish a bylaw for the registration of municipal heritage properties and a heritage advisory committee (HAC). The established bylaw may provide that the planning advisory committee of the municipality shall be the heritage advisory committee of the municipality
- Council approved the Municipal Heritage Registration for 450 Main Street

## MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, JUNE 6, 2017

### **DISCHARGE OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS**

- Staff are reviewing the Development Agreements in place within the Town and identifying those agreements that are eligible to be discharged. The first phase of the review identified 11 Development Agreements for Council to consider discharging as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee at the May 17, 2017 meeting
- Council approved the discharge of the following Development Agreements:
  - DA88-09 – Lot 3 Gaspereau Avenue for a 12-unit building;

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- DA96-09 – 117 Front Street for an addition to the building located in the downtown architectural guidelines area;
- DA97-09 – 19 Gaspereau Avenue for an addition to the building in the residential architectural guidelines area;
- DA97-11 – 11 Main Street for an addition to the building in the residential architectural guidelines area;
- DA01-09 – 79 Perry Bowles Street for a retirement village;
- DA02-05 – 639 Main Street for 8 units in the R-2/HD zone and residential architectural guidelines area;
- DA02-09 – Hillcrest Avenue for a residential development in the RCDD zone;
- DA05-03 – 123 Highland Avenue for one eight and one four-unit townhouse in the RCDD zone;
- DA07-03 – 698 Main Street for a semi-detached dwelling in the residential architectural guidelines area;
- DA10-02 – Lot 2,3,4 and civic # 65 Highland Avenue for a multi-unit development in the R-2/4 zone; and
- DA12-03 – 5 Iona Road for a fourth dwelling unit in the R-2/4 zone

#### **POLICY 215-003, DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES POLICY**

- Currently staff take action on Dangerous or Unsightly properties under the authority of the Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act, but a policy is needed to provide clarity on what activities and actions Council wishes to delegate to staff or keep within its authority
- The main components of the policy include:
  - Delegating the authority to determine dangerous or unsightly situation to an Administrator
  - Council clarifying that it will retain the appeal decision authority.
  - Establishing a priority listing for staff responses to dangerous or unsightly situations.
  - Establishing a process for dealing with complaints and appeals, consistent with the Quasi-Judicial Appeal Hearing Procedure.
- Council approved Policy 215-003, Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy

#### **POLICY 120-006, FLAG FLYING POLICY AMENDMENTS**

- The Flag Flying Policy was first approved in 2009 to establish an opportunity that was consistent, fair and equitable for organizations to raise a flag to celebrate an event and/or day at the fourth flag pole at Waterfront Park
- The Flag Flying Policy has been amended to streamline the approval process for flag flying requests
- Council approved the amendments to the Flag Flying Policy 120-006



## NEW BUSINESS

### **CANADA CUP AND U16 EASTERNS**

- [Football Nova Scotia](#) in conjunction with Football Canada will be hosting a pan-Canadian football experience comprised of three separate events played at Acadia University in Wolfville NS
  - 2017 Football Canada Cup: July 6-14, 2017
  - 2017 Challenge East: July 18-21, 2017
  - 2017 Atlantic Bowl: July 15-21, 2017
- The Host Organizing Committee is looking for the Town of Wolfville to invest a total of \$10,000 with the following support:
  - \$6,000 for the Football Canada Cup; and
  - \$4,000 for the combined U16 Eastern Challenge & Atlantic Bowl
- Council denied financial support to Football Canada

### **PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR RAY IVANY, ACADIA UNIVERSITY**

Mayor Cantwell, on behalf of Council, welcomed and thanks Ray Ivany, President & Vice-Chancellor Acadia University, for all that he has done for the University and the Town of Wolfville.

In addressing Council, Ray Ivany highlighted the following remarks from his letter to Mayor Cantwell:

“Acadia University and the Town of Wolfville have long been deeply inter-twined by virtue of being a shared home to both residents and students alike. Over the past decade, we have built an enviable track record of collaboration and shared commitment to each other. I believe we have a unique opportunity to extend the typical boundaries of the traditional Town and Gown model. Our extensive collaboration has shown that much can be accomplished when we are guided by a ‘unity of purpose’. The citizens of Wolfville and the students of Acadia are not constrained by town or campus boundaries as they enjoy one of the most attractive community environments in Canada. I believe it should be our goal to capture this same spirit as we push the limits of what we can do together.”

“By virtue of this correspondence, I am committing Acadia University to completing as soon as possible the partnership agreement process currently underway. It is my hope that the formal Memorandum of Understanding will usher in a new frontier of cooperation and collaboration that will make Wolfville the leading university town in Canada and, in the process, improve the living environment for all residents and students.”

“Finally, I want to thank Mayor Cantwell, Council and the citizens of Wolfville for their steadfast support throughout my tenure at Acadia. The Town welcomed me with open arms when I arrived in April, 2009 and we have worked together on dozens of projects over the past 8 years. I am particularly gratified that many of these initiatives ‘broke new ground’ – from the year-

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round home of the Wolfville Farmers' Market to Mayor Cantwell's letters to our incoming students, we have demonstrated what is possible in a truly communitarian model. I finish my time at Acadia confident that the future looks bright for Acadia and the Town of Wolfville."

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