
ATTENDING

- Chair - Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot
- Mayor Jeff Cantwell
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin
- Acadia Senior Director Student Affairs James Sanford
- ASU President Grace Hamilton-Burge
- ASU Community Relations Officer Christopher Saulnier
- RCMP Sgt Andrew Buckle, and
- Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

LATE ARRIVALS

- RCMP Sgt Andrew Buckle

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

- Acadia Director Safety and Security Patrick Difford

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor Proudfoot, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

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Discussion and Decisions

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| 1. Approval of Agenda | MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
a. October 31, 2017 | MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WOLFVILLE-ACADIA TOWN & GOWN COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 31, 2017 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| 3. Question Period | No questions presented to Committee |
| | 12:08pm Sgt Andy Buckle joined the Town & Gown Committee Meeting |
| 4. Unfinished Business
a. ASU President – Provincial Government Update: Student Recommendations | Summary of Student Recommendations from <u>Advocacy Week 2017</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Financial Aid
Recommendation 1: Re-Invest Tuition and Education Tax Credits into upfront Grants
Recommendation 2: Introduce Loan Forgiveness for Nova Scotia Community College Students• International Students
Recommendation 3: Provide medical services insurance coverage to International students immediately upon arrival• Student Employment
Recommendation 4: Expand the summer skills incentive to increase opportunities for students |

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- **Mental Health**
Recommendation 5: Invest in innovative, technology-based intervention solutions on Post-Secondary campuses
- **Civic Engagement**
Recommendation 6: Amend the Municipal Elections Act
Recommendation 7: Explore Provincial fixed election dates
- Students NS hope to see some of the issues in the Government budget this year

5. New Business

a. 2019 ITGA Conference

- The Town of Wolfville & Acadia University will be submitted a bid to host the 2019 International Town & Gown (ITGA) Conference
- The annual conference of the International Town & Gown Association (ITGA) provides an opportunity for ITGA students and professional members to learn from each other, share information, lessons learned, network and build partnerships with professionals who work in the unique field of town-gown relations.
- Although identified as an “International” conference, the ITGA has not yet been hosted outside of the United States, and not hosted in a small University Town
- The deadline for the submission is February 1, 2018
- The Theme of the submission is “Putting the ‘I’ in ITGA” making the conference truly International with being fully hosted in Wolfville at Acadia University
- June 2-5, 2019 is being proposed with the submission
- If successful, there will be a requirement for a planning committee to be established in support of the conference, with involvement from the Wolfville Business Development Corporation (WBDC) and the Acadia Student Union (ASU)
- ASU President and the Mayor for the Town of Wolfville will draft letters of support to accompany the ITGA Conference bid

6. Roundtable Discussion

ASU President, Grace Hamilton-Burge

- The list of Nova Scotia Liquor Commission (NSLC) stores that will be selling Cannabis has been published and the closest stores to Wolfville are located in Yarmouth or Lower Sackville
- In total there will be 9 NSLC stores that will sell cannabis
- The 60 agency stores, which are mostly in smaller rural communities, will not be allowed to sell marijuana
- People will also be able to buy online and have their cannabis delivered to their homes, but details of that operation are not yet available
- The selling out of a limited number of NSLC stores does not solve

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the black-market issue of selling cannabis

- James Sanford highlighted that at the end of March, Dr Strang, Nova Scotia's Chief Public Health Officer, has organized a one-day event involving post-secondary institutions, student leaders, and representatives from health and wellness to talk about substance use on a broad scale (cannabis, opioids, alcohol). This would likely be the venue to raise the concern, from both a health and a safety perspective.

- ASU is soon opening an Emergency Food Services room, "The Acadia Food Cupboard". This is not designed as a Food Bank, but is a room in the Student Union building open to students to come and take food. There will be a community luncheon for the launch and the event will be announced once the date is confirmed
- The ASU is doing three large-scale consultations at the end of March with students from across campus. There is a class (Group Facilitation) at Acadia that will be conducting the consultations. The top five issues at Acadia were identified as being:
 - Health services on Campus
 - Accessibility issues on campus
 - Finding activities on weekends without drinking
 - Off-campus housing
 - Mental health services

Kings RCMP, Sgt Andrew Buckle

- On February 16th, meeting with RCMP counterpart from Antigonish with regard to best practices and policing issues in a University Town
- Issues discussed may be brought forward to a future Town & Gown Committee meeting

Chair, Councillor Proudfoot

- Saturday, March 17th is St Patrick's Day and also Cheaton Cup Day
- Introduced the concept of holding a Town Hall Public Meeting to present a summary of all the successful work that has been done by the Town & Gown Committee – a joint Acadia-Wolfville community session

CAO, Erin Beaudin

- March 17th is on the radar of the Alcohol Strategy Group to ensure that proactive measures are in place to support the events
- The Town Planner and CAO will be going to Antigonish to discuss with counterparts to discuss planning and policy issues
- The Acadia-Wolfville Partnership Agreement is still being worked

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on. The goal was to have the Agreement approved and signed by March. Although less likely to be completed by March, the Agreement is still moving forward. It may be a few more months before the Agreement is brought forward

- Alcohol Strategy workplan is in place from now through September with meetings scheduled every month and a planning session in June 2018. Updates will be brought forward to future Town & Gown Committee meetings

5. Adjournment

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE JANUARY 30, 2018 TOWN & GOWN COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 12:47 PM

CARRIED

Approved at the March 20, 2018 Town & Gown Committee Meeting

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Service