
ATTENDING

- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot
- Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, and
- Recording Secretary Laura Morrison

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Financial Services, Mike MacLean
- Director Planning & Development Devin Lake,
- Director of Parks and Recreation, Kelton Thomason,
- Special Projects & Communications Coordinator, Barb Shaw
- Director of Engineering & Public Works, Tim Bouter
- Community Compliance Coordinator Kaden Thibault
- Manager, Community Development Nick Zamora
- Interested members of the public

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Donovan, called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

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1. Approval of Agenda	AGENDA ACCEPTED WITHOUT CHANGES.
2. Approval of COW Minutes April 5, 2022	THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2022. WERE ACCEPTED.
3. Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOW Greenspace and Community Resilience – Sarah Lavallee, Acadia Honours Summary
4. Public Input / Question Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duncan Ebata: very emotional at the video camera pilot project. Complex social problem. No evidence cameras work may make things worse and is more of the same. thing over and over. Have been advised Stephen Schneider Criminologist and Wolfville resident wants to volunteer to help. Inspiring Communities leading change projects. Currently working on an initiative with

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Dal on this issue. Would like Council to vote down or postpone camera project.

- Anne Stieger: concerned about video camera pilot in reference to our Charter Rights around privacy concerns, freedom of movement and association. Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada has video surveillance guidelines including that public consultation precede decision to introduce and an area may have several distinct communities, one cannot speak for others. Inclusive, accessible consultation don't believe it was done in this instance. Video surveillance viewed as an exceptional step. Concerned Town did not follow guidelines. Town staff recommended diversion strategy for young adults which has not yet been tried. Good Neighbours group have hosted BBQs and games nights, but it is not the same as a full on diversion strategy. Hire experienced community development experts to help address. Ask to postpone decision until we explore the guidelines.
- Caroline Beddoe: worry about surveillance, doesn't foster trust and community belonging. Adequate consultation not carried out. Say no to this policy or table until further consultation and research done. Procedural failings – lack of consultation with public in wider communities and entire student body or bipoc (black, indigenous, people of colour) communities – complex community issues, town should have done more - zoom not accessible. Webinar format alienates part of the community. Not engagement. Rushed process, too many questions.
- Mercedes Brian: aware of noisy gatherings, have called police regularly regarding loud inebriated people staggering through her backyard. Gratified council are taking this seriously, doesn't believe video surveillance is the way – it is another form of policing and won't make it stop. Concern about process as she was not contacted about it. Approached Stephen Schneider for his opinion, whether video surveillance will help – he said no but would volunteer his expertise. Astonished Wolfville staff couldn't find any information on video cameras in other university towns. Questioned what the cameras will show? Support evidence-based decisions. Asked Council to defeat or postpone this decision.
- Sadie MacLear – President ASU: Sat on the Community Harmony Working Group, observed many discussions that went round in circles regarding the students under alcohol, and why this is happening? Believes focus needs to shift to how students can be better supported on and off campus. Need to build more harmonious relationships between students, the town and residents. Believes there is a lack of regard for students. Students are permanent and they are residents of the town. Collaboratively using more compassionate approaches and increase sense of belonging among individuals. Urge decision on this policy be tabled for further community consultation.
- Michael Jeffrey: Westwood Ave, concern security cameras as overt policing will result in displacing the issues to another part of town. Seen it already with

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overt policing. Also, would like more parking at Reservoir Park. Comments from Mayor on CBC about increasing the population of Wolfville, it seems we are having trouble dealing with some of the population as it is. Known housing issue. Large housing next to his area is being switched to Air BnB. Town's policies and practices work against the goals of the town.

- George Lohnes: Council knows what the problems are, it is not one of general behaviour. Surprised by apparent view of some that this problem will be resolved by simply coming together. Last year there was a pilot project the Town established led by Barb Shaw and the Good Neighbours Group. This group has been in existence for two years. Town has tried things. The party missing is Acadia University. If Acadia is to be a responsible community member, they must look at ways to resolve this issue which largely is brought about by binge drinking. We have the Alcohol Strategy Group for this town and have had speakers in from Sweden dealing with the issue of binge drinking. If people in town have expertise it would be welcomed if they offer it as has not been the case over the last number of years. Disappointing to hear that it exists but has not been offered to assist the Town. This topic came to COW in December 2021 so not something that has just appeared.
- Jane Lutes: Engaged in conversation with a landlord who has had same students living in his house on Bay St for last 3 years with no trouble, unlike others. Landlord is concerned house next door has sold and new landlord may not take same amount of care. Agree with cameras. Acadia needs to step up to the plate and change their archaic attitudes towards drinking and the landlords need to come into compliance and respect their tenants in the same way the residents are attempting to build relationships with the students. We enjoy the students not behaviour.
- Bob Lutes: Don't think enforcement is the way to go, but don't like the mental strain on residents particularly during the summer. Students are suffering as well. With every freedom there is a corresponding responsibility, that's the piece that's missing. Have tried many things and are open to anything and urges those that made a presentation today and are passionate, not to abandon this issue once the decision is made whatever it is. We need to build relationships. There has been lots of chance for consultation, lots of chance going forward, need to work together. Not offended by cameras because know the objective is correct.

5. Committee Reports (Internal)

a) Accessibility
Advisory
Committee

- Next meeting will be June 13th.

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b) Planning Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Still discussing whether to meet in May.
c) Policing Review Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will be added as standing item as is an advisory committee.• Regular reports will be included.• Last couple of meetings focused on engagement plan.• Committee is determining who and how we engage.• Aim for finalized engagement plan in next meeting or two.• Push for adequate and extensive engagement around summer into Fall.• Develop standards for community policing in Wolfville.• Review policing services that can meet those needs.• Timeline with all the work completed would be to come back with recommendation Winter 2023.• A page will be added to the website showing committee members.
d) Source Water Protection Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great discussion and thanks to Director Bouter and Manager, Alex De Sousa.• Attachments referenced will be circulated to Council.
6. CAO REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boundary Review process started surveys been circulated to residents. Number of responses will assist in making decision on additional consultation or engagement required.• Switch Wolfville is fully subscribed. Lots of interest. Working with PACE Atlantic to work with those in 'off oil zone' to leverage grants still available. Mike working on an RFD for next steps.• Highland Ave – major project – May 9th starting street reconstruction.• Council's professional development in June for Council. Council to take a look at conferences/trainings that might be of interest and let staff know a plan can be made in accordance with the budget available.• CAO formally on NSFM's working group for MGA and Service Exchange Review Committee – looking to make some changes to Municipal Government Act, looking at Equalization Grant. Four CAO's non-voting. Will keep Council informed as able, progressing well. Workshop on any key changes and how services exchange currently works. NSFM coming back for feedback.• Communication to key partners around Highland Ave including letters have gone out and starting campaign on website and on social media. Follow up with communications to Valley Waste, the school and Kings Transit.

7. Staff Reports for Discussion

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**a. RFD 013-2022
Community
Video Camera
Policy**

- Discussion included other communities with cameras and their experiences.
- Clarity on facial recognition – can still see the face but can't be identified using technology.
- Cameras in town used by merchants have been successful in catching shoplifters.
- Discussion around the amount of consultation that has taken place at Council level.
- Legal counsel sought in creation of policy.
- Authorized personnel to view would be CAO, Compliance and RCMP.
- Acadia University and ASU have been at the table. Weekly conversations with stakeholders at start of COVID, along with RCMP, Town Staff and off and on members of the community. A variety of different projects and initiatives were discussed including the pilot project which was presented to the group formally in March.
- Originated through discussion which took place at RCMP Advisory Board to put forward Information Report to Council.
- Further discussion took place through the Operational plan.
- Calls for Acadia to be more involved in these issues. More events on campus.
- One part of many initiatives being looked at by the Town to resolve these issues including Alcohol Strategy, Policing Review, Landlord Business Licensing,
- Would like Community Development to work with the Town.
- Cameras will catch behaviours; some may not necessarily be police matters. Cameras could act as deterrent.
- Cost of replacing STOP signs which is also a huge safety concern. Money could have been used for funding more day camp spots.
- Transient community may not be suitable for some community development initiatives.
- Town would welcome Co-op Community Development students from Acadia to work with the Town.

01-05-22 It was regularly moved and seconded that Committee of the Whole forward the following motion to Council for decision:

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE VIDEO CAMERA POLICY 215-004, AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED



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BREAK

Mayor Donovan advised due to time constraints a couple of items will be deferred as noted. As well the order of agenda items has been altered.

**b. RFD 032-2022
Temporary
Borrowings
Resolutions**

02-05-22 It was regularly moved and seconded that Committee of the Whole forward the following motion to Council for decision:

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ATTACHED TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTIONS:

TBR #22/23-01	VARIOUS PURPOSES TOWN	\$1,425,000
TBR #22/23-02	WATER TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION	\$ 386,000
	TOTAL BORROWING	\$1,811,000

**TO COVER LOAN FACILITIES WITH THE BANK OF MONTREAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SHORT-TERM LOANS ARE REPLACED WITH DEBENTURE BORROWINGS AS PER THE 2022/23 TOWN CAPITAL BUDGET, TEN YEAR INVESTMENT PLAN (CIP), AND 2022/23 WATER UTILITY CAPITAL BUDGET.
CARRIED**

**c. RFD 028-2022
Site Plan Process**

Deferred to June 7th, 2022, Committee of the Whole.

**d. RFD 030-2022
Parks & Open
Space Plan –
Scope of Work**

Deferred to Council May 17, 2022.



**e. RFD 020-2022
Vending Bylaw
Update**

03-05-22 It was regularly moved and seconded that Committee of the Whole forward the following motion to Council for decision:

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO APPENDIX 1 OF BYLAW 99 TO ELIMINATE THE LIST OF SPECIFIC EVENTS AND REPLACE IT WITH:

“1) ALL TOWN-ORGANIZED EVENTS

2) EVENTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN, AS APPROVED BY CAO (OR DESIGNATE) TO A MAXIMUM OF (3) PER CALENDAR YEAR, PER APPLICANT.”

CARRIED

**f. IR 007-2022
WBDC Interim
Agreement**

- This is a formal holding over agreement for a year to come back to Council as part of budget deliberations next year. Council has already approved the budget in terms of their contribution.

**g. RFD 009-2022
Virtual Meeting
Policy**

04-05-22 It was regularly moved and seconded that Committee of the Whole forward the following motion to Council for decision:

THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CONTINUE TO ATTEND MEETINGS VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON, HOWEVER, ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS MUST ATTEND IN PERSON UNTIL A POLICY IS DEVELOPED.

CARRIED

8. Committee Reports (External)

**a. Valley Waste
Resource
Management**

- Nothing further to add

**b. Kings Transit
Authority**

- Revenue and Ridership gone up.
- Audit Review. Executive Director hired.

**c. Kings Point to
Point**

- Nothing further to add.

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- d. Valley Community Fibre Network • No meeting, this will be removed from agenda as a standing item.
 - e. Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition • Nothing further to add
 - f. Wolfville Business Development Corporation
 - New co-op student Olivia Hayley
 - New coordinator announced Tammy MacAvoy.
 - Landlord registration plans – lot of questions.
 - AGM June 14 - 5pm to 7pm. Location TBD.
 - g. Diversity Kings
 - Moosehide campaign – indigenous and non-indigenous men and boys standing up against violence against women and children.
 - May 26 - celebration of Brian Gibson, local homegrown hero, mural to celebrate his life – celebrations in Kings Arms pub in Kentville.
 - May 27 - Aldershot Elementary event to dedicate outdoor classroom in honor of black historic community.
 - May 28 - African NS and Black Women in Excellence.
 - June pride month – county of Kings having month-long campaign for Pride month.
 - h. Recreation Task Force • Nothing to Add
 - i. Regional Emergency Management • Nothing to Add
 - j. Grand Pre Marsh-Body AGM • Nothing to Add
- 9. Public Input / Question Period**
- George Lohnes: excellent discussion from Council following public presentations.
 - Hope we keep the energy that some people now seem to be willing to bring to the table around the university core.
 - Binge drinking is the issue.
 - Welcome Professor Schneider to come forward to alcohol meetings and offer his services.
 - Look forward to working with Sadie and ASU.



10. Regular Meeting Adjourned **05-05-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURN TO INCAMERA AT 11:47am.**

CARRIED

11. Regular & In Camera Meeting Adjourned **06-05-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURN AT 12:05pm.**

Approved by Committee of the Whole Motion 02-06-22, June 14, 2022
As recorded by Laura Morrison, EA/Town Clerk, Office of the CAO.