



ATTENDING

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

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director, Financial Services Mike MacLean
- Director, Planning & Economic Development, Devin Lake,
- Director, Parks and Recreation Kelton Thomason,
- Special Projects & Communications Coordinator, Barb Shaw
- Compliance Coordinator, Kaden Thibault
- Interested members of the public

REGRETS

- Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Donovan, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	14-09-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.
	CARRIED
2. Public Input / Question Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janet McLeod – How to get covenant for Bigelow St. Compliance and RCMP been involved. Fencing dispute believed to be unsafe or unsightly in accordance with bylaws. Staff are already involved in this matter.• Driving in Wolfville wants lights at Gasperau and Main. Staff already looking at this area.• Noel McQueen – residents views should be considered as part of MOU. Would like something that can hold Acadia accountable more. Code of Conduct for off campus addresses. Acadia, Town and residents work together more.• Pool use – current MOU provides residents of Wolfville equal access and opportunity – not the reality. Difficulty programming for residents. Would like to see Acadia/Wolfville have joint administration of the pool.

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- Bob Lutes – MOU – Acadia to take more responsibility. Seen as business only. Should be something in MOU that Council can hold Acadia accountable if they are not living up to their commitments.
 - George Lohnes – Supportive of both Noel and Bob comments. Would be helpful at some point in process to have a meeting where members of the community could be involved in MOU discussions. Agree there has been 100% improvement since Compliance. Acadia come to Town and make a request for financial assistance but doesn't appear Town are involved in decision making on a lot of those things.
- 3. MOU Town of Wolfville & Acadia Discussion**
- CAO Beaudin explained this meeting is the first steps for Council to review the current MOU, assess the work done to date and look at what changes require to be made.
 - The current MOU does not expire but is reviewed every 4 years.
 - It is an integrated partnership with three partners, Town of Wolfville, Acadia and Acadia Students Union (ASU).

KEY PRINCIPLES

- Agreed the Key Principles still stand, some tweaking and strengthening of wording to make it more operational.
- ASU to be considered into the principles.
- Council would prefer to see a yearly review or report card rather than every four years.

GOALS

- Integrated Communications Plan between the partners.
- Integrated Operational Plan and Budget.
- Town staff to sit on Acadia committees and be fully integrated. Example is Student Life Committee.
- Members of Acadia currently sit on Town's Committees.
- Destination Acadia. New manager hired - better engagement with Town and who sits on WBDC – opportunity to strengthen those ties.
- Leverage Academic Opportunities: need Acadia to take leadership on that – COVID presented challenges. How do get the right people from the academic side of Acadia involved in this discussion.
- Opportunities for members of the community to provide subject matter to Acadia in a mentoring programme.
- Council invited to take part in Search Committee for new President at Acadia.

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- Community Harmony: most time has been spent on this – weekly discussions with partners and community members.
- Community Alcohol Strategy is ready in draft form. All partners to take ownership and implement together.
- Working on communicating with Landlords looking at licensing programme.
- Residents Adviser Programme for off campus areas.
- Non-Academic Judicial Process - MOU was catalyst to look at Acadia having a code of conduct to address issues pertaining to off campus behaviour, some progress but needs improvement.
- In past Compliance Officer kept hours on campus we may want to look at that again.
- Review structure of MOU to enable the work to be done.
- CAO Report can be adjusted to improve communications around Community Harmony so Council are fully aware of what's going on.
- Regular updates from Acadia regarding stats around consequences of NPOs/SOTs as has been done in past.
- Move towards process where annual operational plan that picks priorities will assist with looking at suggestions/concerns from residents and actioning them if able.

GAPS

- Current goals are all still relevant but should be looked at through the lens of Equity/Diversity/Inclusion/Accessibility which should be interwoven into all areas going forward.
- Traffic – infrastructure – Acadia could offer incentives to students to not bring a vehicle – parking issues/climate issues.

MONETARY COMMITMENTS

- Concept should be reflected but not specific amounts should be one-offs or shown in operational plan but not MOU.
- Imbalance of contributions non-equitable. Much more of Council's and staff's time is spent on community harmony issues.
- Better understanding and true commitment of fiscal equity.
- Work towards reciprocity.

TOWN & GOWN COMMITTEE.

- Composition: Staff role from ASU.



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- Subcommittees or Working Committees required to do the work. Economic Development for example for those goals that require a working committee.
- More meetings required – designates appointed to support that.

NEXT STEPS:

- Would like ASU and Acadia to have similar meetings with their teams to review the progress made. Once done have a joint meeting of all partners to review.
- Council request the same open forum when Acadia and ASU have their meetings so Council can attend.

4. Public Input/Question Period

- Noel McQueen – Seems permanent citizens of Wolfville who do not own businesses are an afterthought in the MOU. Should reflect a goal of recognizing importance of high quality of life for all Wolfville residents.
- Composition is disproportionate with more representation on Acadia side.
- Something should be incorporated into Acadia’s policies as a disincentive for students bringing their own cars to the Town. Could supply transportation, walkable town and campus.
- Sadie McAlear – agree EDI should be interwoven and the lens we look through for everything. Some student leaders from different groups on campus could be brought into Town and Gown Committee if possible.

5. Adjournment to In Camera Meeting

15-09-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURN TO INCAMERA AT 8:40pm

6. Regular Meeting Adjourned

17-09-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURN AT 8:49pm.

Approved by Committee of the Whole Motion 04-10-22, October 4, 2022

As recorded by Laura Morrison, EA/Town Clerk, Office of the CAO.