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Community Safety Office feasibility study begins in Wolfville

Wolfville, NS – Wolfville is moving forward with a Community Safety Office feasibility study, led by Dr. Stephen Schneider and when the study is completed in the fall and the final report is delivered, Wolfville will have a plan to launch their own, unique Community Safety Office.

Through months of engagement, Wolfville stakeholders have identified on-going, unmitigated nuisance party occurrences and road safety as priority areas that need attention. Community members have also noted the need for better efforts on small crime and property damage. A Community Safety Office model is an innovative way to complement our current policing model.

“I am excited that once again Wolfville may be a leader with this development,” said Mayor Wendy Donovan. “I look forward to sharing the results of Dr. Schneider’s review and having a better understanding what a pilot project will look like for our Town.”

The planning phase approved by Council on May 16 will culminate in a report submitted to the Town covering the mandate, goals, principles, strategies, programs, and services of the proposed office. It will also provide a preliminary estimate of the resources required, an initial description of a Community Safety Office staff position, plus a framework to monitor and assess this pilot project.

Acadia University has committed to covering fifty per cent of the costs for this stage of the project, ensuring that the future Community Safety Office will keep the Town and the University working towards community safety and harmony in a unified fashion.

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