



# Town and Gown Committee Meeting

January 22, 2024

10:00am

Council Chambers  
Town Hall, 359 Main St

## Agenda

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### Call to Order

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Committee Meeting, December 18, 2023

**3. Public Input / Question Period**

PLEASE NOTE:

- Public Participation is limited to 30 minutes.
- Each Person is limited to 3 minutes and may return to speak once, for 1 minute, if time permits within the total 30-minute period.
- Questions or comments are to be directed to the Chair.
- Comments and questions that relate to personnel, current or potential litigation issues, or planning issues for which a public hearing has already occurred, but no decision has been made by Council, will not be answered.

**4. New Business:**

- a. 2024-2025 Town & Gown Workplan – Priorities

**5. Round Table**



## **6. Next Meeting**

- April 22, 2024

## **7. Adjournment**

**Town and Gown Committee**  
**January 22, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m., Council Chambers**

Suggested Work Plan Priorities for 2024-25

**Shared Goal #1 Economic Development**

**A. Events**

*Improve communication to strengthen collaboration between the partners on matters pertaining to large-scale events that are anticipated to produce economic spinoffs. This might include the establishment of a cross-functional working group that will act as an information sharing hub keeping each partner informed and appropriately engaged in the attraction and execution of large-scale events. The working group might be comprised of the Town's CAO, the WBDC, and Acadia's External Relations and Events Acadia staff.*

**Shared Goal #2 Facilities, Infrastructure and Environment**

**A. Housing**

*Jointly explore opportunities to enhance, and possibly expand, housing options and/or availability for all residents of the Town of Wolfville. This might include the establishment of a cross-functional working group comprised of the Town's CAO and Director of Development and Acadia External Relations, VPFACFO, Facilities Management, and Student Services (Residence Life)*

**B. Recreation**

*With an eye to better integrating Town and University facilities and resources, including parks, trails the natural environment, jointly explore opportunities to expand recreation services and opportunities to enhance active living. This might include the establishment of a cross-functional working group comprised of the Town's Manager of Community Development, the ASU's VP Student Life, and Acadia Athletics and Student Services (Student Life).*

**Shared Goal #3 Community Well-Being**

**A. Community Harmony**

*Focused effort on recommendations of the Community Safety Office research initiative. This might include the establishment of a cross-functional working group that will assess and validate each recommendation and make recommendations back to the Committee. The working group might be comprised of the Town's CAO and Compliance Officer, a representative of the RCMP, and Acadia External Relations, Student Services, Safety and Security*

**B. Food Security**

*Perhaps lead by the ASU, develop a comprehensive guide of food bank/nutrition supports in place across the campus and within the Town. This might include the establishment of a cross-functional working group that will gather information relevant information to create and promote a comprehensive directory linking efforts intended to combat food insecurity. The working group might be comprised of the Town's Coordinator Communications and Special Projects, the ASU's General Manager and VPs Student Life and Events and Promotion, and Acadia Student Services and Chaplain.*

### **C. Host Family Feasibility Project**

*Every year, Acadia welcomes hundreds of international students to study and live in Wolfville. Being away from home for the first time can be tough but when you consider the added stress of navigating life in a new Country, things can become even more challenging. Acadia University enjoyed a successful Host Family program for many years. It connected permanent Wolfville residents with international students, building relationships and support networks.*

*In early 2023, the Town completed community engagement focused on equity, diversity and inclusion. Much of the feedback from community mentioned the need to remove perceived barriers between the Town and the campus community. Feedback also highlighted the additional needs of our international student community. The Town is considering developing and launching a new version of the Host Family Program. Over the next months, staff will be working with Acadia student, Aditi Sharma, to complete research and to develop a feasibility report that will be presented to Council.*

*The report will determine if a Host Family Program is still wanted or needed in the community while also determining what Town resources would be required to launch and operate this program. The report will also outline goals and objectives of the new program. Future collaboration might include the establishment of a cross-functional working group that will assess and validate each recommendation and make recommendations back to the Committee. The working group might be comprised of the Town's Coordinator Communications and Special Projects, the ASU's VPs Student Life, and Acadia International/Wong Centre, Student Services, and Chaplain.*