



**ATTENDING**

- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Shelley Fleckenstein, Board of Governors, Acadia
- Jeff Hennessy, President and Vice-Chancellor, Acadia
- Erin Beaudin, Vice-President, Finance & Administration and CFO, Acadia
- Ian Murray, Chief External Relations Officer, Acadia
- George Lohnes, Community Member
- Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Simonds
- Recording Secretary, Laura Morrison

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

- Sadie McAlear, President, Acadia Student Union
- Alicia Johnson, ASU, Interim General Manager
- Sam Taylor, ASU, Vice-President of Events

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Mayor Donovan, called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	<p><b>MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
2. Approval of Minutes	<p><b>MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2023, BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
3. Public Input/Question Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No one for public input.</li> </ul>
<b>4. New Business</b>	
<p>a. <b>2024-2025 Town &amp; Gown Workplan – Priorities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on desire of working groups to be set up for each of the workplan priorities.</li> <li>• Events – working group to include Rec staff from the Town and representatives from Open Acadia. Supported by the committee - Erin/Rob will look at resources to populate this group.</li> <li>• Housing – working group to enable collaborative housing conversations, shared information, understanding Town and Acadia priorities. Acadia met with s2e Technologies who are</li> </ul>



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	<p>interested in working with Acadia and the Town. A Steering Committee for the Town is being looked at which could form part of this working group. Agreed it is important to have representation from ASU. Support from committee to have a working group. In response to a question, it was explained as part of the application for the Housing Accelerator Fund, the Town had to commit to explore removal of exclusionary zoning. This would require going through a public process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreation – working group to look at a cohesive strategy to engage citizens, providing information around events, improve relationship between students and Town residents. Desire expressed from all for more fulsome discussion or a joint study on all facilities available, in Town and Acadia. What is and is not being utilized and what potentials there are. Starting with revisiting the Sierra Report. Working group supported by the committee.</li> <li>• Community Wellbeing – Await findings from Dr. Schneider’s report being presented to Council in February. Continue with the weekly collaborative operational meetings with RCMP, Acadia staff, Compliance team. Committee agree representatives from the community and ASU should be included. There was a president’s meeting around alcohol and substance misuse with Dr Strang in the fall. While this is still a priority, according to reports from Acadia Security and RCMP, things have improved with less criminal behaviour, less partying and less destructive behaviours being reported. Competing priorities for universities are funding from the government and new federal rules regarding international students.</li> <li>• Food Security – there are several initiatives going on in both the Town and Acadia. Desire to present a comprehensive strategy and clear statement about all the initiatives in place for students and to develop a comprehensive marketing strategy. Working group for Food Security with Acadia taking the lead is supported by this committee.</li> <li>• Host Families – currently part of an EDI initiative of the Town. Past hosting lost traction with Covid and difficulties reported that it was not a meaningful experience for the students. Town have hired an international student to work on what international students want. If seen as a valuable program, it can be revamped with recommendations coming from international students. Acadia plans to grow the number of international students. Suggestion of international students having some collaboration with the school and younger children.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Town has been looking at collaborative care initiatives. Early discussions with EKM identified lack of space and medical students as two of the barriers to growth. Lack of childcare options was also identified. Perhaps an opportunity for some partnerships further down the road for Acadia to consider with their nursing program. Wolfville Childrens Centre also looking for partners.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Round Table</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connections with ASU and Council could be explored. Improved meeting time so ASU representation is not a challenge.</li> <li>Identify best representation from Town and the community to work with Acadia on some of these working groups.</li> <li>Team building is a priority for Acadia - many staff vacancies to be filled to secure a core team. Securing funding with government, including nursing program.</li> <li>Town and Gown Association of Ontario – Mayor Donovan will share next meeting invite.</li> <li>Offer of letters of support of the importance of Acadia from the community to government if required/desired.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Next Meeting</b>	<b>April 22, 2024 - Chair will pass to Acadia.</b>
<b>7. Adjournment of Meeting</b>	<p><b>IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE ADJOURN at 11:11 AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

**Approved at the April 22, 2024 Town & Gown Committee Meeting**  
**As recorded by Laura Morrison, Manager of Administration & Town Clerk**