



Town and Gown Committee Meeting

Monday, June 1, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

Acadia Room, K.C. Irving environmental Science Centre (2nd Floor)

Call to Order

Land Acknowledgement

Acadia University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw nation.

We recognize that the place we call home is on the unceded, un-surrendered ancestral and present-day lands of the Mi'kmaw nation called Mi'kma'ki. Acadia University is located within the district of Sipekne'katik, the area of wild turnip and potato, in the place they called Esoqwatik, "where the water stops". It is a place that is rich with the stories of Kluscap and home to the Mi'kmaw creation story. It is a place that as settlers and newcomers we co-exist in the spirit of Peace and Friendship. We pay respect to this land, its people, the L'nu, and show gratitude for their hospitality and teachings. Weliolaq.

Public Input

- Speakers have up to 5 minutes to provide input to be directed to the Chair.
- Responses will be provided after the meeting either via email or in person and may be included on a future report.
- Any input that relates to personnel, current or potential litigation issues, or planning issues for which a public hearing has already occurred, will not be responded to.

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
3. Approval of 2 March 2026 Meeting Minutes
4. Business Arising & Action Items:
 - a. Governance and Agreements
 - Implementation of the signed MOU between the Town, Acadia University, and the ASU
 - Move from signing to operationalization and monitoring of commitments
 - b. Planning, Policy, and Strategic Initiatives
 - Land Use Bylaw (LUB) and Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)
 - Regional Engagement Strategy (Acadia)
 - Led by Ian Murray, with continued development over the coming years

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- c. Childcare Facility Project
 - Advance Childcare Facility initiative
 - Finalize committee structure
 - Proceed with RFP process for a service provider
 - Monitor revised timeline (target completion now May 2027)
 - d. Campus–Community Economic and Program Development
 - Small business lease pilot (Acadia property)
 - Evaluate as a test case for revenue generation and land use optimization
 - AI Literacy Course (community-facing initiative)
 - Continue promotion and integration into broader regional engagement efforts
 - e. Student Experience and Advocacy
 - Monitor and respond to student advocacy actions, including:
 - Proposed province-wide student strike (March 15–21)
 - Ongoing advocacy on Canada Student Grants
 - Support food security initiatives (e.g., ASU programming, Soups and Sides collaboration)
 - f. Community Safety and Event Management (High Priority)
 - Implement enhanced enforcement strategy for Spring Thaw / St. Patrick’s Day
 - Shift from warnings to early, consistent enforcement approach
 - Coordinate proactive communications
 - Joint messaging (Town, Acadia, ASU) on enforcement and available programming
 - Deliver alternative programming on campus
 - Ensure safe, attractive events to draw participants away from unsanctioned gatherings
 - Evaluate and refine crowd control strategies post-events
 - g. Stakeholder Coordination and Long-Term Planning
 - Strengthen trilateral collaboration (Town–Acadia–ASU)
 - Ongoing joint planning for major events (including Homecoming)
 - Explore event sponsorship opportunities to support safe programming
 - Continue engagement with landlords
 - Clarify roles and limitations under the Tenancy Act
 - Develop long-term solutions for large-scale student gatherings
 - Including potential sanctioned venues and coordinated planning approaches
 - h. Communications and Information Sharing
 - Share Mayor MacKay’s CBC interview on Soups and Sides with the committee
 - Ensure consistent public messaging
 - Emphasize enforcement of *existing* bylaws (not new rules)
5. New Business:
- a. Update from the Town of Wolfville
 - b. Update from Acadia University
 - I. Academic Restructuring



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- c. Update from the Acadia Students' Union
 6. Report:
 - a. Planning for Homecoming 2026
 7. Roundtable
 8. Next Meeting
 9. Adjournment