

PRESENT	ABSENT
<p><b><u>Students' Representative Council</u></b></p> <p><b>Soleil Chahine</b>, Chairperson  <b>Oliver Jacob</b>, Deputy Chairperson</p> <p><b>Samantha Sproule</b>, President  <b>Brianna Jarvin</b>, VP Academic  <b>Andrew Grant</b>, VP Finance  <b>Ted Higa</b>, VP Programming  <b>Samantha Nielsen</b>, VP Communications</p> <p><b>Carter Bobbie</b>, Councillor  <b>Brandon Giacchetta</b>, Councillor  <b>Calum McCracken</b>, Councillor  <b>Emily Cross</b>, Councillor  <b>Julie Bernier</b>, Councillor  <b>Sean Porter</b>, Councillor  <b>Jessica Elliott</b>, Councillor</p> <p><b>Ryan Myers</b>, Equity Officer</p> <p><b><u>Town of Wolfville</u></b></p> <p><b>Jeff Cantwell</b>, Mayor  <b>Carl Oldham</b>, Deputy Mayor  <b>Wendy Donovan</b>, Councillor  <b>Jodi MacKay</b>, Councillor</p> <p><b>Erin Beaudin</b>, Chief Administrative Officer</p>	<p><b><u>Students' Representative Council</u></b></p> <p><b>Colin Mitchell</b>, Arts Senator  <b>Lucas Coxhead</b>, Science Senator  <b>Senewa Sena</b>, Professional Studies Senator  <b>Eileen Haskett</b>, Graduate Studies Adviser</p> <p><b>Molly Murphy</b>, Board of Governors Rep</p> <p><b>Susan Mesheau</b>, Administration  <b>Anna Kieffe</b>, Faculty Representative  <b>Vacant</b>, Board of Governors</p> <p><b><u>Town of Wolfville</u></b></p> <p><b>Mercedes Brian</b>, Councillor  <b>Wendy Elliott</b>, Councillor  <b>Oonagh Proudfoot</b>, Councillor</p> <p><b>Blair MacMurtery</b>, Compliance Officer</p>

ALSO PRESENT
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### 1. Call to Order

Samantha Nielsen, VP Communications, opened the Special Meeting of Council at 5:34 pm and welcomed those present.

### 2. Housing Symposium (Carl Oldham)

In conjunction with the Municipal Planning Strategy review being conducted by the Town of Wolfville, CAO Erin Beaudrin shared that the Town will be holding a Housing Symposium on January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### 3. Council-to-Council Programming (Ted Higa)

Ted Higa, VP Programming, shared that the Council pairings have been a success in years passed and hoped that the success would continue for the current academic year. After reviewing the successes of the past three months (i.e. Welcome Week especially Axes In Action Day, Homecoming Weekend, CIS Nationals), Ted went on to review the upcoming events which will require cooperation between the Acadia Students' Union and the Town of Wolfville;

- Charity Day during Cheaton Cup weekend
- Frost Week (early January 2017)
  - There will be a Super Sub event which will require support from the local business community.
- Student Life Summit (February 2017)
  - Town representatives should attend the event to provide information to Acadia students.
- Student Leadership Awards
  - Town Council representatives should attend the event to thank students for the incredible work that they do on campus and in the community.

Deputy Mayor Carl Oldham shared that local businesses are very interested in working with students and the Wolfville Business Development Corporation (WBDC) has recently engaged the services of promotional staff.

Councillor Wendy Donovan pointed out that a member of the Acadia Students' Union should attend the Wolfville Business Development Corporation's general meetings.

Samantha Nielsen, VP Communications, agreed that the Acadia Students' Union would try to attend Wolfville Business Development Corporation meetings in the future after discussion at the next regular meeting of the Student Representatives' Council of the Acadia Students' Union.

### 4. Town Communications to Students (Samantha Nielsen)

Samantha Nielsen, VP Communications, shared that the Acadia Students' Union sends out weekly all-student emails which include off-campus portions that deal with municipal issues. She hoped that the Town would send items of interest to her for inclusion in future all-student emails. She also agreed to add [towncouncil@wolfville.ca](mailto:towncouncil@wolfville.ca) to the email list.

**5. Town Relations Councillor (Soleil Chahine)**

Soleil Chahine, Chairperson, shared that the Acadia Students' Union had struck a Governance Committee which has been reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws of the Union. The proposed amendments include the creation of a Community Relations Officer position which would be responsible for communicating with the Compliance Officer and relevant Committees of Council and attending Council meetings.

**6. Electronic Voting (Brianna Jarvin)**

Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic, shared background information on the history of electronic voting within the Town of Wolfville, including the rejection of a electronic voting proposal prior to the 2016 Municipal Election. As the coordinator of the Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts on-campus during the same election, she was disappointed by the voter turnout rates by students. She believes that electronic voting would have made the election more accessible to all residents of the Town. It may also be useful for the Town to look into precise enumeration of voters in on-campus housing prior to the election.

Samantha Nielsen, VP Communications, agreed to share Brianna's concerns with the Town of Wolfville's Town and Gown Committee at their next regular schedule meeting in January.

Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic, agreed to speak with the VP External at the Saint Francis-Xavier Student Union about their municipal elections experience

**7. Four Year Plan (Samantha Sproule)**

Samantha Sproule, President, shared that she is happy to see that there is a positive relationship between the two Councils and hopes that the relationship will continue over the four-year term of Council as the Acadia Students' Union leadership changes from year-to-year.

Mayor Jeff Cantwell reiterated the importance of the Town's special relationship with Acadia University and the Acadia Students' Union.

Samantha Sproule, President, shared that the Acadia Students' Union has prioritized sexual violence and substance abuse awareness this school year and has created programming that addresses these critical issues both on- and off-campus. Fentanyl overdoses have become problems in Western universities and it would be appropriate for Wolfville to be prepared for future incidents.

Samantha Sproule, President, agreed to follow CAO Erin Beaudin's suggestion that the Acadia Students' Union attend an RCMP Advisory Committee to share its programs and initiatives on these fronts.

Ted Higa, VP Programming, shared that it would be beneficial for the Town of Wolfville to support alternative programming for residents (especially students) on weekends and during breaks so as to avoid a reliance on drinking.

Mayor Jeff Cantwell shared that snowshoeing expeditions during the winter at Reservoir Park have been successful in the past and that they would continue in the 2016/2017 season.

Samantha Nielsen, VP Communications, shared that the Town of Wolfville should continue to create an environment where economic development is prioritized in the decisions of Council.

## **8. Announcements and Upcoming Events**

Councillor Carl Oldham shared that there are many fundraising dinners hosted by community groups including the Annual Wolfville School Chicken Dinner on December 2, 2016 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm at the Wolfville Lions Hall (attached as Appendix A). There is also a Lion's Club Community Christmas Dinner on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (attached as Appendix B).

## **9. Adjournment**

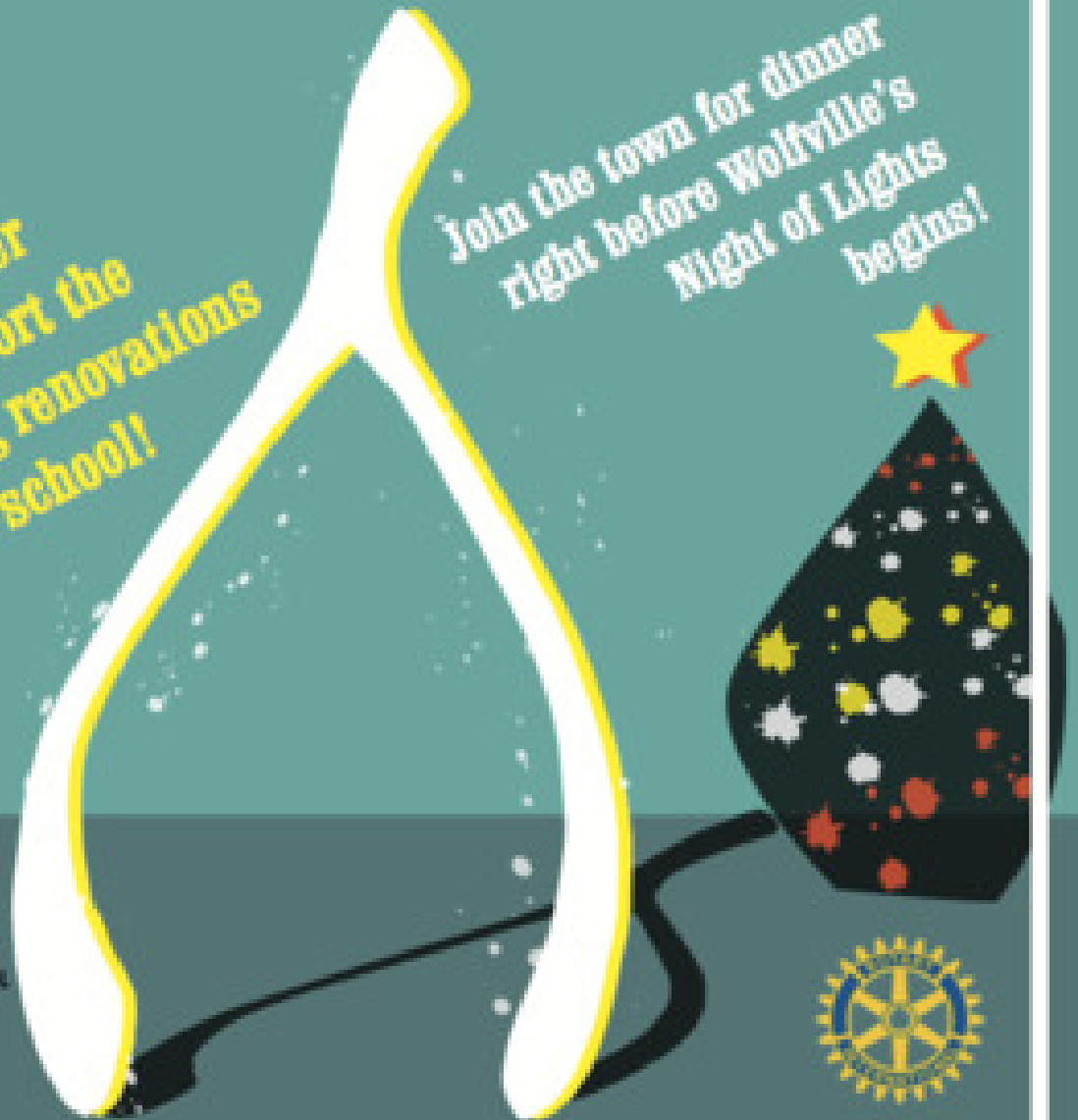
The Special Meeting of Council date Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

# WOLFVILLE SCHOOL CHICKEN DINNER

FRI. DEC. 2 • 4PM - 6PM • WOLFVILLE LIONS HALL

Enjoy dinner  
and support the  
ongoing renovations  
at the school!

Join the town for dinner  
right before Wolfville's  
Night of Lights  
begins!



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT  
THE WOLFVILLE SCHOOL  
AND THE INQUISITIVE  
TOY COMPANY,  
CASH ONLY

- ADULTS: \$14
- CHILDREN UNDER 10: \$8
- DESSERT & BEVERAGE INCLUDED
- VEGETARIAN LASAGNA OPTION AVAILABLE

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You are invited to the  
**Wolfville Community  
Christmas Dinner**

**Sunday, December 25, 2016, 2pm**  
at the



**Wolfville & District Lions Club**  
**36 Elm Ave., Wolfville, NS**



**MENU: FREE Turkey Dinner with all the fixings**  
(meal is dairy & gluten free; vegan option available)

**Free-will donations accepted**

Doors open at 1pm for a Meet and Greet  
with coffee, tea, and mulled cider before dinner.

**Share a part of this holiday season with your community!**

For more info, contact Anna at 902-542-5511