



**Final
Town and Gown Committee**

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

5:00 PM

Huronian Room B

TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Community Safety Committee on October 4, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, C. Riepma at 5:06 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 6 - C. Riepma
B. Muscat - Georgian College
D. Abiodun
R. Kumar
J. Morozuk
J. Weston
- Absent:** 1 - T. Zubyck - Georgian College

STAFF:

Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Supervisor of Enforcement Services, B. Keene
Zoning Officer, M. Gallagher.

The Town and Gown Committee met and discussed the following:

COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The Committee provided suggestions related to their 2022 to 2026 Work Plan such as student housing, opportunities to enhance and strengthen communication between the municipality, college and community and anti racism.

GEORGIAN COLLEGE UPDATES

Brian Muscat, Dean of Students for Georgian College provided an update concerning the relationship between the College and the City including the Town and Gown Committee. He discussed the students' population and the return to in person classes since the COVID-19 pandemic.

He discussed the role of the College's Housing Coordinator which included issues with food insecurity and helping students, the food locker program, and the College's housing strategy.

Councillor Riepma mentioned that the composition of the Town and Gown Committee includes an opportunity for a student representative from Georgian College to join the Committee.

Mr. Muscat advised that he would advertise at the College for a student representative and report back to the Committee.

CITY UPDATES

Michael Gallagher, Zoning Officer provided an update on city-wide zoning complaints, boarding lodging and rooming houses (BLR), and overcrowded student housing.

Bryan Keene, Supervisor of Enforcement Services provided an update on enforcement complaints such as yard maintenance, property standards, and signs.

Mr. Keene mentioned that as per Council's direction, the Enforcement Services Department is taking a more proactive approach related to the enforcement of animal control, property maintenance, parking regulations, waste management, and noise control. He commented that between January 1, 2023, and June 16, 2023, there were 1003 reactive complaints versus 150 proactive complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN