



Town and Gown Committee Terms of Reference

Preamble

The Town and Gown Committee was created to develop relationships and communication between students, local post-secondary institutions, police, and the City of Thorold. The committee strives to achieve a high quality of life for students and residents who live near a post-secondary campus.

Mandate

To develop and enhance relationships, communications and policies among the university, college, students, the City, police and the community. This mandate would be achieved by addressing issues of common concern and may include neighborhood development/community relations, housing, the environment, economic activities, charitable/community relations, recreational and cultural events, health and safety issues and academic outreach.

Goals and Purpose

The goals and purpose of the Town and Gown Committee is to keep Council informed of post-secondary issues affecting the City of Thorold. The Committee will:

- Provide a multidisciplinary forum for open discussion on common issues;
- Facilitate communication among constituent groups;
- Develop policies for Council consideration;
- Identify and address specific issues and concerns;
- Consider opportunities for formal partnerships between the City and local post-secondary institutions that will enhance student and community relations;
- Create Subcommittees, working groups, studies or projects where specific initiatives can be directed.
- Monitor and evaluate activities of these sub-committees, working groups, studies or projects;
- Make recommendations to Council and implement resource requirements to achieve the mandate;
- Set as a coordinating body for issues involving stakeholders (constituent groups).

Membership

The Committee Membership is comprised of stakeholders within the Niagara Region that have a relationship to the post-secondary institution of Brock University and Niagara College as set out below.

Voting Members:

- City of Thorold Mayor (1)
- Councillors (Minimum of 2)



- Brock University:
 - Off-Campus Housing Officer (1)
 - Student Union (1)
 - Brock Administration / Student Affairs (1)
 - Graduate Students' Association (1)
- Niagara College:
 - Director of Student Services (1)
 - Student Union (1)
- Niagara Regional Police (1)
- Niagara Region, Waste Management (1)
- Landlord (1)
- At-large members (3)

The following City staff positions are non-voting members, who count towards quorum:

- Director of Development Services (or designate)
- Fire Chief (or designate)
- City Clerk (or designate)

The Community Relations Specialist (or designate) will support the Committee as the City of Thorold's staff liaison.

Meeting Frequency

The Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis. Meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m.