

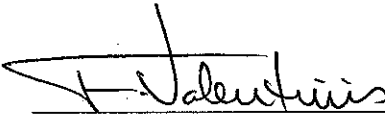
REPORT NO. 170 of the
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held November 20, 2013

Present:
Councillor J. Gignac
Councillor A. Halberstadt
Councillor R. Jones
Councillor H. Payne
Councillor F. Valentinis, Chair

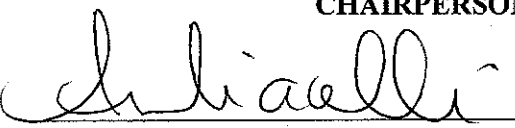
That the following recommendations of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED:**

Moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Gignac,
THAT the 2013 Town & Gown Committee Bi-Annual Report **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Clerk's Note: The Town & Gown Committee Bi-Annual Report is attached as background information.

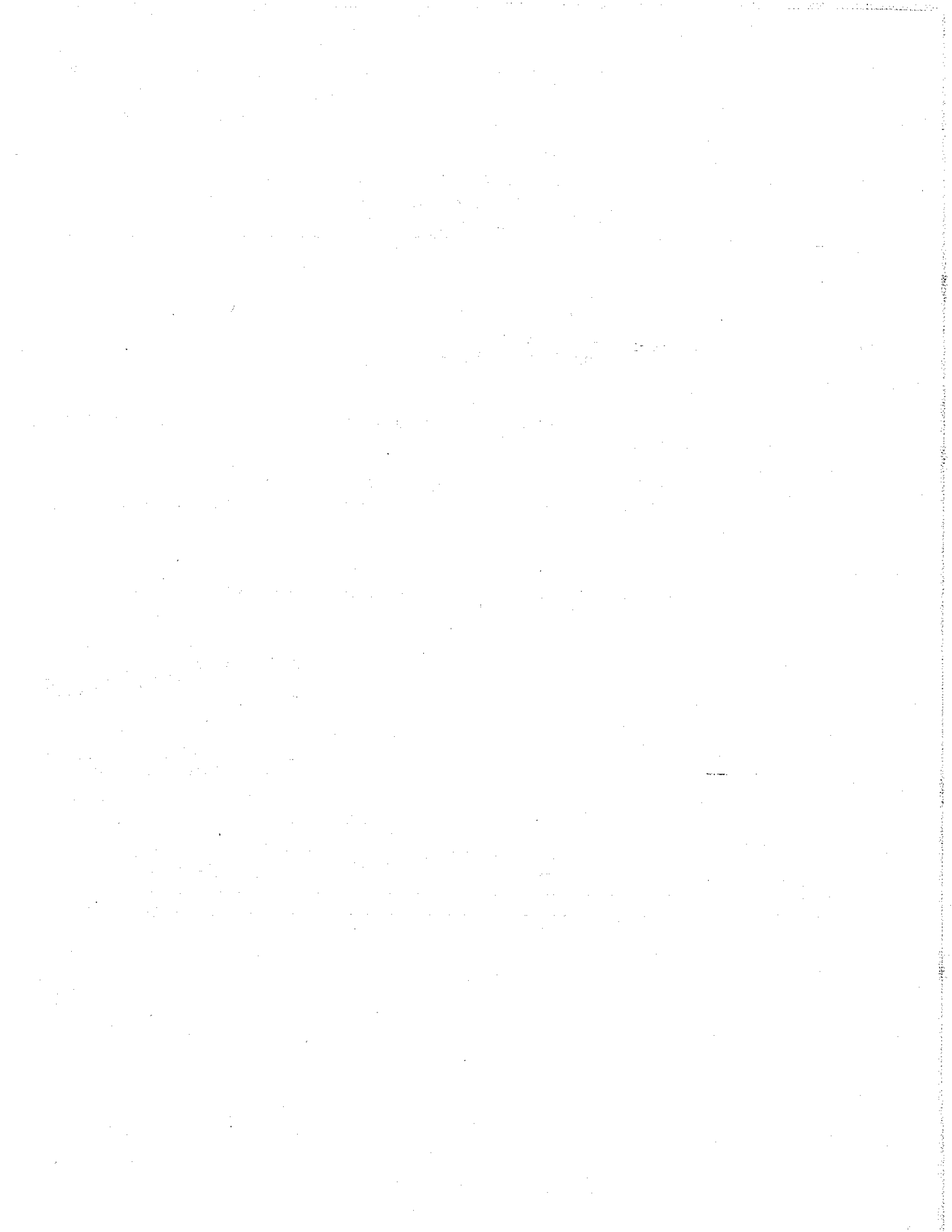


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Town & Gown Committee				



**Town & Gown Committee Bi-Annual Report:
Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee**

Committee Membership:

Councillor Ron Jones, Chairperson
Councillor Drew Dilkens
Jane Boyd
John Fairley
Lena Angelidis
Mike Cardinal

Mandate:

As an Advisory Committee to Windsor City Council, the Town and Gown Committee will develop and enhance relationships between the residents of the City of Windsor and the Communities of the University of Windsor and St. Clair College:

- Provide an open forum for discussion of issues of concern between the residents and the University and/or College
- Encourage open communication between the neighbourhood and the University and/or College
- Identify or provide assistance to solving issues relating to possible areas of conflict between the students and residents in the neighbourhoods
- Assist in developing solutions to problems of common interest
- Promote and support activities to ensure a safe and healthy community

2013 Town & Gown Symposium "Bridging our Future"

The Town & Gown Committee spent the first months of 2013 organizing and making the necessary preparations to host the 2013 Town & Gown Association of Ontario (TGAO) Annual Symposium, "Bridging our Future." The event was hosted in partnership with the TGAO, University of Windsor, St. Clair College, Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island and Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Association.

The provincial wide symposium brought town & gown stakeholders to Windsor for the two day sessions held May 12 through to May 14, 2013, including representatives of police, fire, municipal administration, post-secondary administration, students, landlords and local residents. The event was held at both St. Clair College Centre for the Arts Canadian Club Room

in the downtown and the Toldo Health Education Building on the campus of the University of Windsor.

The symposium theme reflected the rise of the Downtown Campus and was nicely complimented with the examples that St. Clair College and the University of Windsor have experienced in our city. The theme also incorporated City Council's dedication to Downtown Revitalization, as identified as a priority in the Corporate Strategic Action Plan 2011-2014.

The opening discussion centered on the theme entitled "Rise of the Downtown Campus." The opening session was an hour long panel discussion provided to conference delegates relating to the steps, processes and outcomes of the Windsor model. Moderated by Town & Gown Committee Member John Fairley, the panel included Mayor Francis, Dr. Wildeman of the University of Windsor and Dr. Strasser of St. Clair College. This discussion, including a PowerPoint presentation, proved to be the highlight of the Conference and was received with great compliments from the visiting delegates.

The symposium featured a wide variety of Town & Gown issues including:

- Universities and Downtown Development by *Dr. Leo Groarke, Provost and Vice-President Academic, University of Windsor;*
- Managing Housing in a University Town by *Ho. Tek of Domus Housing;*
- Initiatives Involving Community by *John Fairley, Vice President, College and Community Relations, St. Clair College and Justin Fox; Past Provincial College Student Alliance President & Past St. Clair College Student Representative Council President*
- Enforcement Toolbox moderated by *Lee Anne Doyle;*
- Aboriginal Issues presented on behalf of *Russell Nahdee of the University of Windsor Aboriginal Education Centre And Margaret Messenger, Executive Director, Can-Am Urban Native Homes;*
- Coming Home Music Festival (Case Study) moderated by *Jane Boyd, President's Office, University of Windsor;*
- Town-Gown Partnerships on Community Development, Research & Training by *Mary Medcalf, M.S.W., School of Social Work University of Windsor;*
- Potential Health Risks of Recreational Drug Use and Related Harms by *Dr. Bruce McKay, Assistant Professor, Psychology Wilfred Laurier University;*
- Town-Gown Engagement: Visioning/Planning Near a Campus Neighbourhood courtesy of *Tanja Curic, MCIP, RPP, Policy Planner City of Waterloo;*
- Planning Strategies for Near Campus Neighbourhoods, *Yin Xiao, Masters Planning Student, University of Waterloo;*
- Student Research and Collaborations with Local Community by *Dr. Christopher Murray, Professor, Interdisciplinary Studies Lakehead University;*
- Best Practices/Benchmark Sharing Session.

Several networking opportunities were built into the symposium schedule, which was appreciated by the delegates as it allowed for individual benchmarking and best practices research. Delegates provided positive feedback on this initiative. The committee also took the opportunity to showcase Windsor's beautiful waterfront through the assistance of Tourism Windsor Essex County Pelee Island by offering a tour of the city's waterfront aboard Windsor Riverboat Cruises. Delegates who had never visited Windsor were pleased and captivated by our majestic riverfront parks, sculpture gardens and views of Detroit, Michigan.

Apart from planning and delivery of a provincial conference, the committee has also been focusing on improving Bylaw Compliance through the educational process. As reported at the April 29, 2013 meeting by the Bylaw Compliance Office, a reduction of dirty yard complaints and work orders were received and issued during student "move-out" in the spring of 2013. Through the efforts of the citizen committee members to recognize this on-going issue and increased proactive enforcement measures, this annual concern with residents and landlords was easily managed and addressed. The committee would like to ensure that this pattern and trend continues for future years.

