

# News Release

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## Video Camera Pilot Project

**Wolfville, NS** – In response to on-going reports of property damage to Town and private property, and in response to on-going nuisance party by-law infractions, the Town of Wolfville is proposing to install targeted video camera systems as part of a two-year pilot project. Property damage includes the on-going removal of street blades/signs and traffic signs, which pose on-going safety risks to both residents and visitors. Residents have also reported an increase in property damage including damage to cars, theft of patio furniture, business signs and on-going vandalism.

Last summer and fall, as part of the “Good Neighbours Make Great Neighbourhoods Pilot,” messaging displayed in a close to campus neighbourhood established community expectations. This crime prevention through environmental design pilot was not successful and the property damage and calls for enforcement have continued. The targeted video camera pilot project is the Town’s response to this on-going issue.

The proposed locations for the video cameras are as follows:

Installed on the pole in front of:

- 6 Bay Street
- 9 Fairfield Street
- 26 Gaspereau Avenue
- 10 Harbourside Drive
- 54 & 24 Highland Avenue
- 17 Hillside Avenue
- 434 Main Street
- 18 & 4 Prospect Street
- 16 Summer Street

The map attached shows the proposed locations in greater detail. At this time no cameras have been installed and the policy that supports this pilot will come before Committee of the Whole on May 3 and to Town Council on May 17.

The Town of Wolfville will be hosting two virtual information sessions for anyone to attend who may have any questions, concerns, or to provide feedback regarding this pilot. The meetings will be held on **Wednesday, April 20 at 2pm** and on Monday, **April 25 at 6:30pm**. If you would like to attend either session, please email [kthibault@wolfville.ca](mailto:kthibault@wolfville.ca) to receive the log-in details.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Will this always be monitored?

These cameras are not actively monitored, only viewed upon report of a crime or violation.

### Where is the data stored?

Data is stored using a secure VMS system (Video Management Software) called Milestone, which is used by Law Enforcement Agencies in Canada. All video footage will be stored in a Microsoft facility in Toronto, Canada. This is a secure Azure hosting facility with Enterprise grade security.

### Who has access to this?

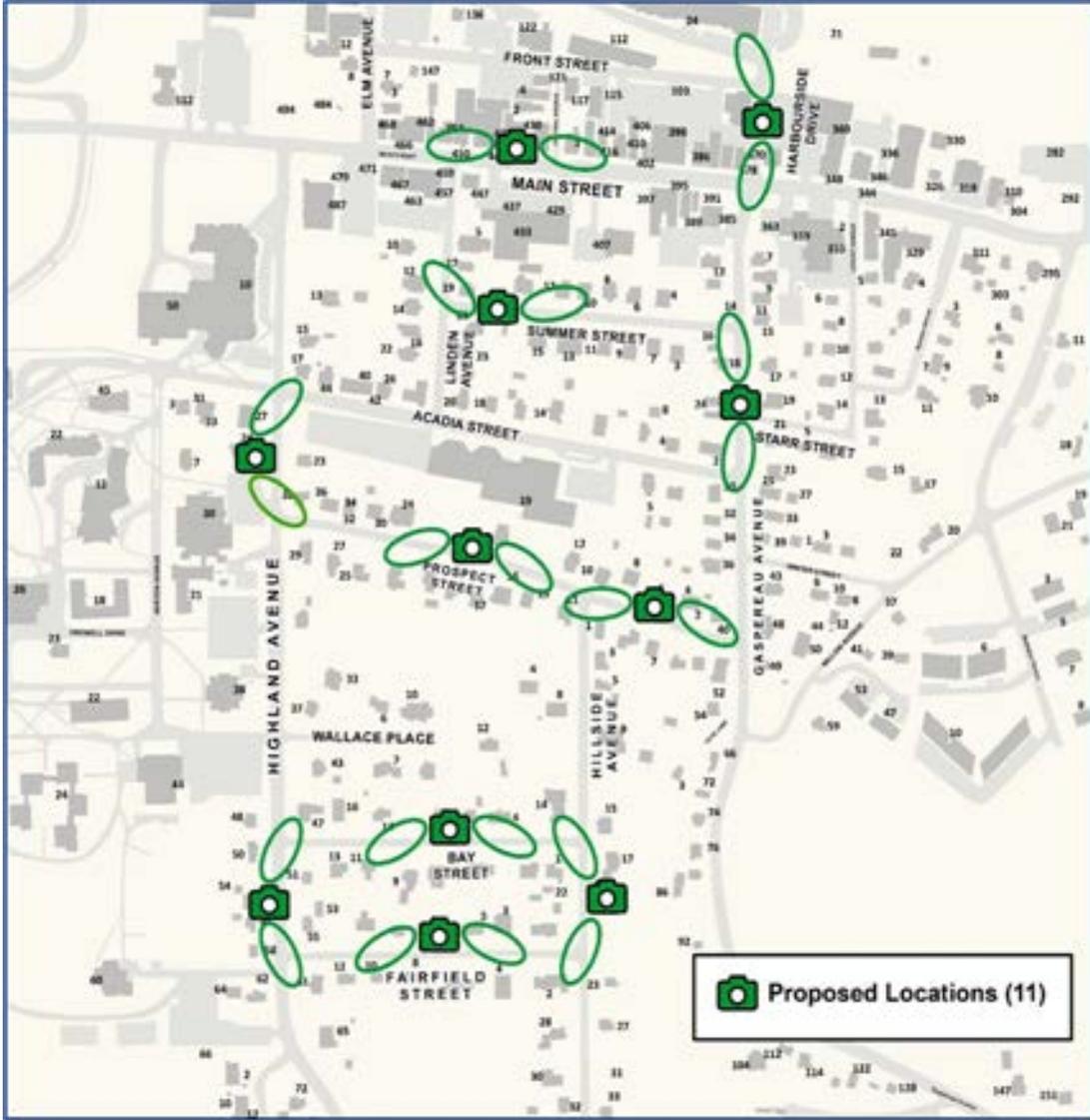
Only individuals authorized by the Town's Chief Administrative Officer will be able to access this data.

### How can I access this footage?

For third party access to digital recordings, parties may submit an application pursuant to Part XX, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, of the Municipal Government Act.

### Why is the town proposing this project?

The Town of Wolfville is proposing this project in response of on-going reports of property damage, vandalism, safety complaints, and theft.



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