Dalhousie University Transportation and Security Committee TEAMS Meeting TUESDAY, October 17, 2023

- Attendees: P. Jones Sexton Campus Representative (Chair) M. Burns - Director of Security Services S. Spracklin – NSGEU (District #77) T. Ryan – NSGEU (District #77) S. Huybers – DFA representative P. Bourgeois – Carleton Campus Rep J. Aguinaga – Environmental Health & Safety A. Goodman – Office of Sustainability T. Matheson – DPMG representative M. Hill – recording secretary
- Regrets:P. Coutts Assistant VP, Facilities ManagementDSU VP Finance
- Absent:Studley Campus Representative TBD
AC Campus Representative TBD
NSGEU (District #99)
Senate Representative, Halifax Campus TBD
Senate Representative, AC Campus TBD

1. Call to Order

Teams - online - meeting called to order by Peter Jones

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 2023 were reviewed and approved.

3. Business arising from previous minutes:

There is nothing to report at this time.

4. Security Items

Mr. Burns reported on the following items:

Parking:

- There have been 2,600 permits sold to date (October 2023), with the number of general permits sold, up slightly. The number of permits being sold seem to be coming back to pre-COVID levels, as more people return to partial or full on-site workweeks.
- There was an announcement recently that the arena construction has started up again, with an anticipated completion date of late 2025.
- The Rosina and Dunn lot resurfacing and repainting was completed over the summer and fall. Alumni Crescent had some repainting done but we're holding off on further work, as construction is ongoing.

Security Report:

- We are focusing on the conflict that's going on in the Middle East. We are seeing aggressive postering campaigns on all three campuses, some of which would be considered hate-speech. We are also keeping an eye of individuals who are concerned about their safety. So far, there have been no threats of physical violence or aggressive behavior.
- There have been some fire alarms triggered in residence buildings on Studley campus caused by cooking. There has also been some suspicious activity/public mischief, where fire alarms are being pulled just for the sake of it.
- The street party this year wasn't as big as previous years. A heavy police presence in the area may have deterred that, however there were still some incidents, but no one was seriously hurt.

5. Transportation

Alexa Goodman reported on the following items:

- Sherry Huybers reported that the bike racks by the McCain building seem full, and was wondering if there's any plan of adding more. Alexa advised the committee that she will bring this forward to the team and see if there's any additional spaces where bike-racks can be added. Alexa also noted that the Office of Sustainability is trying to setup a satellite bicycle center at Sexton campus, due to the increased numbers of bikers.
- The next round of E-pass registration is expected to start by early November. We are waiting on an update from Halifax Transit.
- A. Goodman also added that they are hoping to hire a winter student to do some research on carpool programs.

6. New Business

• Peter Jones had a request from DFA President David Westwood for historical information on TSC committee parking rate recommendations vs what was actually done. Mr. Burns advised the information will be collected and will provide the information to the committee.

7. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 10:36am

The next scheduled meeting: December 12, 2023 Meeting will be done virtually through Teams meeting @10:00am.