

Dalhousie University
Transportation and Security Committee
TEAMS Meeting
April 19, 2022

Attendees: **P. Jones** – Sexton Campus Representative (Co-Chair)
J. MacIsaac – Assistant Director of Security Services
S. Spracklin – NSGEU (District #77)
K. D’Souza – Office of Sustainability
S. Huybers – DFA representative
P. Bourgeois – Carleton Campus Rep
K. Siewrattan – DSU, Director of Operations
M. Hill – recording secretary

Regrets: **P. Coutts** – Assistant VP, Facilities Management
J. Aguinaga – Environmental Health & Safety
M. Burns - Director of Security Services

Absent: DPMG representative - TBD
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 at 10:02 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 2022 was reviewed and approved.

3. Business arising from previous minutes:

There is nothing to report at this time.

4. Security Items

Mr. Jake MacIsaac Assistant Director of Security Services is reporting on the following items on behalf of Mr. Burns’ absence:

Parking:

- Update on the HotSpot implementation. Jake MacIsaac is reporting that the Security Office is making steady progress with the HotSpot implementation. We are currently relying on all our internal systems to support the parking permit issuance. The Dal Card Office handles our credit-card processing, as we don’t have the in-house ability to do this. Covering back-end processes is also very labour intensive. Ultimately, the selling and issuing of permit hangtags takes up a lot of time.

- With the HotSpot technology:
 - Dal members will still need to log in using their NetID and password. This will authenticate that Dal members are buying permits to park on campus.
 - Hangtags will no longer be issued. One of the advantages is that users will no longer have to come to the office to pick up temporary permits.
 - For people with multiple vehicles, only one vehicle can be parked at any given time. If people lend their credentials to someone else, it will be easier to spot, this also prevents counterfeiting.

The Security Office is looking at August 15 to start. The old system will not be taken away until the new one is up and running. There will still be some Dal members who are uncomfortable using an app, so an in-person option will be available for those who wish to walk in and pay.

Security Report:

- March - Saint Patrick's Day was a bit of a difficult time for us. Student behavior continued to make it challenging for the Security Office staff, particularly concerning a street takeover. We are spending a lot of time in planning, trying to make sure that everyone will be as safe as possible going forward. The approach is focussing on how we could reach out to other partners to reduce the reliance on groups like the Police (enforcement); what would it look like to reach out to groups like EHS and local hospitals to make sure that student safety is prioritized.

5. Transportation

K. D'Souza reported on the following items:

- There is a big push in promoting active transportation. Events include Bicycle Week and The Commuter Challenge. A number of workshops were also held, which were aimed at our international students and staff, covering educational material that we've been developing over the winter.
- Scott MacPhee reported on the Parking Survey Report which provides information on parking capacity, peak capacity, daily average occupancy, daily turnover, and average parking duration on all campuses. The survey is completed yearly at the Halifax and the Agricultural Campuses by a team of students. There are overall parking stats for 2019, 2020 and 2021.
 - ✓ In 2020, 75% of the Dalhousie members were working remotely. This is reflected in the parking lot audit findings, where daily parking occupancy rates ranged from 23-26%.
 - ✓ In 2021, there was a decrease of 10-22% from pre-pandemic years due to flexible hybrid work schedules.
 - ✓ The employee bus pass program saw a decrease in active participants. More people were driving during 2019, 2020, and 2021.
 - ✓ There was an increase in active transportation (people walking and cycling) throughout North America and Europe.

6. New Business

There is nothing to report at this time.

7. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 10:41am

The next scheduled meeting: May 17, 2022

Meeting will be done virtually through Teams meeting @10:00am.