

**Dalhousie University**  
**Transportation and Security Committee**  
TEAMS Meeting  
March 15, 2022

**Attendees:** **P. Jones** – Sexton Campus Representative (Co-Chair)  
**M. Burns** - Director of Security Services  
**S. Spracklin** – NSGEU (District #77)  
**K. D’Souza** – Office of Sustainability  
**S. Huybers** – DFA representative  
**J. Aguinaga** – Environmental Health & Safety  
**P. Bourgeois** – Carleton Campus Rep  
**M. Hill** – recording secretary

**Regrets:** **P. Coutts** – Assistant VP, Facilities Management  
**T. Myra** – DPMG representative (Co-Chair)  
**K. Siewrattan** – DSU, Director of Operations

**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 at 10:04 am.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from February 2022 was reviewed and approved.

**3. Business arising from previous minutes:**

There is nothing to report at this time.

**4. Security Items**

**Mr. Michael Burns reported on the following items:**

Parking:

- Event Center Arena – Arena Construction: An exact date has not been set; however, construction will start early to mid-spring of this year. The west entrance from Alumni Crescent will be closed while they reconfigure the tennis court and turn it into a parking area. This work will replace the spots that will be eliminated by the footprint of the arena itself. During this time, the east entrance will act as an entry/exit point, with two-way traffic on Alumni Crescent. The roadway near the tennis court will be closed to facilitate movement of vehicles and heavy equipment related to the work. The target plan is to finish construction by September 2023.
- Mr. Burns is in the process of migrating away from our current parking permit sales software, which is about 10 years old. The new solution will be to move parking sales

under 'HotSpot'. We are hoping to have this in place by August 15, 2022. This will be a different process, with the biggest change for Dalhousie members being that hang tags will not be issued. Electronic permits will be created when vehicles are registered. Security Officers will verify permits by scanning or taking a picture of vehicle license plates with a mobile device. This would be more efficient way to monitor parking as we have dealt with quite a bit of permit fraud where permits are being copied. As an example of this, we recently found two identical parking permits being used at the Rosina Lot. A Dalhousie member sold their permit to someone else, who then copied this and sold to three other people – none of whom worked at Dalhousie.

- Snow – As it is still mid-March, there is a possibility for additional snowfall. Regular maintenance for pothole repair will start in April.

#### Security Report:

- For the past couple of weeks, the Security Office has been preparing in anticipation of the pending on and off-campus St. Patrick's Day events. This has been a very active time in past years, with activity expected this coming weekend. The Security Office, Residence Life and the Housing Team are working together to ensure that our facilities are safe from the pending events, which mainly center on how to keep non-residents from entering residential buildings to party. Planning covers Thursday March 17 through March 21<sup>st</sup>, which is also when most COVID restrictions will be lifted in Nova Scotia. There could be an impact with both things being so close together, although Dalhousie is keeping some restrictions in place until April 30, 2022.
- February was Fraud Prevention Month. There has been an increase in online fraud, with scammers looking for passport, credit card, and social insurance information. Scammers have imitated CRA officials, threatening arrest if such information is not provided. Much of this fraud targets international students, so we will be working with Student Affairs Communications to better prepare incoming students regarding communication awareness.

#### **5. Transportation**

##### **K. D'Souza reported on the following items:**

- The Employee bus pass program is slowly ramping up, with about 250 people currently signed up.
- There's been uptake on some of the bicycle rooms and trip planning services. Sustainability is working with communications and marketing to get the word out.
- CarShare will be waiving sign-up and abstract fees. There will also be some reduced fees for departments.

Kareina noted that Scott MacPhee will attend April's meeting to give a presentation on the parking audit.

#### **6. New Business**

There is nothing to report at this time.

#### **7. Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

**The next scheduled meeting: April 19, 2022**

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