

**Dalhousie University**  
**Transportation and Security Committee**  
TEAMS Meeting  
TUESDAY, October 18, 2022

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

**Regrets:** **P. Coutts** – Assistant VP, Facilities Management

**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 10:00 am.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from June 2022 were reviewed and approved.

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

**Parking Permit Rate 2022-2023**

Committee chair Peter Jones had sent a letter to the AVP Finance saying that the committee members had voted and were recommending not to increase the parking permit fee for 2022-2023. A rate increase of 1.25% would be allowed based on the DFA allowable amount in the collective agreement. However, it was decided by Dalhousie Administration that there would be a 1.25% increase based on the DFA allowable amount from the collective agreement.

**4. Security Items**

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

Parking:

- Parking Permits – This year, the Security Office has switched to a software application for the sale and tracking of permits. We no longer issue hangtags and have switched to virtual parking permits. License plates are now used as a proof

of permit – when scanning a license plate, software will identify whether the vehicle is authorized to park on campus. The application still allows for a CC payment option as well as a payroll deduction option for full time, permanent faculty/staff. Debit and cash payments are still accepted and processed in person. We also provide in-person support for anyone who needs assistance in purchasing/renewing permits.

- Permit sales are down by 1/3 this year compared to previous years, due to hybrid work schedules.
- Parking Enforcement – Mr. M Burns advised members that at the beginning of the academic year, Security staff started with a soft approach to enforcement by putting up barricades to keep Dal members (staff/students) from parking in aisles and blocking the roadway. As of last week, Security officers have started heavier ticketing/booting enforcement of vehicles.

#### Security Report:

- Mr. Burns reported that along with Residence Life and Housing, and Student Health and Wellness, Security Services were involved in a significant planning and response exercise related to the October 1<sup>st</sup> unsanctioned street party, focused on safety and security on campus. However, given that the off-campus site does not fall within our purview, Dalhousie can try to influence the city, but ultimately it is an HRM jurisdiction that the city will deal with as they see fit. There was activity on campus, but it was not destructive, and no-one was seriously hurt. The on-campus Housing Medical Response Team were included in the plan this year and provided a high level of service, taking on a lot of the heavy lifting in relation to first aid response, easing the burden on Security Services and the Residence Life staff.
- **Hurricane Fiona** – The effects of and the response to Hurricane Fiona lasted three to four days. The power was down for a couple of days, but generators supporting the residence buildings and most of the research areas were running during this time. The buildings are in good shape and students living on campus were fed throughout the entire period. Kudos to custodial staff that managed to find their way in to campus to make sure the residence buildings were looked after.
- **DalSafe Notification** – We have 27,000 active subscribers. This has been actively used for mass notifications during Fiona Hurricane and closures of buildings on campus.
- **Online Fraud and Scams** – Mr. Mike Burns' team (Security Services) is working with the International Center and Communications Student Affairs, to build an information portal on the International Center Web page regarding the fraud and online scams that have trended up since the beginning of the year.
- **Flu Clinic** – Mr. Burns advised the committee that Dr. Strang has advised Nova Scotians that the southern hemisphere is coming out of a very bad flu season, and we should expect the same thing in the northern hemisphere as we move into December 2022 and January 2023.

## **5. Transportation**

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

- **Employee Bus Pass (E-Pass)** – Registration for E-Pass starts next month. Scott McPhee is working with HRM in sorting out the details of the Employee Bus Pass for Dalhousie members. There has been a decent uptake in the last couple of months.
- The Transportation Demand Management Plan – Kareina circulated the Transportation Demand Management for Sustainable Commuting Plan a few weeks ago to committee members. Kareina advised the members that her department is refreshing the complete Sustainability Plan starting with the Operational Plan then will move on to the 6 sub plans including Climate Change, Procurement, Waste Management and Sustainable Transportation. Goals, actions, and targets will all be updated.

If anyone would like a copy, please send your request to Kareina.

## **6. New Business**

**There is no new business at this time.**

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

**The next scheduled meeting: December 20, 2022**

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