

Dalhousie University
Transportation and Security Committee
TEAMS Meeting
September 21, 2021

Attendees: **P. Jones** – Sexton Campus Representative (Co-Chair)
T. Myra – DPMG representative (Co-Chair)
M. Burns - Director of Security Services
S. Spracklin – NSGEU (District #77)
K. D’Souza – Office of Sustainability
S. Huybers – DFA representative
P. Bourgeois – Carleton Campus Rep
M. Hill – recording secretary

Regrets: **J. Aguinaga** – Environmental Health & Safety
P. Coutts – Assistant VP, Facilities Management

Absent: **K. Siewrattan** – DSU, Director of Operations
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 10:05 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 15, 2021 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:

Security Report:

- As of August 16th, all the buildings are back on a regular schedule, although some business units are still completing some work remotely.
- There has not been a significant amount of activity, however, there has been an increase in the number of first aid calls since people starting returning to campus.
- There has been an increase in the number of suspicious-person reports on campus, but nothing that stands out from a security perspective.
- The Security Office is preparing for the anticipated large “fake homecoming” gathering. In previous years, this has occurred on Jennings Street and is likely to take place within the next two weeks.

- Mr. Michael Burns also informed the committee that his focus will be on what's happening at the University of Western Ontario, news coverage in the national media and how we're positioning security in relation to a sexualized violence on campus. However, at this time we have yet to see what the University will do regarding the incident.

Mr. Burns informed the committee that 97% of the 22,000 Dalhousie members that responded to the survey, indicated that they were vaccinated or planned to be vaccinated, which is encouraging. There has also been an increased uptake of the distributed self-testing kits on campus, which are very simple and painless to use.

Parking:

- The number of parking permits sold this year has reached 2/3rd capacity, compared to 2019 pre-COVID. This year, a greater number of student permits were sold.
- The 'hot spot' parking spots which are paid through an app, were rolled out at least a week and a half ago. There are big red signs all over campus indicating areas. Parking meters and Pay and Display are still available, and all at the same rate.
- Arena Construction – Mr. Burns has no definitive timeline, but it will probably start in the late fall or early winter. The related work to be done will be a reconfiguration of the area around the tennis courts, which are closer to Sheriff Hall and the Henry Hicks Bld. If it all goes as planned, there will probably be a net loss of about half a dozen parking spaces. This all depends on how they configure the area around the tennis court, which may mean the loss of the court. Over the next 18 months, there will be a lot of blasting and moving of material associated with the construction. There won't be any underground parking associated with that facility.
- A preliminary survey has started in the area behind chemical storage and the chemistry building, which will be extended into the Dunn lot. This will determine the footprint for the proposed Physical Sciences Building. There is no timeline, but with the construction likely planned for next year, it will put pressure on parking.

Regarding the parking inventory, it hasn't changed over the summer. The hourly spaces, reserved spaces and general spaces have not changed.

5. Transportation

K. D'Souza reported on the following items:

- Since Dalhousie members have been slowly returning to campus, there's been an increase in people asking about transportation options, bicycle rooms, and bicycle racks on campus.
- E-Pass (Employee Bus Pass) – E-Pass registration has also been picking up. Normally, the registration is scheduled in June and November, but as people return to campus, they are renewing their passes this month.

- Parking Lot Audit (September 28-29) – The parking lot audit will be done by the end of September. Kareina also added that they're probably not going to complete the parking lot audit every single year, but this is has yet to be finalized.

6. New Business

- Member Recruitment – 5 members from the organization are missing. Peter Jones suggested to contact the unions/organization to send in their representative. An email invitation will be sent out.
- Committee Chair – Mr. Peter Jones who currently chairs the committee has offered to chair for another year as there were no other takers at the this time.

7. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.

The next scheduled meeting: Mona Campbell Conference Room 3207, October 19, 2021 Meeting will be done virtually through Teams meeting @10:00am.