

Dalhousie University
Transportation and Security Committee
Mona Campbell Building, MC 3207
January 19, 2021

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

Regrets: **T. Myra** – DPMG representative (Co-Chair)
S. Andrews – Studley Campus Representative
P. Coutts – Assistant VP, Facilities Management

Absent: 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 December 2020 minutes were 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:**

- We are a 32% capacity of reserved parking, and general permits sold roughly 40% compared to the previous fiscal year. Concerning costs, we have been doing well with regards to snow operations, however winter may last until mid-April.
- Pay & Display at the Sexton campus Rosina lot is still in place. We have not aggressively advertised this, so as not to overwhelm the lot.

➤ Security:

- All levels of activity are starting to return to normal on campus. There are very few issues to report as it remains quiet weeks after the holidays.
- The clock on the 14 day isolation period for students is starting to wind down. This week, more students have started to move into the residence.
- The vaccination clinic at the main atrium of the LSRI will continue to accommodate front line health workers' vaccination until April 15th.
- Mr. Burns received 95% confirmation that a pop up clinic for COVID testing will be happening this week, between 10AM and 8PM (time to be finalized), Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A notice will be sent out via Today@dal.

5. Transportation

Ms. Rochelle Owen and Kareina D'Souza reported on the following items:

- Sustainability Manager Kareina D'Souza will be taking over Rochelle's seat in the committee.
- E-Pass – Following the most recent round of employee registration in December 2020, there are currently 171 active participants, down from 400 the previous year. There will be a couple more registrations in the next few months as people start returning to campus. The guaranteed ride home program provided by Metro Transit is still part of the employee bus pass program which consists of two taxi chits.
- Annual Report – The annual report should be completed in the next few weeks. The commuter survey this year does not make sense as most of our faculty/staff are working from home.
- Fleet – There are 5 engineering students working in the Sustainability Office assigned to work on fleet management, electric/hybrid vehicles and policy. Mr. Burns noted 10 years ago, the Security Office was running a full sized Ford Explorer with a gas budget around \$20,000 a year. This year with 4 vehicles (3 hybrid, 1 gasoline), the projected yearly gas expense is approximately \$5,700. This is twice as many vehicles compared to 10 years ago. The resale value of a hybrid vehicle is also higher than a similar non-hybrid model.
- Transportation Accessibility Update – The draft report will be ready by February/March. This will be shared with the committee, providing a good opportunity for committee feedback.

6. New Business

There is nothing to report at this time.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28am

**The next scheduled meeting: Mona Campbell Conference Room 3207, Feb 16, 2021
Meeting will be done virtually through Teams meeting @10:00am.**