

Dalhousie University
Transportation and Security Committee
Mona Campbell Building, MC 3207
May 18 meeting moved to June 1, 2021

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

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

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 10:05 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April meeting 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:

- Mr. Burns is looking into flexible parking permits, which would be prorated base on the number of days per week that staff/students will be on campus. There is still uncertainty as to what September will look like with the flexible work options. We are still negotiating with HotSpot parking (application) as another option to accommodate. This is still a work in progress.
- The Security Office is still closed to the public while we’re in the third wave lockdown and will remain so until we hear updated recommendations form Nova Scotia Health.

- There has been a lot of work along Alumni crescent, resulting in a temporary loss of parking spaces. This is not a concern since students and staff are currently working remotely.

Security

- The campus has been relatively quiet. Buildings are still being secured on a 24hr basis and the SUB is currently closed, which had been the only open building. As vaccination rates increase and concerns with community spread decrease, a return to campus may start by mid-July/early August.
- There are 150 students currently living in our residences and the number will grow to around 1,800 in September. This is roughly 500 to 600 below what would be expected pre-COVID. All resident rooms will be single occupancy at this point in time.
- Environmental Health and Safety Office – Jerry Aguinaga update: The timeline for reopening of the campus will be the end of July, which is based on the NS Health recommendations driven by primarily by the number of people being vaccinated in the province. The NS Health phase 4 reopening plan is tentatively targeted for late July, whereby we could have a more relaxed approach to safety precautions until Nova Scotia province reach 85% vaccination rates. Therefore, Dalhousie University is encouraging staff/students to return on August 1st. The decision will be announced in the next few weeks with a more concrete plan. Once that is announced, we are anticipating a more normal fall/September. There will still be some layers of protection in classrooms, including hand sanitizing, masking and some distancing, if we can't keep people apart. Dalhousie University is providing asymptomatic COVID testing on campus. Staff and students will be encouraged to complete regular testing, which will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for the remainder of the year. Other measures to make sure that everyone on campus is safe include COVID waste water testing, that Dr. Gagnon is leading. For the teaching spaces, ventilation assessments have been completed and updated for all spaces. There are approximately 1,200 spaces across the campus, and some emergency funding was provided to allow required spaces to be upgraded over the summer. Common spaces and offices are being assessed at the moment. Updates will be circulated to Dalhousie University students and staff.

5. Transportation

K. D'Souza reported on the following items:

- The Sustainability Office is gearing up for E-Pass registration. This usually occurs in June, but has been pushed back this year as not everyone is back on campus yet.
- The Sustainability Office will also be promoting the bicycle room, trip planning and bike racks.

6. New Business

New Parking Permit Rate for September 2021-August 2022:

- David MacDonald – Facilities Management Finance Manager presented the parking permit financial statement for fiscal year-end March 31, 2021. The revenue for 2020-2021 fiscal year is down \$1,000,000.00 when compared to last year's numbers. This was expected, but it is also significant due to the unprecedented times we're in. He thanked Mr. M. Mike Burns and his team's efforts to mitigate those losses by saving money in other areas of operations. FM has completed the regular financing payments for Rosina lot, CSB parkade,

Risley and all other buildings, but no additional/extra payments were made as done in previous years. There were also reduced parking lot/parkade maintenance costs, such as asphalt, equipment purchases and snow clearing. Snow wasn't much this winter, leading to savings of approximately \$80,000. Even though we've lost \$1 million dollars in revenue this year, the total deficit is slightly over \$550,000 thousand, and we are expecting an increase in revenue starting in September 2021. Although there may be some revenue from summer conferences, there will not be enough to cover summer costs. Based on the DFA collective agreement's IMC (Income Management Change) for 2021-2022 the increase in parking rates are capped at 1.25%. If the increase is larger than the IMC, an increase proposal should be sent to the Association-Board Committee for a final decision. During the next scheduled meeting, members will be voting on this and a recommendation will be sent to the VP of Finance for approval.

7. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 11:09am.

**The next scheduled meeting: Mona Campbell Conference Room 3207, June 15, 2021
Meeting will be done virtually through Teams meeting @10:00am.**