

Dalhousie University
Transportation and Security Committee
Mona Campbell Building, MC 3207
May 19, 2020

Attendees: **K. Sampson** – DPMG representative (Co-Chair)
P. Jones – Sexton Campus Representative (Co-Chair)
M. Burns - Director of Security Services
R. Owen – Office of Sustainability
S. Spracklin – NSGEU (District #77)
S. Andrews – Studley Campus Representative
S. Huybers – DFA representative
P. Bourgeois – Carleton Campus Rep
M. Hill – recording secretary

Regrets: **Isa Wright** – VPFO, DSU representative
J. Aguinaga – Environmental Health & Safety
P. Coutts – Assistant VP, Facilities Management

Absent: AC Campus representative
NSGEU (District #99)
Senate Representative, Halifax Campus - TBA
Senate Representative, AC Campus – TBA

1. Call to Order

Teams – online - meeting called to order by Kurt Sampson at 10:00 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. Meeting for March and April cancelled:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a provincial emergency shutdown was declared to prevent the spread of the virus. Because of the ongoing restrictions, and in order to follow social distancing guidelines, the monthly meetings were cancelled in March and April.

4. Security Items

Mr. Michael Burns reported on the following items:

Security Report:

- Mr. Burns reported that it has been fairly quiet on the campus since the provincial emergency shut down.
- Security Officers will return next week beginning May 25, as will 50% of the custodians.
- Some of the faculty/staff who started working from the office had left behind some organic waste, leading to infestations in the buildings. As there are still a

limited number of custodians coming in, Dalhousie University members are reminded to clean up their workstation and take their organic waste with them when they leave. Buildings remain secured and only open to people authorized to be in.

- During the conference season, there is only one residence open. There are roughly 150 students, 98% of those being international. One residence has been turned over to Capitol District Health, to be used by research hospital workers who may not want to go home to their families given the environment they are working in.

Parking:

- Parking permit cancellation – There has been no direction given regarding parking permit cancellations.
- The new parking permit fees for the upcoming academic year will be calculation based on a 3 year rolling average of the annual operating costs. This will be discussed during the next Teams meeting.

5. Transportation

Ms. Rochelle Owen reported on the following updates:

- Ms. Owen advised the committee that there are now two sign-up dates for the Employee Bus Pass program. The first is on January 1st and the second is at the end of June. The June sign-up will not take place due to the provincial emergency shut down
- Cycling Infrastructure – Ms. Owen has sent out the Health and Safety Plan to the Security Office and the Environmental Health and Safety Office regarding outdoor and minor contact activity in the summer. Scott McPhee will be completing an abandoned bicycle assessment at the end of May, or in June. Ms. Owen has set up a call with HRM regarding the University Avenue planning (complete streets). As there is a funding source called “Connect2”, Ms. Owen may be able to complete further studies on a component of that plan. However, given the Municipality’s financial situation, there may not be funding available for new projects.
- The parking report is complete. Ms. Owen will share the data that was collected in February after she has reviewed it.
- Commuter Survey data – The report detailing average commute times for different transportation modes will be available soon.

6. New Business

Reopening Dalhousie University – It was recommended by the Provincial Health department to follow health protocols established by our Environmental Health and Safety office which follow the provincial health recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46am

The next scheduled meeting: Teams Meeting on June 30, 2020 @10:00am