

**Dalhousie University**  
**Transportation and Security Committee**  
Mona Campbell Building, MC 3207  
October 20, 2020

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

**Regrets:** **T. Myra** – DPMG representative  
**Isa Wright** – VPFO, DSU representative  
**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 10:00 am.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from September 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:**

Security Report:

- Due to the reduced number of individuals present on campus, in general, all levels of security activities are below normal levels. The highest % of security responses are related to Residence buildings. All other buildings continue to be secured on a 24/7 basis. The decision is based on the Dean's instruction on who should be in the building or not. Return to Campus Committee is managing the return of staff to research and on campus office space.
- There are currently 750 students living on campus.

### Parking:

- The Dalplex Lot will be closed for resurfacing from October 20- November 1, 2020
- Rosina Lot has been configured for pay and display parking (hourly, daily, weekly or monthly), for people who does not wish to purchase the annual permit. This also allows other business establishments in downtown area to take advantage while most of the Dalhousie staff are working from home and students are participating in online classes.
- Reserved permit sales are down 2/3 compared to 2019. There were 218 reserved permits and over 600 general permits sold. Most of the reserved permit holders have chosen to hold off their renewal until next spring and have the option to purchase a general permit and maintain their ability to renew in 2021-2022. General permits are 75% lower than 2019 levels.
- Staff/Students not wanting to buy/renew their reserved or annual general permit has the option to use pay and display or parking meters.

## **5. Transportation**

Ms. Rochelle Owen reported on the following updates:

- Commuter survey – that DalTrack has completed for Dalhousie University. It is similar commuting pattern as previous years. Bussing has gone up from 22% to 29-30%. Walking is still the primary mode. Bicycle is 5%.
- The Annual Sustainability Commuter survey will be sent out this year, questions will be different from previous survey. Ms. R. Owen also asking the committee members if there's any area of interest to focus on that would like to be added on the survey. Mr. Mike Burns suggested to get some ideas with regards to the Electric Vehicle use. Ms. Owen has prepared an EV report and will be ready in a couple of weeks – the report talks about the policy and practices, costs of installing the charging stations. The data will be circulated to members.
- E-Pass – Employee Bus pass usually have 400 participants, we're at 200. Due to the CSB windows renovations, the Sustainability office will have to find a temporary space to accommodate staff who are coming in to renew their E-Pass which is happening in November for next year's pass.
- An advisor committee with HRM is in the process of developing options to enhance corridors and pedestrian in downtown area, bussing and parking. The plan is divided into three sections, 1<sup>st</sup> is the University Ave to South Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> section is Morris St. to Lower Water and 3<sup>rd</sup> upper part of campus down to Oxford. The idea is to connect from Oxford Street to Lower Water Street.
- Ms. Owen is leading the Transportation Accessibility sub-committee planning group. There are 10 students working with Ms. Owen. The group is an advocate role for services provided by others.

## **6. New Business**

There is nothing at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43am

**The next scheduled meeting: Mona Campbell Conference Room 3207, November 16, 2020**

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