

May 7, 2010

**[TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT,
SUBMITTED BY JANICE PASKEY, MFRA REPRESENTATIVE]**

New Developments 2009/2010

1. Construction of a new Parkade began.
2. Introduction of gated lots.
3. Introduction of flex passes.
4. A new covered bike shelter was purchased and will be installed near the West Gate.

Current Parking Renewal Information

5. E-mail notices will go out to all annual permit holders on May 17th, and you will have six weeks to respond and secure your spot.
6. Semester Permit Holders will receive their e-mail notices the week of July 5th.

Parking fees

1.) Fees, lot designations and permits per stall will remain the same for all existing lots for 2010-2011. I supported this freeze of fees on behalf of MFRA members.

2.) Annual permit pricing for 2010-2011 will be:

\$ 540 Open

\$ 780 Gated

\$ 900 Parkade

\$1,080 CCL Parkade

3.) Short Term and Day Lot pricing for 2010-2011 will be:

Day Lots \$4/ day

Short Term Lots 2 & 8 \$3/
hour, to a \$10 daily maximum

Short Term Parkade \$3/ hour,
to a \$12 daily maximum

NEW PARKADE

Naming of Parkade. Naming was added to the list of suggestions for the Transportation Open House held in March 2010. The suggested names have been presented to senior management for a final decision.

Parkade Update

The lottery for the new Parkade will begin in Fall 2010 for Jan. 1, 2011 occupancy.

It's estimated that 250 might migrate to the Parkade from other lots.

The Parkade will have approximately 295 short term stalls. There will be a computerized lottery for about 750 spots.

Lot 8. We are losing Lot 8 for the new Conservatory. This construction will not begin before the Parkade opens. It's expected this lot will be closed for construction in January 2011.

Lot 1. Plans are being made by Physical Resources to resurface Lot 1.

Lots A and B. These lots will remain as daylots.

Questions and Answers

There was a question about why the gates of gated lots go up at 3 p.m. Answer: This is to prevent vandalism and people driving through the gates late hours. In addition, it helps faster exits. In September 2010, Parking & Transportation Services will implement software to remotely raise the gates. Then, gates will open at 9 pm daily.

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The staff budget for Parking Services is estimated to increase by 5 per cent yearly.

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

Bike Shelter Update – Physical Resources will place a covered Bike Shelter outside the West Gate entrance in the summer of 2010. Cost: approx. \$20,000. 48 stalls freely available.

Bike Lockers—there are currently 49 units in 7 pods at a cost of \$7 per month to encourage cycling, plus \$50 key deposit.

Calgary Transit—MRU has ongoing meeting with CT to improve service. CT increased its frequency of the No. 18, 72, and 73 routes. When the West LRT is constructed there will be multiple buses from that station to MRU.

Car Pool Lot—there's a small car pool lot in Lot 6, and in Lot 4 and 7. There are about 50 stalls dedicated to car pools. It's the same price per permit but with a closer parking spot.

Bike lanes on surrounding roads: President Dave Marshall is working on this issue with Alderman Brian Pincott.

ISSUES

Speed Bumps. The speed bumps do not fall under Parking & Transportation Services. They fall under Bill Spring, head of public security for the MRU. These bumps were implemented to ensure safety of students, staff and faculty. To this end, I've had several complaints that they are too high (10 kms per hour speed), and I agree they are too severe.

Contact: William Spring.

Icy Parking Lots. There were numerous complaints this year about icy parking lots and the difficulty traversing ice and snow drifts from Lot 5. The snow and ice removal and sweeping of lots does not fall under Parking & Transportation Services. It falls under grounds and concerns were communicated to this department. To this end, I expressed faculty concerns to Shane Williams. With the assistance of the Dean of Communications Studies we were able to get some ice clearance.

Overselling of Lots. The ratio of permits to is 1.1 permits to spaces in gated lots. For everyone 100 spaces, there are 110 permits, and this seems to be working well. This might inch up.

The ratio in other lots is 1.4 to 1. For every 100 spaces there are 140 permits sold. There were few complaints this year about not being able to get a parking spot after leaving midday.

END NOTE

Total Parking Spots: 3, 593 on campus plus 300 in Currie Barracks (S10).

Total Parking Spots (with Parkade): 5,078

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