FAQ – Temporary Car Park

Q – Why is the university building a temporary car park instead of a permanent one?

A - The University has a strategic plan to build 4 new multi-story car parking stations as part of the University Concept Plan that has been recently approved by the Department of Planning; this plan allows for a mode shift to public transport as the University grows. The new parking stations will take some time to design and construct and will not be completed in sufficient time and prior to the construction of the new Hearing Hub building project on the site of our existing W1, W2 and C1 car park. Also as some of the new multi-story parking stations will be built on existing parking areas, we will need on-going alternative parking areas. It is important to note that there will never be less parking available than currently exists today.

Q – Where will the temporary car park be located and will it be easy to find?

A – The temporary car park will be located on the large open grass area North of Mars Creek and West of the Sport and Aquatic Centre. This area has until recently been used as a golf driving range. You will be able to drive to the car park from the existing Epping Road and Balaclava Road entries and also from Culloden Road. There will be special signs directing traffic to the new car park.

Q – There has been a temporary car park recently built on the grass next to Gymnasium Road that is difficult to park and very muddy in wet weather. Will this new temporary car park be the same?

A – No. The temporary car park has been designed to last at least 5 years whereas the temporary car park next to Gymnasium Rd was provided as a stop-gap measure until we could build the new temporary car park. The new temporary car park has been designed with proper sealed traffic isles and footpaths that will connect to existing footpaths into the University. All the area will have good lighting and there will be properly designed and located disabled parking spaces.

Q – Will there be any trees chopped down and what about erosion and runoff into Mars Creek?

A – There will be no trees removed and the temporary car park has been designed by consulting civil and traffic engineers to a very high environmental standard. We will be constructing special retention ponds and sediment control devices that will prevent any impact on Mars Creek even during the worst rainfall intensity. Our sustainability office has reviewed the design and their recommendations have been included in the car park design.
Q- Will there be more traffic along Culloden Road?

A – Our traffic consultant has done a comprehensive analysis of the likely traffic along Culloden Road and the likely performance of the intersections at Epping Road and Waterloo Road. In particular, entries to the temporary car park have been designed to spread the traffic away from Culloden Road by providing road access through the University from the Southern and Western entries, eliminating the need for car owners to change their existing habits. The result is that while there may be a slight increase in traffic along Culloden Road during the AM and PM peak periods, all intersections will operate within their capacity and at similar levels to the existing situation.