



MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University community

From: Wanda M. Costen, PhD, Provost and Vice-President Academic

Date: Friday, March 14, 2025

Re: **Appointment of Acting Dean, Architecture and Planning**

We are pleased to announce **Dr. Mikiko Terashima** as the Acting Dean, Architecture and Planning, commencing March 24, 2025. Dr. Terashima will serve in this role for the next year while Dr. Graham Gagnon is in the Acting Vice-President, Research and Innovation role.

Dr. Terashima joined the Faculty of Architecture and Planning in 2014. Trained as an urban planner (MSc in Planning, UBC, 2000) and socio-spatial epidemiologist (Interdisciplinary PhD, Dalhousie University, 2011), Dr. Terashima's research activities aim to advance research and practice to make built environments healthier, equitable, and inclusive for all.

She currently runs the Planning for Equity, Accessibility, and Community Health (PEACH) Research Unit, located in the School of Planning. There, she works collaboratively with like-minded and passionate students who aspire to be leaders in planning and design to improve quality of life for everyone.

Dr. Terashima has served as Associate Dean of Research and Global Relations for the Faculty since January 2023, and she is looking forward to contributing as Acting Dean to support faculty, students, and staff in continued success and growth.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Terashima for stepping in and taking on the duties of the Dean for the next year. We deeply appreciate her dedication and commitment to Dalhousie.

Dalhousie University operates in the unceded territories of the Mi'kmaw, Wolastoqey, and Peskotomuhkati Peoples. These sovereign nations hold inherent rights as the original peoples of these lands, and we each carry collective obligations under the Peace and Friendship Treaties. Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognizes and affirms Aboriginal and Treaty rights in Canada.

We recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.

Sincerely,

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