



FINAL Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2021

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Remote/Virtual Meeting

Meeting No. 22.02

Prepared by Yuan Zuo

Members Present:

Charles Kelly (Chair), Isabell Hubert Lyall (Vice Chair), Bob Turner, Bryan Shepherd, Giselle General, Jarrett Esslinger, Lindsay Vanstone, Michelle Peter-Jones, Guy Milner, William Agbakoba, Steve Bradshaw (President, ATU 569)

Regrets:

Serena Tang, Philip Reid

ETS & City of Edmonton Staff:

Councillor Andrew Knack, ETSAB Council Advisor

Marc Lachance, ETS Staff Liaison

Yuan Zuo, ETSAB & ETS Planning and Scheduling Administrative Assistant

Materials & Attachments:

- Meeting Agenda & Draft Meeting Minutes
- ETS Branch Highlights Report
- BIPOC Sub Committee Report & Appendix 1 & 2

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM	
AGENDA REVIEW	DECISION
<p><i>MOVED: by B.Shepherd to approve the February 22 , 2021 agenda.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CARRIED</u></p>	
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES	DECISION
<p><i>MOVED: by G.General to approve the January 25 , 2021 minutes.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CARRIED</u></p>	

New Business/Update	
Land Acknowledgement	B.Turner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob brought up to the board that going forward ETSAB should do a land acknowledgement in the beginning of ETSAB meetings. • “We acknowledge the traditional land on which Edmonton sits, the Territory of the Treaty 6 First Nations and the homelands of the Métis people. We would like to acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Sauteaux, Nakota Sioux, Blackfoot, as well as the Métis and the Inuit. It is a welcoming place for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home. Together we call upon all of our collective honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a great city for today and future generations.” <p><i>MOTION: by B.Turner to have ETSAB do a land acknowledgement at every board meeting for ETSAB</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CARRIED</u></p>	

Annual Retreat	I.Hubert Lyall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETSAB 2021 annual retreat will take place once the new board member starts. • Isabell will send a doodle poll to all board members to get availability dates. • Marc has agreed to look for a facilitator for the annual retreat. 	
Recruitment	C.Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be one position available on the board. • There are 10 applicants. • Charlie will be meeting with the Urban Planning Committee for discussion of the short list on Friday. • Interviews will be mid March and appointments will be made early April 	
CUTA Presenter	L.Vanstone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETSAB would like to present to CUTA in the future. 	
Google Drive	P.Reid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil was not able to join the board meeting tonight so this discussion will be postponed to the next ETSAB board meeting 	

Sub Committee Updates	INFORMATION
BIPOC Update/Approvals	J.Esslinger
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BIPOC report was approved by the board but there were concerns with the language surrounding the report. • It was decided by the board that Jarret will go in and do some clean up on some of the wordings on the report but the intent and context of the subject matter will not change. • Administration will wait for Jarret's final email to be forwarded to the Office of the City Clerk. <p><i>MOTION:by J.Esslinger to accept this report as submitted with the cavaliot that he will go in to make minor edits and cleanups to go to council at a later date.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
Transit and Vulnerable User Update	C.Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlie will do some cleanup on the report and revisit at March's board meeting. 	

EXTERNAL UPDATES	INFORMATION
ETS Branch Highlights Report	M. Lachance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETS has completed its 2020-21 Annual Service Plan (ASP). The ASP has traditionally acted as an annual report that highlighted the accomplishments of the previous year and the projects to be completed or progressed in the upcoming year. • For the second year in a row, the deep cold caused a crack in the LRT tracks. The cracked rail was discovered near Southgate late on February 8 and caused the track to be shut down temporarily. LRT service continued, with trains northbound and southbound alternating on the remaining track. City crews were posted outside to manually operate switches during the day. The following evening, crews worked in -34C weather to bolt reinforcement bars to the rail on either side of the crack to secure it. Then, they used a cable to bond the rail back together so that the signalling 	

system works. This is a solid but temporary fix and a permanent repair will be made in the summer when it's warmer. Regular LRT service was restored for the following morning.

- City of Edmonton activated its extreme weather response to help keep vulnerable Edmontonians safe. Staff from the Social Development branch in Citizen Service and the Homeward Trust organization coordinated the extreme weather response. ETS provided two dedicated overnight bus routes for people who needed emergency shelter, as well as transportation to get there. The service ran nightly from February 4 -17, picking people up at transit centres and other key locations and dropping them off at a shelter where they were safe and warm for the night. Demand for the bus service increased steadily during the two week period, with as many as 141 people riding one of the two routes on a given evening.
- On January 28, the Government of Alberta approved the Regional Transit Services Commission's (RTSC) application to establish as a legal entity. The legal formation comes after much work and extensive collaboration by eight member regional municipalities: Beaumont, Devon, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, St. Albert, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and Edmonton. With the legal formation of the RTSC and after the selection of a Chief Executive Officer, the RTSC will enter the formation and set-up phase of operations.
- On February 2, City Administration presented its "**Transit Mode Share**" information report that focused on what policy, transit investment, partnership and pricing mechanisms are required to increase transit mode share. It also explored the economic development impacts of increasing ridership.
- ETS continues to be focused on providing a safe transit journey for customers. To date, ETS has implemented a number of safety and security measures including:
 - Help buttons, pull handles and yellow push strips - equipped on all LRT trains
 - Security guards - deployed at 19 Transit Centres/Stations throughout Edmonton.
 - Transit Peace Officers - patrol transit property and collaborate with members of Edmonton Police Service.
 - 24/7 Phone line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to report safety concerns to ETS staff by call Transit Watch at 780-442-4900
 - Transit Watch text message service - a silent text message service for customers to alert control centre of safety or security concerns
 - Blue Help Phones (emergency phones) - connect directly to ETS security
 - CCTV surveillance cameras throughout ETS property and vehicles
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) - designing facilities to discourage crime and encourage feelings of safety through lighting, mirrors, etc.
 - Stop Request - a daily program that allows passengers to stop at a location other than a bus stop along the route after 6pm, provided it's safe to do so.
 - Recruit and hire more women as transit operators - to reflect the community ETS serves.
- On February 8, Edmonton's new City Manager, Andre Corbould, provided an update to the Edmonton City Council Emergency Advisory Committee. This included activation of the Extreme Weather Response that enables ETS to provide a shuttle service between shelters in Edmonton and some transit and LRT centres. The update also provided some statistics on the patrols and ticketing related to face mask wearing.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATU plans to send 60 delegates for the Alberta Federation of Labour Convention in May, discussions will include BILL 32 (how unions can operate), and BILL 22, which will affect the way Pension Plans across Alberta. ATU is working hard to protect the member's pension. • ATU has concerns with regionalization. The union feels respected as they've reached out and have declined some requests. • ATU & COE is going into bargaining. It is expected that there will be changed proposals for bargaining units and it will be a tough round. There is no money or raise for ATU members for the last 2 years and the offer of 1.5% has already been turned down. Steve believes that union members deserve to have recognized inflation and deserve a raise. • Election day October 18th - The Union is looking forward to strong progressive candidates to city council that support transit and build transit to essential service. 	
Councillor Emerging Issue Updates	A.Knack
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Knack wants to flag the Mode Shift Committee Report Conversation and another report coming in in June. 	
Topics of The Night	I. Hubert Lyall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the <i>Inclusive Transit: BIPOC Experiences with Edmonton Transit Service</i> report, which presents statistics from Edmonton and other jurisdictions together with BIPOC voices sharing their experiences on ETS. The report closes with three recommendations that look to improve the experiences of BIPOC individuals on public transit in Edmonton. The Board will be excited to present the report to Council/Committee at a future date. • Voted to add a Land Acknowledgement to the beginning of our monthly meetings, to acknowledge, recognize, and honour Indigenous heritage as we gather, whether remotely or in person. 	
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING	DECISION
<p>MOVED: <i>by I.Hubert Lyall on March 29, 2021 to approve these Feb 22, 2021 minutes.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	

CHAIR SIGN-OFF _____