



FINAL Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2021

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Remote/Virtual Meeting

Meeting No. 21.01

Prepared by Yuan Zuo

Members Present:

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

Regrets:

Serena Tang

ETS & City of Edmonton Staff:

Councillor Andrew Knack, ETSAB Council Advisor
 Carrie Hotton MacDonald, Acting Branch Manager, ETS
 Sarah Feldman, Director, Planning & Scheduling
 Priya Bhasin-Singh, Integration Manager
 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
- Bus Network Redesign & On Demand Presentation

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM	
AGENDA REVIEW	DECISION
<p><i>MOVED: by I.Hubert Lyall to approve the January 25, 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 November 30, 2020 minutes.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CARRIED</u></p> <p><i>MOVED: by B.Shepherd to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CARRIED</u></p>	

Presentation	
Bus Network Redesign & On Demand Presentation	S.Feldman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Feldman, Director of Planning & Scheduling at ETS gave ETSAB a presentation on BNR & On Demand Transit which are launching on April 25, 2021 • The new bus network should better connect Edmontonians through more direct and frequent routes. On Demand Transit would complement regular bus service. 	
Fine Fares Report	C.Hotton MacDonald

- Carrie Hotton MacDonald, Acting Branch Manager of Edmonton Transit Service presented on the scope of the Fare Fines report and alignment with other COE reports on ticketing and fees.

New Business/Updates	INFORMATION
Election of Chair & Vice Chair	C.Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabell Hubert Lyall has been elected as the Chair of ETSAB starting April 2021 • Lindsay Vanstone has been elected as the Vice Chair of ETSAB starting April 2021 	

Sub Committee Updates	INFORMATION
Sub Committee Discussion	C.Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board voted to wait for a Planning Meeting in April to discuss the starts of new sub committees 	

BIPOC Sub Committee	J.Esslinger
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jarrett hopes to have the report ready for approval by the February meeting. 	

EXTERNAL UPDATES	INFORMATION
ETS Branch Highlights Report	M. Lachance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public health restrictions on gathering and other activities reduced ETS ridership to between 30 - 40% year-over-year. This is a range that had not been observed since the initial months of the pandemic. • On December 7th, Edmonton City Council hit a major milestone and approved The City Plan. This is a comprehensive replacement of The Ways planning documents and the City of Edmonton's new strategic direction. Thousands of Edmontonians participated in the development of this plan. This plan builds upon the vision of ConnectEdmonton. • Edmonton City Council passed operating and capital budgets. Council voted on a 2021 budget that included a 0% tax levy increase. This was achieved through a number of financial strategies, including an Operating Budget Reduction exercise. • Ending the year on a high note, a team made up of ETS and Fleet and Facility staff went above and beyond to make the past Christmas Eve a bit more special for a boy with autism who has a deep appreciation for public transit. After noticing a Facebook post from someone looking for some ETS souvenirs for her autistic nephew, an ETS Operator brought a request to his colleagues. On Christmas Eve, the boy and his family got a in-house charter tour on an ETS bus complete with a Santa Claus played by a Fleet and Facilities Bus Cleaner. 	
ATU 569	S.Bradshaw
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve is concerned about the Regional Transit Service Commission because he is worried that there is a difference in vision and the loss of control to determine how to serve the public. • ATU has gone through 2 years without a raise which Steve thinks is concerning. 	
Councillor Emerging Issue Updates	A.Knack
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were a lot of good things that came out of budget. There was no cut for service for the Bus Network Redesign. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● People were concerned with the increase of fares.● Separate conversation with freeze of cash fares in Spring	
I. Hubert Lyall	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Topics selected to highlight:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Heard two presentations, one on the Bus Network Redesign and On-Demand Transit by Sarah Feldman (Director Planning & Scheduling), and another on Fare Fines by Carrie Hotton-MacDonald (Acting Branch Manager). The Board was excited to hear updates from ETS on these three extremely important topics for public transit in Edmonton, and was given an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters.○ The Board also held its annual Chair/Vice-Chair elections, the result of which is that ETSAB will have new leadership from April onwards, in myself as the new Chair, and Lindsay Vanstone as the new Vice-Chair. We are looking forward to stepping into our new roles and to continue working on topics important for public transit together with the Board.	
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING	DECISION
<i>MOVED: by G.General on February 22 2021 to approve these January 25, 2021 minutes.</i>	
<u>CARRIED</u>	

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