



# Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 27, 2022

5:30pm - 7:30pm Remote/Virtual Meeting

Meeting No. 22.06

Prepared by Mag Leung

Members Present:

Giselle General (Chair), Serena Tang (Vice Chair), Michelle Peters-Jones (Vice Chair), Emily Batty, Joshua Jackman, Madeleine Stout, Zohra Jabeen, Mudasser Seraj, Bob Turner

Regrets:

William Agbakoba

ETS & City of Edmonton Staff:

Councillor Erin Rutherford, ETSAB Council Advisor

Marc Lachance, ETS Staff Liaison

Mag Leung, ETS P&S Admin

External Liaison:

Steve Bradshaw (President, ATU 569) - Regrets

External Presenters:

Bryan Whited, Dallas Karhut

Materials & Attachments:

- [Meeting Agenda](#)
- [ETS Branch Highlights Report](#)

<b>Land acknowledgement - G. General</b>	
<b>CALL TO ORDER 5:33 PM</b>	
<b>AGENDA REVIEW DECISION</b>	
<i>MOVED: by S. Tang to approve the June 27, 2022 agenda.</i>	<b><u>CARRIED</u></b>
<b>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING DECISION</b>	
<i>MOVED: by E. Batty to approve the May 30, 2022 minutes.</i>	<b><u>CARRIED</u></b>

<b>Mass Transit: Implementation for 1.25 Million</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation</b> - Bryan Whited</li> </ul>
Presented topics on
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background on how it started - Started with City Plan in 2020 for 2 million population &gt;2015 A Case for Edmonton to Explore BRT ETSAB Report &gt; February 2022 Mass Transit Planning 1.25 Million Population &gt; 2023 Mass Transit Implementation 1.25 million population</li> <li>• What do we mean by "Mass transit"? From City plan: Connects people to places that matter, Efficiently moves large numbers of people, Uses A variety of technologies, Integrated with the City</li> <li>• Evaluating options - Land use, Operational, Mobility, GBA+ &amp; Inclusivity, GHG assessment</li> </ul>

- Staging implementation - Parts that work best together, Expected growth and development, City plan priorities, Investment & construction timelines

Discussion - Board members had the opportunity to enter their comments/questions on jam board for Mass Transit

- Transit priority measure (TPM) - at intersections, include partial bus lane, not a full dedicated bus lane
- How have mass transit needs changed with increased working from home?
- How much of the budget will go to Mass transit?

Two rounds of public engagement will be done for Mass Transit:

- Round 1:
  - Online survey opens July 4-August 5
  - Information sessions (online):
    - July 7 at 7:30pm
    - July 13 at 12:00pm
- Round 2: Trade-offs (fall)
  - Corridor-specific engagement
  - Detailed trade-offs discussion
  - Feedback guides evaluation criteria + weighting

**New Business/Updates:**

**Planning for Annual Retreat**

- Annual retreat will be a hybrid meeting held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 TBD downtown 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Media Inquires Under 12 hours ([ETS PR Campaign, Lauren Boothby Edmonton Journal](#))**

- G. General was asked for feedback regarding bylaw discussion
- Discussed that Board members are comfortable with G. General commenting/providing a statement to the media on behalf of ETSAB.

**Removal of Mandatory Masking in buses**

- Board decided not to make a statement on mandatory masking on buses

**External Update Process Change Proposal**

- S. Tang needs more time to research on ETSAB's history
- This topic will be brought forward to July's Board meeting

**Sub Committee Updates**

**Safety and Security**

**M.Peters-Jones**

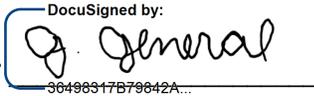
- This sub committee focuses on hearing voices from people who use transit. Specifically, the voices of young people and parents.
- Email and link to the shared drive was sent out to the Board regarding what has been completed to date.
- M. Peters-Jones would like this sub committee to be completed by end of July

<b>External Updates</b>	
<b>ATU 569</b>	<b>S. Bradshaw</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not present for an update</li> </ul>	
<b>ETS Branch Highlights Report</b>	<b>M. Lachance</b>
<p>The following topics were presented in the Branch Highlights report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ridership</li> <li>• Mask use on Transit</li> <li>• Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw Amendment</li> <li>• Rediscover ETS Campaign and Street team update</li> <li>• Transit Safety Information boards</li> <li>• June Special Events Service:</li> <li>• Capital Budget Update</li> <li>• Sole Source Transit Technology</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A followed including discussion around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the budget approved for the new garage, what is the capacity increase with the new garage? Details have not been finalized yet. Garage capacity will be between 300-400 buses. The new garage will be built to house the electric fleet.</li> <li>• For the Garth Brooks concert was there success in moving/transporting larger groups? ETS had a large contingency staff to help move people and was successful in planning large events. Commonwealth Stadium has a Green and Gold program for the ELKS football team.</li> <li>• The Conduct of Passenger bylaw was passed - any notice on enforcement? Will there be any data on this? ETS has not seen anything yet on this. ETS will continue to assess Safety and Security findings and bring this back to the Board.</li> <li>• Sole source agreement - will this facilitate the expansion of the ARC system? What is the timeline? The system is integrated.</li> <li>• Transit technology and ridership, how is this gathered and the accuracy of this? ETS liaison discussed the methodology for tracking ridership and origin-destination information.</li> <li>• Any studies done on the queue jumping lanes? ETS liaison will look into this and get back to ETSAB.</li> <li>• What was the budget allocated for the public awareness campaign [Rediscover ETS]? ETS liaison will look into this and get back to ETSAB.</li> <li>• Does ETS track social media account/forums that discuss topics on transit? Yes, ETS tracks social media and forums.</li> <li>• [Conduct of Passenger] bylaw that just passed- how do other programs connect to this e.g. COTT program? ETS liaison will check with the Safety and Security team and get back to ETSAB.</li> </ul>	
<b>Councillor Emerging Issues Update</b>	<b>E. Rutherford</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bylaw will be coming back to Council in August</li> <li>• For the Annual Retreat, suggest budget items related to Transit. Mass transit is currently not funded for the next four-year budget cycle.</li> <li>• Potential fare increases for transit and many budget items that will impact transit.</li> <li>• Regionalization on transit</li> <li>• Safety and budget ETS is tackling this year.</li> <li>• Carbon based budget in action</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A followed including discussion around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members noticed visible officers.</li> <li>• Information on electrification of buses and acquisition for new modes of transit as well as emissions status as a city. A report made to Council should be monetizing this project.</li> </ul>	
<b>Edmonton Arts Council - EAC</b>	<b>S. Tang</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed installations for Valley Line</li> </ul>	
<b>Accessibility Advisory Committee - AAC</b>	<b>M. Peter Jones</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> </ul>	

<b>Monthly Branch Update with Carrie</b>	<b>G. General</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No updates, will get in touch with Carrie in July/August</li></ul>	

<b>Topics of the Night</b>	<b>S. Tang</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation from Bryan and Dallas Mass transit implementation project feedback through jam board</li><li>• ETSAB finalized Annual Retreat September 10 in downtown area</li><li>• Discussed speaking as a group on mask bylaw. A statement will not be issued. It will be a good discussion to think about this announcement as a collective.</li></ul>	

**Motion to Adjourn 7:35pm**

**CHAIR SIGN-OFF**  30498317B79842A...