

Members Present:

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

Regrets:ETS & City of Edmonton Staff:

Councillor Erin Rutherford, ETSAB Council Advisor
 Carrie Hotton-MacDonald, ETS Branch Manager
 Marc Lachance, ETS Staff Liaison - Regrets
 Sarah Feldman, ETS Staff Liaison
 Mag Leung, ETS P&S Admin

External Liaison:

Steve Bradshaw (President, ATU 569)

External Presenters:

Paul Jankowski, EMTSC
 Katie Soles, EMTSC

Materials & Attachments:

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

Land acknowledgement - G. General**CALL TO ORDER 5:32 PM****AGENDA REVIEW DECISION**

***MOVED:** by S. Tang to approve the May 30, 2022 agenda.*

CARRIED**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING DECISION**

***MOVED:** by M. Peters-Jones to approve the April 25, 2022 minutes.*

CARRIED**Edmonton Metro Transit Service Commission**

- **Presentation** - Paul Jankowski, Katie Soles

Paul and Katie shared the Edmonton Metro Transit Service Commission (EMTSC): The Path to Regional Transit.

- Presentation was on
 - brief history of EMTSC
 - ongoing work since January 2021,
 - work undertaking to prepare for opening day,

- public engagement to ensure an accessible regional transit system
- EMTSC resulted from the work of 8 member municipalities - Beaumont, Devon, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, St. Albert, Spruce Grove and Stony Plain
- 8 elected member EMTSC Board of Directors - Wes Brodhead (Chair), Glen Finstad (Vice Chair), Councillor Sam Munchkhof-Swain (Beaumont), Councillor Ben Gronberg (Devon), Councillor Andrew Knack (Edmonton), Councillor Gordon Harris (Fort Saskatchewan), Councillor Stuart Houston (Spruce Grove) and Councillor Justin Laurie (Stony Plain)
- Edmonton owns 65-70% of EMTS
- focus on regional road network, integrated land use and transportation planning, and seamless Regional Bus Transit Network
- Regional Transit is important - to provide better transit service at a reduced cost, connect people to business and workers to jobs, support sustainable development
- Opening day of service hoping to be in early 2023
- out of 8 municipality there are 6 existing transit system hope to transition under EMTSC umbrella or develop a service delivery agreement to have service integrated and coordinated to benefit a broader constituency
- WSP/ Soles & Company hired to conduct detailed regional transit service planning, bottom-up costing, and public engagement during spring/summer 2022
- Will be delivering a service plan for opening day in 2023
- Katie discussed that community engagement will begin June 2022
 - Target audiences- current and potential transit riders
 - GBA+ - focus on special interest and equity seeking groups, focus groups held in late June early July

Q&A followed including discussion around:

- Gender equality for members EMTSC, board should look at a different way of establishing membership.
- Is there a plan in place for the changes in Council memberships and different perspective that comes and goes - Currently the board membership is nominated by member municipality for a maximum of 2 year term
- Sarah Feldman, representative for City Of Edmonton liaison to EMTSC, wanted to clarify to the board that in Paul's presentation regarding long term, the business case that was approved by Edmonton City Council was the approval of the creation of the commission. Council committed to the initial plan for phase 1 implementation. City Council will be reassessing Phase 2 and will be having discussions at a future date. There will be more work/conversations before the full transition of ETS service to the commission.
- Public engagement plan- is there percentage of population for targeting for public engagement transit users or non transit users vs percentage demographic
- Strathcona County is there an opportunity for them to join in the future - Yes
- Engagement with Enoch Cree Nation integrating a plan to the nation- is in progress.

New Business/Updates:

Carrie Hotton-Macdonald introduction

- Carrie welcomed new members to the board and appreciates their volunteer work with ETSAB
- Carrie has been with ETS for 5 years, prior 5 years working in the east coast at a different transit property. She has been the Branch Manager for ETS for 1 ½ years.
- ETS relies on the partnerships and ETSAB is a key partner in representing the voice of people passionate about transit
- ETSAB will receive monthly updates and will hear about all the different components of work improving transit to create a safe, reliable and convenient service for citizens.
- Carrie looks forward to collaborating with ETSAB

New appointed members introduction

- Giselle officially welcomed 5 new board members: Emily Batty, Joshua Jackman, Mudasser Seraj, Madeleine Stout and Zohra Jabeen

Annual retreat plan date

- ETSAB decided full day annual retreat to be held in September on a Saturday
- Giselle shared facilitator name with Marc and is waiting to hear back if it is possible to hire
- Mag will send out a poll to all board members to get availability dates for September

External update review

- Giselle will discuss more in detail at the board orientation the purpose of the external update section. New board members will have a better understanding for discussion on this topic under review.
- This will be carried onto the agenda for the next board meeting

Grad student liaison

- Would like to have a grad student liaison to help with research for sub committee topics and filling in gaps
- Board would like to know if this program still exists and if it can continue
- Mag to contact the grad student liaison program facilitator to check if this program is still ongoing and available for the fall, and will report back to ETSAB

Sub Committee Updates

Safety and Security

M.Peters-Jones

- This sub committee's main focus is on the safety and security of young people on transit.
- As all the other subcommittee members have left ETSAB except for Michelle, the suggestion was raised that the entire board assist in the completion of this subcommittee. This suggestion was accepted by the board.
- Have spoken to a significant number of people including Junior high, University students, liaisons and EPSB board members. Michelle has lists of additional names that also can be reached out to.
- Mag to add access for new members and share ETSAB folder
- Michelle to delegate review or research tasks to board members to complete the report
- Deadline for this report would be the end of July/mid August and will be presenting this at the August board meeting

External Updates

ATU 569

S. Bradshaw

- Steve attended at the beginning of meeting but had to leave early for an emergency

ETS Branch Highlights Report

M. Lachance

Sarah Feldman presented ETS Branch highlights report

- Updates on Ridership - The ridership recovery rate continues to be among the highest among large transit systems in Canada, suggesting a promising outlook for the remainder of 2022. As part of the ridership recovery plan, ETS is encouraging people to take transit to special events including the recent Oilers hockey games. While the economy continues to reopen and community events return, more Edmontonians are choosing transit.
- ETS ambassadors will be launched for the summer. They will be out at festivals and events to promote transit and encouraging people to take transit
- Transit Safety and Security Update - On May 27, Administration will provide an interim update on the implementation of the enhanced Transit Safety Plan approved by Council on February 24. Actions to implement the plan include: Staff hiring and resourcing, washroom update, Transit Peace Officer and Security Guard Deployment Model, Education and Outreach- safety information boards in the stations, Marketing and Communications
- Occupational health and safety - Administration has been reviewing and updating hazard assessments and controls to ensure the physical and psychological health and safety measures are effective. Employees working in transit spaces are also engaged to discuss safety-related issues.
- Special events: ETS will be providing special event service for various civic events and festivals throughout summer 2022. Between June and August, ETS will provide park and ride service and charter buses to various events, including but not limited to:

Stadium Station

- Edmonton Elks football games (June 3, June 18, July 7, July 22, August 14, and August 27)
- Garth Brooks concerts (June 24-25)
- Monster Jam (July 30)

Hawrelak Park

- Heritage Festival (July 30 - August 1)

Gallagher Park

- Edmonton Folk Music Festival (August 4-7)

- Transit accessibility - There is a third party transit score calculator that quickly reports a transit accessibility score, base service levels and walking distance.
walkscore.com/transit-score-methodology.shtml
- Currently working on a new tool with a similar feature to Remix that was used in the Network redesign, will share in the future will show how accessible the network is.

Q&A followed including discussion around:

- ARC card usage rate, any information gathered from users of the ARC card.
- Transit system redesign how it is performing according to the plan for ridership, service.
- Fare gates installation, particularly how it is envisioned to work and what problem is it solving? Currently in the exploratory phase looking into other transit agencies across North America. Looking at Capital and Metroline, limit access to non paying to paying people in the proof of payment (platform level) area. This will reduce security issues in that area. Looking at different models of fare gates and accessible for mobility issues eg) Translink in Vancouver. Only fare paying individuals would be beyond the gates. This is an idea, still need to see if this will be a priority for Council to be discussed further.
- Studies comparing crime rates with different types of turnstiles vs control group with no turnstiles, if there is any data? Sarah will check with the team and update if there are any
- Status of 102 Ave LRT station: Is this open to the public as there is less fencing? Follow signage until further notice. Construction crews are currently testing.

Councillor Emerging Issues Update	E. Rutherford
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Rutherford would like members to review the amendments on the admin report for the Transit Passenger bylaw. Discussions will be held by Council on June 7th. Would like to hear thoughts on the proposed amendments directly responding to the safety concerns. • Council's main focus is currently on budget and safety . • Mag to send the admin report for Transit passenger bylaw to the board for review before Council meeting on June 7th 	
Edmonton Arts Council - EAC	S. Tang
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- No updates

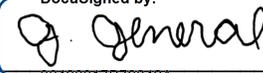
Monthly Branch Update with Carrie**G. General**

- Meeting with Carrie will be held once a month to discuss ETS and ETSAB topics
- Looking into how ETSAB can provide feedback on reports quicker. Currently ETSAB provides feedback primarily through their sub committee reports.

Topics of the Night**S. Tang**

- Introduced 5 new board members
- EMTSC Presentation from Paul Jankowski, Katie Soles
- Planning for Annual retreat in September

Motion to Adjourn 7:33pm**CHAIR SIGN-OFF**

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