



FINAL Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 26, 2021

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

Meeting No. 21.07

Prepared by Andrew Cormier

Members Present:

Lindsay Vanstone (Chair), Michelle Peters-Jones (Vice Chair), Serena Tang (Vice Chair), Bob Turner, Bryan Shepherd, Jarrett Esslinger, Guy Milner, William Agbakoba, Mark Harvey

Regrets:

Councillor Andrew Knack, ETSAB Council Advisor

ETS & City of Edmonton Staff:

Marc Lachance, ETS Staff Liaison

Andrew Cormier, ETS BMO Administrative Assistant

External Liaison:

Steve Bradshaw (President, ATU 569)

Materials & Attachments:

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

Land acknowledgement - L. Vanstone	
CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM	
AGENDA REVIEW DECISION	
L. Vanstone requests addition to new business	
<i>MOVED: by S. Tang to approve the July 26, 2021 agenda.</i>	<u>CARRIED</u>
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING DECISION	
<i>MOVED: by S. Tang to approve these May, 2021 minutes.</i>	<u>CARRIED</u>
<i>MOVED: by S. Tang to approve these June, 2021 minutes.</i>	<u>CARRIED</u>

<p>New Business/Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CUTA Conference Application ● Future ETSAB Board meetings (virtual and/or in person format) ● Vulnerable Transit User Report to Urban Planning Committee Aug 10 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CUTA Conference Application 	
<p>Lindsay Vanstone updates on ETSABs application to present at CUTA conference has been accepted by CUTA. Further information pending from CUTA on format and other details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ETSAB Board members asked to express interest in developing/delivering the presentation to let the ETSAB executive team know. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Future ETSAB Board meetings (virtual and/or in person format) 	
<p>Council has extended the option for virtual board meetings, so we can determine how long we will continue like this, or adjust to in person, or some combination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion of ways to gather input after reflection by members ● Members raise varying comfort with in person meetings, including health needs requiring some members to remain virtual. Some members express preference for mixed to allow in person, but retain access for those who cannot attend ● Issue of technology for virtual hybrid meeting raised, Marc L highlights that Heritage room for example does not have technology potentially and an Edmonton Tower room may be an alternate ● Request by chair for Marc to review availability of rooms/technology ● Question raised of any potential requirements to meet in City Hall, or if there are any other restrictions. Example given of ETSAB meetings possibly needing to remain available to the public, so a meeting room must be accessible also ● Plan for August to remain virtual and September to be combination virtual and in person 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vulnerable Transit User Report to Urban Planning Committee Aug 10 	
<p>Presentation about to go to Council and mostly prepared</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report will be resent to members after the meeting to refresh it in members email feed ● Some media inquiries ongoing and being responded to by members 	

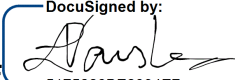
<p>Sub Committee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Safety and Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lead - MichellePeters-Jones ○ Members ● Sustainable and Equitable Funding Models <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lead - Bob Turner ○ Members 	
<p>Discussion of setting up times for subcommittee meetings. Serena Tang to send an email/poll for potential meeting times</p>	
<p>Safety and Security</p>	<p>L. Vanstone</p>
<p>M. P-J indicated that emails have been circulated to subcommittee members</p>	
<p>Sustainable and Equitable Funding Models</p>	<p>L. Vanstone</p>

B. Turner flags that Council has requested a report in January, will likely lead to some time pressures and work should begin in August.

External Updates	
ATU 569	S. Bradshaw
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Steve presents update ● Ongoing negotiation, with additional mediation dates set ● Situation with City includes good relationship with Branch Manager, but also issues with higher levels ● ATU polled members regarding potential contracts without job protections; 91% indicated that they did not ● Question from members regarding a potential “drop dead” or strike date and potential interaction with upcoming election; Steve advises that there is not a “date” and ATU hopes to reach an amenable agreement 	
ETS Branch Highlights Report	M. Lachance
<p>Marc presents screen/Branch Highlights Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review of Ridership data including context on positive trends ● List of LRT operations/Maintenance from Summer ● Mask s will not be required for operators behind a shield, but will be for DATS/other vehicle types or buses without shield ● Council Reports pending presented and requests for questions ● Question concerning Operators not wearing masks on buses and mixed signals to passengers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steve B flags that Union and City requested exception for operators given the safety of vehicle set ups for operators and issues for operators wearing masks all day at work ● Steve raises that AC units are mainly for operator compartment, not full buses and further raises the technical issues the units sometimes face. Additionally raises issues based on contractor decisions in creating units and installation ● Bob Turner requests clarification regarding Sustainable Funding and Service Growth Council Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marc L discussed that title in report tracker reflects original language from Council Motion ○ This report is the Administrative report, distinct from the accompanying ETSABreport ● Serena T asks about on-demand issues, for example difficulty coordinating errands, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ will ETS being reviewing times for On-Demand? ○ Marc L - Yes, On-Demand is a pilot, so many factors, including times will be reviewed ● Jarret E - Is ETS providing service for Heritage Days and are there changes or adjustments for people to be aware of? Also Bus Rodeo? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marc - Bus Rodeo cancelled, and I can review details regarding Heritage Festival ○ Steve - regarding Heritage, two areas will not have Heritage service, one of them being NAIT ● Mark - I feel like I have been seeing more “dead buses” on the road. Is there any info on that? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marc - I will look into that and provide and update ○ Steve - I believe we don't have anything odd occurring 	
Councillor Emerging Issues Update	A. Knack
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Councillor Knack absent today 	
Edmonton Arts Council - EAC	S. Tang
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Serana Tang discusses having reached out to EAC. Has been positive to hear from another group and hopefully we will have a presentation soon 	

Accessibility Advisory Committee - AAC	M. Peter Jones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle has reached out to Carissa and is awaiting further information 	
Monthly Branch Update with Carrie	L. Vanstone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsay V discusses updates from Carrie regarding upcoming reports and coordination with ETSAB as well as Branch focus on bringing people back to transit and programs connected to that goal. For example U-Passes. Carrie also highlighted that based on feedback about the BNR, they have made some changes to the routes. For example they've reinstated a route for some users with cognitive issues who relied on it. Great to see that the City is responding to and adjusting to feedback. Working to hire a new admin support for ETSAB, would take over more permanently for work being done by Andrew 	

Topics of the Night	M. Peters-Jones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 topics of the night: ETSAB is planning to move our meetings to a hybrid model starting from September. Our report on Vulnerable Transit Users is going to the Urban Planning Committee on August 10th. We have our subcommittee topics and leads. Safety and Security, led by Michelle Peters-Jones and Sustainable and Equitable Funding Models led by Bob Turner. We will start working on terms of reference by the end of August. Meeting adjourned by motion from Mark H. 	

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