



# Draft Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2022

5:31pm - 7:26pm Remote/Virtual Meeting

Meeting No. 22.02

Prepared by Mag Leung

## Members Present:

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

## Regrets:

Phil Reid, William Agbakoba

## ETS & City of Edmonton Staff:

Councillor Erin Rutherford, ETSAB Council Advisor

Marc Lachance, ETS Staff Liaison

Mag Leung, ETS Planning & Scheduling Admin

## External Liaison:

Steve Bradshaw, President, ATU 569 - Regrets

## External Presenters:

Aurea Siemens, Valerie Dacyk, Patrick Nyama, Sam Oszu

## Materials & Attachments:

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

<b>Land acknowledgement - L. Vanstone</b>	
<b>CALL TO ORDER 5:31 PM</b>	
<b>AGENDA REVIEW DECISION</b>	
<i>MOVED: by M. Harvey to approve the February 2022 agenda.</i>	<b><u>CARRIED</u></b>
<b>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING DECISION</b>	
<i>MOVED: by M. Harvey to move the approval of January 2022 to next meeting</i>	<b><u>CARRIED</u></b>

<b>Snow and Ice Service Standards</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation</b> - A. Siemens, V. Dacyk, P. Nyama, S.Oszust</li> </ul>
Presentation was on proposed options for snow and ice service enhancements
Proposed options for service enhancements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roadways</li> <li>• Active Pathways</li> <li>• Proposed options - Program supports             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sidewalk Clearing and Parking ban (and enforcement)</li> <li>- Community Support</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Discussion with ETSAB regarding the proposed enhancements for roads and active pathways.

**Q&A:**

- Applying anti-icer inside bus shelter - Anti-icer is applied on exposed areas in specific weather conditions and applied on exposed areas to remove ice/snow effectively so crew can fully scrape out the area. It is not applied inside the shelter. Crews do have the tools to remove what is needed inside the shelter.
- Would like to see priority clearing snow and ice around bus stops and shelters in the community centers, library, hospitals
- What counts as a bus stop? For snow removal purposes, only bus stops with shelters are the responsibility of the City. The bus stops that are a post and no shelter are the responsibility of the property owner.
- Quality control checks - Inspectors and Supervisors do go out to check if snow and ice are being cleared at bus stops. All stops are on the same priority service and are not prioritized by location.
- Removal of windrows - they are part of roads high level full removal. 7day Clearing cycle. Blading cycle based on 7-9 cycle moving to 7 days will be a service enhancement.
- Intersection/sidewalk clearing will have to look further into this
- Community league sandbox - currently listed as a courtesy service. In the process of being reviewed as part of the snow and ice audit report. This will be looked at as a separate project.
- Sidewalk clearing and Parking ban
- Why are there only input based service targets not outcomes based targets? Acknowledged this difference. Thanked for the question.

Members were asked if they were in support of a budget increase. Would like to see more information on the dollar amount, impact on taxes, and what it would mean for tradeoffs for other services. If supported they will need to see improvement if its increase is brought forward. Aurea Siemens mentioned that there has been no increase in budget or equipment inventory for at least 5 years, in spite of increases in city size and population.

**New Business/Updates:**

**Chair/Vice Chair Election in March**

- 7 board member will be leaving at the end of April term
- Elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be held in March (next meeting). Please email L. Vanstone, S. Tang, or M. Peter Jones if you are interested or have any questions
- The following members will stay on ETSAB M. Peter Jones, S. Tang, G. General, B. Turner and W. Agbakoba

**Position on Masking on ETS**

- The provincial mask mandate remains on public transit. Edmonton's mask bylaw remains in effect and will stay until Council votes to change it.
- Council will be having a meeting on March 8, 2022. Would like to hear feedback from the ETSAB stance prior to their meeting.
- M. Peter Jones will draft a letter to be shared with Council

**ETS' Transit Safety and Security  
Project: Findings and Discussions**

G. Milner, B. Turner and M. Peter Jones attended the meeting for the ETS Transit Safety and Security project. Some of the highlights from the meeting:

- They produced an excellent readable report and had a focus group which included highschool students, social agency on the path committee. Wide survey was done of the community.
- 3 silo's to solve issues
  - ETS immediately solves
  - What are some of the social conditions in Edmonton that are impacting transit. Accessibility maintenance and infrastructure how do people consider safety security when weather is not great, fear of falling on snow and ice sidewalks/pavement, out of service elevator, lighting, lack of bus shelters

- routing & screening - peak hours overcrowding in buses. social distancing safety issue, distance between stop time and walking to stops.
- What ETS could do - People struggling to get a hold of transit watch when they are in the tunnels and are unable to communicate with security problem with technology
- actual enforcement currently no visible presence of EPS, Peace Officers, Security guards. Who do you approach when you are in trouble?
- Participants in the survey had no idea of Transit Watch or the phone number to contact.

Manager of transit buses spoke about the primary role of the driver is to protect equipment and ensure safety on the routes.

Survey showed that participants had no idea of Transit watch.

- Talked about vulnerable populations and crime
- What could be done in terms of safety and security some suggestion collaboration and coordination with community service supporters, partnership with communities ,role of bystanders, communication and engagement, public education and awareness
- L. Vanstone will reach out to Lindsay Skillings to get presentation to share with the board.

<b>Sub Committee Updates</b>	
<b>Safety and Security</b>	<b>M.Peters-Jones</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Members reviewed and approved the Terms of Reference.</li> <li>● Completed survey and have received a significant amount of responses from students and young people.</li> <li>● Will update the board on youth and safety in next meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>Sustainable and Equitable Funding Models</b>	<b>G. General</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Currently working on research and tasks will be provided in a single document</li> <li>● Letter should be ready by March 17 &amp; 18 to give to Council</li> <li>● Presentation will be on March 23, 2022</li> </ul>	

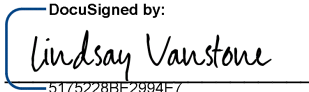
<b>External Updates</b>	
<b>ATU 569</b>	<b>S. Bradshaw</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not available to present</li> </ul>	
<b>ETS Branch Highlights Report</b>	<b>M. Lachance</b>
<p>M.Lachance presented the ETS Branch Highlights Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussed Safety &amp; Security - funding has been approved for 3 year pilot program to expand the Community Outreach Transit Team (COTT)</li> <li>● Mass Transit plan update made an addition of Metro line extension to Castledown will move forward once funding is approved</li> <li>● Currently Bus Fleet capacity is at its maximum. On Feb 15 ETS Fleet and Storage Maintenance Facility Strategy was approved by City council. Will be extending capacity for up to 440 electric buses to replace diesel buses by 2030</li> <li>● There are automated passenger counters on ETS buses to count ridership.</li> </ul>	

- ETSAB would like a presentation on the ARC pilot project

<b>Councillor Emerging Issues Update</b>	<b>E. Rutherford</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transit safety and security discussion Clr Rutherford had put forward a subsequent motion to amend the Transit passenger bylaw there will be proposed amendments to this bylaw Aug 2022</li> <li>• Federal government will be willing to fund requests for transit shortfall. Will need funding from both the Provincial and Federal government.</li> <li>• M. Lachance will follow up with more information on BNR if there were any cost savings.</li> <li>• Transit funding opportunities for expansion of BNR re-design</li> <li>• M. Lachance/ M.Leung will circulate the 5 ETS update reports once it is ready so ETSAB reps to review</li> <li>• Regional transit service commission update will meet with Clr. Rutherford, there have been no discussions with the current board regarding regionalization. Would like to get some feedback from the board on this.</li> <li>• Regional - service level changes. Will be meeting with Chairs and Vice Chairs once the report is available to gather input from ETSAB.</li> </ul>	
<b>Edmonton Arts Council - EAC</b>	<b>S. Tang</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> </ul>	
<b>Accessibility Advisory Committee - AAC</b>	<b>M. Peter Jones</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates, hopefully will be invited to the next meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>Monthly Branch Update with Carrie</b>	<b>L. Vanstone</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates.</li> </ul>	

<b>Topics of the Night</b>	<b>M. Peter Jones</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on Snow and Ice Removal - discussions on snow clearing and priorities</li> <li>• Masking on ETS - board will draft a letter to City Council outlining position on issues</li> <li>• G. Milner and M. Peter Jones shared some information from the Safety and Security meeting they attended</li> <li>• Terms of Reference were approved for Safety and Security Sub Committee</li> <li>• Updates from Sustainable and Equitable Funding Model Sub Committee</li> <li>• M. Lachance shared that COTT has been approved for 3 year pilot to expand program</li> <li>• Clr Rutherford funding for ETS and other transit issues</li> </ul>	

### Motion to Adjourn

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