

**Members Present:**

Emily Batty (Chair), Rebecca Hardie (Vice Chair), Mudasser Seraj (Rafi), Zohra Jabeen, Eugene Masahkwe, Bruce Hertz, Brooke Leifso, Lexi McFarlane, Shalene Williams, Bailey Gerrits, Joshua Jackman, Councilor Erin Rutherford.

**Regrets:**

Steve Bradshaw (President, ATU 569), Ken Kirk.

**City of Edmonton Staff:**

Tammy Smith, Admin Assistant Transit Planning, Ridership and Revenue.

Marc Lachance, ETS Staff Liaison Transit Planning, Ridership and Revenue

**Materials & Attachments:**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Meeting Agenda and ETS Branch Highlights Report
- DRAFT Meeting Minutes - April 2025

**CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM**

Land acknowledgement

Lexi McFarland

**Agenda Review DECISION**

- Additions or changes to agenda. Noting a typo in item 3C (changing July to June) and adding updates from the civic agency committee under new business.

Moved: by L. McFarland seconded by j. Jackman to approve the May 26, 2025 agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Meeting Minutes Review DECISION**

Moved: by E. Masahkwe seconded by Z. Jabeen to approve the April 22, 2025 minutes as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Presentations:** No presentations

**New Business/Updates:**

**a) Councilor Emerging Issues/Updates:**

Councillor E. Rutherford

- Councillor Erin Rutherford reported that major transit discussions at the council level have concluded for the current term, with only three more council meetings scheduled. Highlighted the recent passage of priority growth areas upzoning, which aims to incentivize denser development near transit, and the upcoming one-year review of the zoning bylaw renewal. Councillor Rutherford also shared trends from the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) spring summit, including the emerging use of AI technology in transit and concerns around the sustainability and funding of transit systems across Canada .

**b) New Members**

E. Batty

- Formally welcomed the new board members, B. Hertz and B.Leifso.

**c) Change date of June meeting**

E. Batty

- The board discussed the proposed change to the June meeting date from June 30th to June 23rd to avoid a Monday between a weekend and a holiday. The board voted and approved the change to June 23rd, pending any NHL game seven conflicts, with the possibility of a contingency plan. The possibility of holding meetings on weekdays other than Monday was briefly discussed.

**d) Civic Agencies**

E. Batty

- Shared updates from a meeting with the head of the civic agencies group, including the elimination of codes of conduct for municipal governments under Bill 50. The review of the board's mandate is ongoing but has been bumped down in priority, and there will be an upcoming review of honorariums. Clarified that while decision-making should occur in public meetings, much of the behind-the-scenes work can be done via email or shared documents. The need for agendas for subcommittee meetings was discussed, with a consensus that they would be beneficial. Should invite the civic agencies team for a presentation in the future.

**Working groups/subcommittees:**

E. Batty

**a) Rapid Responses:**

- On hold until civic election

**b) Sub Committees:**

- provided an update on the subcommittees, focused on scheduling initial meetings for the ARC card review and fair funding gap subcommittees. For the first meetings, the subcommittees will elect a chair and set the scope and terms of reference for their reports, which will then be brought back to the main board for approval at the June 23rd meeting.

**External Updates:****E. Batty****a) ATU 569: S. Bradshaw**

- nothing new to report.

**b) Branch Highlights Report: M. Lachance**

- See attached report

**c) Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Update: J. Jackman**

- J. Jackman raised concerns about accessibility for individuals with hearing and visual challenges when using transit, particularly with the ARC card system. They suggested considering these needs in future design and learning about existing aids. M. Lachance explained the visual and auditory cues of the ARC card readers and mentioned a tap exemption program.

**d) ETS Branch Manager/Chair E. Batty****Topics of the night R. Hardie**

- Welcome to new members
- Councillor Rutherford updated us
- Neighborhood density
- Updated june meeting date
- New bill update
- Subcommittees meeting dates

**Motion to Adjourn 7:30pm**