

Monday, October 25, 2021 5:30pm - 7:30pm Remote/Virtual Meeting Meeting No. 21.10

Prepared by Andrew Cormier

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:

Councillor Andrew Knack, ETSAB Council Advisor, Marc Lachance, Phil Reid, William Agbakoba

ETS & City of Edmonton Staff:

Sarah Feldman, ETS Staff Liaison in M. Lachance absence Andrew Cormier, ETS BMO Administrative Assistant

External Liaison:

Steve Bradshaw (President, ATU 569) - Regrets

Members of the Public:

Mudasser Seraj, Kevin Pringle

Materials & Attachments:

- Meeting Agenda
- ETS Branch Highlights Report

Land acknowledgement - L. Vanstone

CALL TO ORDER 5:31 PM

AGENDA REVIEW DECISION

- L. Vanstone requests addition to new business
- -Lindsay moves to add welcoming back Giselle

MOVED: by L. Vanstone to approve the October 25, 2021 agenda.

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING DECISION

MOVED: L. Vanstone requests review of minutes and adjust them for approval at the next meeting. J. Esslinger moves to review the September minutes next month.

CARRIED

Capital Line South Extension

• Presentation - Kevin Pringle

Review of overview/strategic goals related to Capital Line

- SW is the fastest growing part of the city
- Project funded by Fed, Prov and Muni Governments
- Review of the phases of the project

Capital Line Video Presentation

Review of Public Engagement

Q&A:

- Discussed integration with other modes of transportation, including bike systems and shared-use paths.
- LRT Expansion is still looking to improve heat retention at stations and other aspects of infrastructure sustainability.
- Discussed the distance between stations and the process that would be required to add/move planned LRT stations on the route.
- Looking to integrate plans with existing park and ride facilities and the bus system.
- Budget for art throughout the extension is managed through the Edmonton Arts Council.
- ETSAB requested information on ridership projections related to the extension; projections are not available at this time.
- Further development of the Capital Line:
 - o No plans to extend the line to the Airport in the immediate future
 - No plans to connect the SW (Capital) and SE (Valley) lines
 - o Any expansion plans would require additional land acquisition approvals through the Province
- Phase 1 of the project is expected to be completed by October of 2027
- Seating/outlay of Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) is still being considered at this time.
 - This could include plans to accommodate for other equipment (such as e-scooters) to be allowed on board

New Business/Updates:

Welcome Giselle back to ETSAB

CUTA Presentation & Updates

 Serena presents on the ETSAB CUTA presentation, including discussion of the Q&A session and other presenters

Civic Agency Bylaw Updates

 Discussion of impacts on ETSAB, conclusion is likely not substantive compared to existing operations and no questions from members

November Meeting - Virtual or Hybrid

- Discussion of options and current standards for ETS/employees.
- Decision to proceed with virtual and re-assess at the December meeting

December Meeting - Social & Date

- Historically the Dec meeting is a shorter agenda and social meeting as well as usually being earlier in the month.
- Bryan moves that an in person Social is postponed to a Date in the January-March timeframe, seconded by Serena
- Motion Carried
- Discussion of timeline for December meeting
- Motion for December meeting to take place virtually on the 13th
- Motion Carried

Safety and Security M.Peters-Jones

 Michelle discusses meeting including brainstorming of topics and future focuses, a further update expected for a future meeting

Sustainable and Equitable Funding Models

B. Turner

No major updates as a result of the election limbo of the prior weeks. Looking to set aside
time in the coming weeks to discuss definitions of sustainability as well as more work with
the City.

External Updates

- S. Bradshaw
- ATU has concerns regarding outsourcing of cleaners positions and are continuing to offer alternative options to preserve those jobs.
- ATU also has a certification vote ongoing.
- ATU also keeping an eye on the Vaccine Mandate, including reviewing it nationwide.
- ETSAB discussed potential for a "Union 101" session to get more information on the ATU/ETS history and the potential impacts of a strike or other union action

Action - Determine potential time-frame for this presentation

ETS Branch Highlights Report

S. Feldman

Sarah Feldman presented the ETS Branch Highlight Report

- Updated ridership figures
- Stuff a bus plan is proceeding this year after limited due to pandemic in 2020
- Seating arrangements update regarding configuration, set in 1970s based on maximising seating capacity and matching bidirectional operation
 - Additionally, seating configuration will be reviewed as part of next round of LRV purchases
- Additional appendix On-Demand report
 - Google Maps system is currently not able to track on-demand service
 - o Administration attempted a 'work-around', but was not deemed to be a useful tool for users
 - will look into the difference between on-demand service mapping and Uber on Google Maps application.
- Discussion around scheduling/hours of service, extending hours for the on demand service
- Accessibility issues (accommodating mobility devices or service pets); will be difficult to adjust as part of the pilot but would be considered as part of the review; similar challenges exist with conventional transit

Councillor Emerging Issues Update

A. Knack

- Review of possibilities with new council and possibility for expanded support/funding for transit
- Regarding Council Liaison for ETSAB, in the next few weeks Council will review approval to attend boards and I will be making sure to take into consideration making space for other Councillors to take part in board meetings, so it is possible this board will have someone new

Edmonton Arts Council - EAC

S. Tang

 Serena discusses new artwork throughout Edmonton, exhibits are mobile so will be rotated through different transit locations

Accessibility Advisory Committee - AAC

M. Peter Jones

None

Monthly Branch Update with Carrie

L. Vanstone

None, unable to connect with Carrie this month

Topics of the Night

S. Tang

- LRT Expansion presentation and discussion
- Discussion of future meetings, timing and hopes for face to face meeting
- Data presentation from Sarah on Behalf of Marc Lachance

Motion to Adjourn

CHAIR SIGN-OFF

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