

Edmonton Transit System (ETS)



ETS Managers Report to ETSAB JULY 2011

1. ETS Promotions and Special Events

ETS Service to Premier's Breakfast

Edmonton Transit will be participating with the Office of the Premier of Alberta in the 14th Annual Premier's Capital EX Breakfast on Tuesday, July 26th, 2011. This event will be held at the bandstand on the south lawn of the Legislature grounds from 0700 – 0900 hours.

To assist in the movement of participants to this event, there will be **complimentary LRT service from Churchill to Grandin Stations from 0630 – 0930 hours on Tuesday, July 26th, 2011.** This will allow free access to the Legislature grounds for participants who normally park downtown and those that will travel downtown for this event. Edmonton Transit will also operate one free shuttle bus between 0630 – 0930 hours from Corona LRT Station at Jasper Avenue and 107 Street southbound (bus stop #1964) to 96 Avenue and 106 Street

New ETS items at Tix on the Square

Looking for great ETS souvenir items? Be sure to visit Tix on the Square (Sir Winston Churchill Square - 9930 - 102 Avenue) and pick up your items today! Visit takeets.com to see what is currently available.

Paid Park and Ride Pilot Project Update (as of June 15, 2011)

LRT Stations	Parking Lot	Number of Paid Stalls (as Feb, 2011)	Number of Paid Stalls May, 2011	% of Total Stalls Sold (as of June 15)
Century Park	North	184	184	109%
Stadium	North	168	60	48%
Belvedere	North West	117	60	53%
Clareview	South West	252	195*	78%
TOTAL		721	499	83%

* Make note, the 195 at Clareview was done in May and is not yet reflective on the ETS website.

1. The two columns headed by "Number of Paid Stalls" outlines the total number of paid parking stalls available at each location on those dates.
2. The "% of Total Stalls Sold" is the number of stalls sold as of June 15 and would be a percentage of the May 2011 number of paid stalls.
3. Then as of June 15 we had sold: 201 stalls at Century Park; 29 stalls at Stadium; 32 stalls at Belvedere; and 152 stalls at Clareview.

Ethical Guidelines

ETSAB has adopted the Ethical Guidelines for Citizens who serve on City Boards, Agencies and Committees, which is only required once.

This motion was carried at ETSAB's meeting on August 30, 2009. Members in attendance were: Brian Marcotte, Vaughan Hoy, John Doucette, John Hayes, Bruce Robertson, Gordon Smith, John Vandenberg, Masood Makarechian, Leanne Landry and Elizabeth Johnston.

The Ethical Guidelines are part of ETSAB's Board policies. All new members appointed to the Board must sign the Ethical Guidelines and the signed copy remains with the Board's records. Therefore, the two new members, Ryan Orchard and Christopher Dulaba, need to sign these Guidelines. In the future, all new members appointed to ETSAB must sign the Ethics document and the signed copy remains with the Board's records.

If a Board member does not abide by the Guidelines, the consequences are that the member may not be recommended for reappointment to the Board. The Civics Agency Coordinator suggests if a violation comes to the Board's attention, the Chair should immediately discuss the alleged violation with the member. Then when the Chair conducts the annual evaluation with Board member, the alleged violation (depending on results of discussion and further action) may or may not be a factor when the Chair makes a recommendation as to whether the member should be reappointed or not. If the Chair is not recommending reappointment, the Chair must advise the member.

If you have a particular situation the Chair would like to discuss, please call Vickie Gunderson direct at 780-496-8167 or email at vickie.gunderson@edmonton.ca.

Family Travel on ETS

Keep ETS in mind when you're planning family trips this summer. Up to four children (Ages 12 and under) accompanied by an adult can ride on the bus and LRT all day using an ETS Day Pass. Cost is just \$8.55.

Take ETS to Capital EX

ETS is your quick and easy way to get to Capital EX, July 22-31.

Pick up a Capital EX service card being distributed on all buses and LRT. It contains all the information you'll need to take ETS to the Exhibition. On parade Day, Thursday, July 21, ETS routes in the downtown area are on detour from early in the morning until the parade clears (approximately noon). Take advantage of the ETS Day Pass for family trips to the Parade and the EX. Using a regular ETS Day Pass, up to four children ages 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, can ride ETS all day long for only \$8.55. The ETS Capital EX Special (Route 91) travels between Capilano Transit Centre, Coliseum Transit Centre and Northlands Park south entrance daily. LRT frequency has been increased during Capital EX. Check www.takeETS.com or call Buslink at 780-496-1600 for service information.

Travel Back into History on ETS

Join us on one of our vintage buses as our local historians guide you through the streets of Edmonton. During your journey you will encounter neighbourhoods, buildings, and landmarks that are truly steeped in civic history. Many thanks to Mr. Douglas Cowan for dedicating his time as our volunteer historian and tour developer.

*Tours are not recommended for guests under the age of 16.

Start Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2011

End Date: Saturday, August 6, 2011

This year we are offering four unique and distinct regular tours:

Strathcona Tour

The Strathcona Tour begins along 100 Street, passing Churchill Square, the venerable McLeod Block, and MacDonald Hotel, both nearing their 100th birth date. We then cross the High Level Bridge, constructed between 1910 and 1913, and enter the former City of Strathcona. See amazing vistas of downtown Edmonton and hear tales of early river crossings, John Walter, and streetcars before making your way to Whyte Avenue. Many original structures await you along the historically rich Whyte Avenue. Enjoy tales of the Toonerville Trolley and McKernan's Lake. You will then travel through the ever expanding University of Alberta campus. Our tour ends with a scenic drive along River Valley Road.

Blue Line Tour

The Blue Line Tour follows the path of the first streetcar in Edmonton. Rather than assigning numbers to different routes, the old system employed the use of colours. Accordingly, this tour traces the historic Blue Line route. In doing so, we encounter a handful of notable buildings and landmarks as we explore both the city's downtown and the Norwood area. We will pass such historic landmarks as

Giovani Caboto Park, Norwood School, the Birks Building, and Sacred Heart Church. See the rich history of Norwood and discover many surprises in a neighbourhood that is often overlooked.

Glenora Tour

The Glenora Tour begins in Edmonton's Cultural District and heads west along charming Victoria Avenue where you will enjoy fine examples of Victorian homes and some of Edmonton's earliest apartment blocks. Learn about the connections between razors and a mansion. Magnificent homes and gardens await you in historic Glenora. After stopping at Government House, you will enjoy the drive through the Groat Ravine and along River Valley Road. Our tour concludes with a drive through the stately Legislature grounds.

Highlands Tour

The Highlands Tour begins along historic East Jasper Avenue, where you will see Edmonton's original business district dating back to the early 1900s. Traveling eastward, you will enjoy spectacular river valley panoramas from Jasper Avenue and Ada Boulevard. Look for the site where a North West Mountain Police contingent camped in 1874 while on route to Fort Edmonton. Enjoy the stately homes, mansions, and gardens of the Highlands.

Ride the High Level Bridge Streetcar

What better way to take a trip back in time than on the High Level Bridge Streetcar across Edmonton's beautiful river valley. Operated by the Edmonton Radial Railway Society, the streetcar runs from the May long weekend to the October Thanksgiving weekend. The streetcar travels from Old Strathcona (103 Street/84 Avenue) to the Jasper terminus (south of Jasper Avenue/west of 109 Street). Intermediate stops include the level crossing at 107 Street, south end of High Level Bridge and Grandin LRT Station. You can board or leave at any of the stops. Schedules and fares are available at www.takeETS.com>About ETS>Associated Sites>Edmonton Radial Railway Society. ETS tickets and passes are not valid for travel on the streetcar. It is run by the non-profit Edmonton Radial Railway Society.;

The Edmonton Indy 2011

The Edmonton Indy 2011 returns to the City Centre Airport July 22, 23 and 24 this year. Communities around the Airport have parking restrictions in effect for the event, so taking ETS Park & Ride is a quick and easy way to get to the races. Initial plans for the event include a Park & Ride site at Calder City Lot (124 Street/124 Avenue), a shuttle service from City Hall to the Airport and a route that loops around the race site connecting hotels and public parking areas. The loop route will travel along Princess Elizabeth Avenue and Kingsway, picking up race fans at all stops. It will drop customers at the east and west entrances to the race site. There is no charge for ETS service to the Edmonton Indy. Service details are available at www.takeETS.com. Check www.edmonton.ca for information on other events happening during the races.

DATS

Vehicle News

After much research and feedback from operators on the WC/Amb configuration of the vehicles we have placed an order for 16 new buses with a capacity for four wheelchair positions and 12 ambulatory seats. We are pleased with improvements to the existing operator seats making them more adjustable - tilt, raise/lower, and longer rails to move the seat forward and back. Other vehicle improvements include larger tail lights, Ricon lifts, heater housings moved under the floor to create more space with independent switches for both heaters, and moving back to self adjusting shoulder harness and self adjusting wheelchair tie-downs from Q-Straint.

2010 Safe Driving Awards

DATS recently celebrated the 58th Annual Safe Driving Awards (2010). To qualify, an operator must have driven a minimum number of hours in 2010 along with avoiding any preventable collisions. We are proud to announce that DATS had 78 operators who received awards this year!

Seniors on the Go – Using Community Buses

This summer ETS and DATS are jointly introducing an exciting new pilot project to enable seniors and DATS users to learn about, and feel comfortable with, their ability to access ETS 300 Route Community Buses. This initiative provided free charter trips from seniors' residences to destinations along the 305 Community Bus Route from July 6 to 8. Each outing was designed to inform and demonstrate the safety, ease, affordability, and convenience of fixed route public transit.

Beginning July 11, DATS will initiate a pilot which will encourage DATS customers to use conventional transit and 'limit' them from using DATS services. The pilot will last for four weeks and will end on August 8, at which time we will evaluate the success of the pilot and decide on whether or not to expand this initiative. We hope that this project will encourage DATS registrants to use ETS 300 Route Community buses to enhance service quality, to eliminate duplication of services, and to substantially improve cost effectiveness in the delivery of transportation to those with disabilities.

2. MINUTES FROM COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

City Council Minutes – July 6, 2011

- 7.2 [Bylaw 15798 - Amendment to Conduct of Transit Passengers](#)
 [Bylaw 8353](#)

Moved B. Anderson - E. Gibbons:

That Bylaw 15798 be read a first time.

In Favour:

Carried

S. Mandel, A. Sohi, B. Anderson, B. Henderson, D. Iveson,
D. Loken, E. Gibbons, J. Batty, K. Diotte, K. Krushell,
K. Leibovici, L. Sloan, T. Caterina

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Moved B. Anderson - E. Gibbons:

That Bylaw 15798 be considered for third reading.

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Distribution List

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This report and two attachments are attached to the Manager's Report.

Transportation Infrastructure Committee Minutes – July 12, 2011

6.10 North LRT EPCOR Transportation Lines Change Order

This report is attached to the Manager's Report.

B. Smid and B. Griffith,
Transportation Services; and
C. Pooli, Corporate Services
(Law), answered the
Committee's questions.

The Committee met in private at 4:42 p.m., pursuant to sections 24 and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The Committee met in public at 4:45 p.m.

Moved K. Leibovici:

That the purchase order for relocation of EPCOR Transmission Lines to enable the North LRT extension, be increased by an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 to bring the total cost of the agreement to \$18,000,000. Transportation Svcs.

In Favour:

B. Henderson, K. Krushell, K. Leibovici,
T. Caterina

Carried

Moved B. Henderson:

Transmission Agreement - EPCOR

That Administration provide a report to Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding the status of the transmission agreement with EPCOR.
Transportation Svcs.

Due Date: Spring 2012

In Favour:

B. Henderson, K. Krushell, K. Leibovici,
T. Caterina

Carried

7. RESPONSES TO COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES

7.1 Facilitating Business Development in Planned LRT Routes

(S. Mandel)

B. Latte and A. Laughlin, Transportation Services;
D. Piecowye, Corporate Services (Law);
and R. G. Klassen, General Manager,
Sustainable Development answered the
Committee's questions.

Moved K. Leibovici:

That the June 28, 2011, Sustainable
Development report 2011SPE016 be
referred back to Administration to
provide further information regarding a
potential program to facilitate business
development, during the transition period
up to when LRT construction begins,
along West to Southeast LRT routes.
Sustainable Dev.

Due Date: Oct. 4, 2011

In Favour:

B. Henderson, K. Krushell, K. Leibovici,
T. Caterina

Carried

This report is attached to the Manager's Report.

3. 2011 ETS Highlights:

Transit Ridership Information for JUNE 2011	
Ridership	Total Year to Date
2010	38,320,204
2011	40,647,335
Change from 2010 to 2011	2,327,131
Percentage Change	6.07%