



FINAL Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2019

5:15PM –7:45PM

Heritage Room, City Hall

Meeting No. 19.03

Prepared by Christy McKenzie

Members Present:

Charles Kelly (Chair), Isabell Hubert (Vice Chair), Bob Macklon, Giselle General, Maurice Vincent, Brian Curry, Mariah Samji

Regrets: Mark Tetterington (President, ATU 569), Stewart Smith, Jorge Arango, Kouresh Lotfi, Philip Reid, Councillor Andrew Knack

Guests:

Lydia Trevelyan, DATS Advisory Group member

ETS & City of Edmonton Staff:

Eddie Robar, ETS Branch Manager

Marc Lachance, ETS Staff Liaison to ETSAB, and Manager ETS Business Strategy & Planning
Christy McKenzie, Administrative Assistant, ETSAB and ETS Technical Services

Materials & Attachments:

- Meeting Agenda & Draft Meeting Minutes – February 25th, 2019
- Draft Annual Activity Report
- Handout – ACT fund
- Copy of Letter – End Poverty rep
- ETS Branch Highlights Report

CALL TO ORDER at 5:30 PM

AGENDA REVIEW

DECISION

MOVED: by I. Hubert & seconded by B. Curry to approve this March 25th, 2019 agenda with the following additions:

Add under New Business: Request to ETSAB Chair from Berlin Communications, re: End Poverty Edmonton, and update on communications with Calgary Transit Community Advisory Group, re: Canada-Wide Urban Transit Advocacy Group.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

DECISION

MOVED: by I. Hubert & seconded by B. Macklon to approve the February 25th, 2019 minutes, with no changes.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

INFORMATION

Alberta Community Transit (ACT) Funding

E. Robar

- Eddie provided background and additional information as well as a handout outlining the allocation of ACT fund contribution awarded by the Provincial Government on March 7, 2019 of about \$90 million. This significant investment will allow many critical transit projects in Edmonton to proceed, including:
 - Upgrading Terwillegar Drive to an expressway
 - Upgrades at Stadium LRT Station

- Preliminary planning & design of a new transit garage
- Additional purchase of electric buses: ACT funding will accommodate the purchase of up to 28 electric buses, while previous PTIF funding will provide approximately 21 electric buses, for a total 49 buses - the single largest purchase of electric buses in Canadian history.
- Transit priority improvements to access Park & Ride facilities
- Preliminary planning & design for a new LRT Station at 40 Ave
- Preliminary planning & design for a new transit centre and Park & Ride facility at 50 St
- This investment will allow for the planning and design of a new transit garage, which is a critical step for ETS to grow the service, and would give added flexibility and efficiency at other garages as well. This funding will allow for the renewal of assets, improvements at transit centers, purchase more electric buses and, most importantly, build for the future so we can grow our service.
- In addition, Eddie was pleased to share that the City of Edmonton will partner with eCamion for a trial of the fast-charging technology Emissions Reductions Alberta (ERA) selected through ERA's BEST Challenge to reduce electronic bus impact on the electrical grid and lower installation and operating costs. This technology is a first of its kind system that will innovate how electric buses are managed and maintained. This funding will contribute to important research and development for our electric bus program and provide significant cost savings for the expansion of the program to additional transit garages. ETS is fully committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, leading the way toward a lower carbon economy and helping achieve the City's climate resilience goals.
- Question and Answer period included discussion around:
 - It was confirmed that the additional electric buses will be in addition to the current replacement program for Diesel buses, and that Proterra was the successful supplier/manufacturer. Park City, Utah has Proterra electric buses. The electric buses are expected to be in service incrementally as they arrive beginning in Dec 2019 – January 2020, and will be fully accessible, with the same design features as the diesel buses, including branding.
 - It was confirmed that this ACT fund is contingent on continuance of the current provincial government and a change in government may potentially affect the funding.

FOR APPROVAL	DECISION
DRAFT ETSAB Annual Activity Report	C. Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Annual Activity report for the 2018-2019 term of the Board was reviewed and approved for submission with no changes. <p>MOVED: by M. Vincent & seconded by G. General to approve the ETSAB Annual Activity Report with no changes.</p>	CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS	INFORMATION
Reminder of Upcoming Bi-Annual ETSAB Luncheon with Councillors	C. Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie reminded members that the Bi-Annual Luncheon with Councillors will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in the Councillor's Boardroom at City Hall. One item for discussion members suggested is the May 2019 report on changes to parking requirements for developers, which will allow some businesses to choose not to provide parking for patrons. 	
Request to ETSAB Chair from Berlin Communications, re: End Poverty Edmonton	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie acknowledged receipt of a request regarding participation in a video recording for the End Poverty Edmonton website, and advised members that the request is outside of the Board's mandate. Members discussed the possibility of inviting a representative to present on the issue at an upcoming meeting. 	
Acknowledgement of Response to Calgary Transit Community Advisory Group	C. Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie confirmed he has responded in the manner agreed upon by members to the request regarding participation in a Canada-Wide Urban Transit Advocacy Group. He has not received an 	

update on the status of this initiative.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES		INFORMATION
Transit Innovation		M. Vincent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maurice advised members that the turnout was low at the March meeting and Transit and Apps was the topic discussed. The topic for the next meeting will be around Electric buses and other ACT funded projects as presented at this meeting. A poll for availability of members for a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday meeting in April will be sent, and the following meeting will be one month from that date on the same weekday. A consistent day of the month was requested by the Board Chair to improve attendance at these meetings by members. 		
Integrating Land Use & Transit Policies		M. Samji
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mariah will be sending out a draft to the sub-committee members this week for review prior to submitting DRAFT for approval at the April General meeting of the Board. 		
Transit Communications		I. Hubert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sub-committee met in the third week of March and are aiming to have their draft report ready for Board approval by the May or June 2019 general meeting. Member discussion around some information gathered to date from Austin, and other transit authorities. 		
Standing Items		C. Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 		

INFORMATION SECTION		INFORMATION
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a 		
DATS Advisory Group (DAG) Update		L. Trevelyan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lydia provided an update on DAG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the recent meeting the year-end review and report were approved. A highlight from 2018 was the presentation on exoskeleton technology and its potential impact on transit created by DAG and presented by Paul Schmold at the fall CUTA conference. Two current concerns identified for DATS customers by DAG are the Valley Line low floor LRT design (There is a step up to some of the seating in the train cars), and that in the past two or three months, the subscription service at DATS continues to be in low supply and high demand. DAG has two new members for this term. Political escalation of DATS issues by DAG has not been explored to date, except via the media/news coverage. ETSAB members recommended connecting as citizens with the Councillor for the Ward of affected customers. 		
ETS Branch Highlights Report		M. Lachance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ETS Branch Highlights report was presented. Question and answers included discussion around the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for update on an option to report a complaint about ETS vehicles, routes, operators, etc. via the 311 App. On Board Announcements are mispronouncing street names. Marc requested details of the affected routes. Signage communication plan for the Central LRT station closure for three weeks in April. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What kind of wayfinding information and announcements will ETS have during this time to help commuters? Will the LRT operator announce every time passengers should consider getting off at Bay station? Member requested an update on whether ETS is considering having ATM/Cash Machines 		

<p>available at Transit Centres and LRT Stations. This was an item in the Board's User Experience Report CR_4393 presented in February 2017 to the Community and Public Service Committee of Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A copy of the Transit Communications Subcommittee's Terms of Reference will be shared with Marc along with a request for information on what ETS is planning in terms of changes to communication practices as they pertain to the items in the Terms of Reference. Members hope to receive it before the report is finalized in end of May or June 2019. 	
Edmonton Arts Council (EAC)	M. Samji
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates at this time. 	
Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)	C. Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlie noted that following presentation to the Urban Planning Committee of the Board's Annual Activity Report and Work Plan for the upcoming term, he will share a copy of the Work Plan with AAC, for input on items if applicable. 	
TOPICS OF THE NIGHT	DECISION
	I. Hubert
Topics selected to highlight:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETS Branch Manager Eddie Robar's presentation on the Alberta Community Transit (ACT) funding, which will contribute to critical transit projects, such as the purchase of additional electric buses and the planning and design of a new transit garage. • The Board's approval of its Annual Report for 2018-2019, which will be presented to Council on April 3rd. 	

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING	DECISION
<p>MOVED: by M. Samji & seconded by B. Macklon on April 29th, 2019 to approve these March 25th, 2019 minutes.</p>	<u>CARRIED</u>