

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT REPORTING

Appointment: **Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board**

Classification: **Advisory Committee**

Councillor(s): **Councillor Erin Rutherford**

Reporting Period: **November 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023**

Mandate

The purpose of the Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board (ETSAB) is to provide advice and recommendations to City Council, Urban Planning Committee, and to City Administration with regards to public transit.

Background

ETSAB consists of 12 members, appointed by Council. The President of the Amalgamated Transit Union or a delegate may serve as a liaison member. Meetings happen on a monthly basis. For issues that require in-depth consideration, ad-hoc committees are formed. Board members serve on at least one subcommittee.

Shared priorities and advocacy areas

ETSAB prepares an annual work plan and report based on City Council's direction and other matters of interest to Council. ETSAB may also include in the work plan issues that the board as citizens have identified for consideration by Council to improve the transit experience of Edmontonians such as the recent report on Youth Perceptions of Transit Safety.

Report on activities, projects, and outcomes

- ETSAB's Budget Subcommittee sent a memo to the City Council in relation to the budget 2023-2026 discussion in December.
- Presented to the Urban Planning Committee about Youth Safety and Security.
- Work continued for a sub-committee on Mobility and Accessibility in Edmonton Winters.
- Board members reached out and attended meetings with the Accessibility Advisory committee to discuss areas of mutual interest.
- Discussions around transit safety occurred during the Branch and Councillor updates.

Upcoming events and milestones

ETSAB recently reported on their annual plan to Council and will be working on the items identified within this report.

Members are also looking forward to attending and possibly presenting at the Canadian Urban Transit Association Conference hosted in Edmonton this upcoming November, 2023.

Evaluation

It is recommended that the City of Edmonton continue to work with ETSAB to advance municipal priorities and areas related to public transit.