

EDMONTON TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD - APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Attachment 1

Board	Citizens-At-Large	Appointment Term
Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board	<u>New Appointments (5)</u>	
	Gail Brown	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
	Sean Lee	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
	Shaminder Parmar	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
	Kristina Peter	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
	Syed M. Ali Zaidi	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
	<u>Reappointments (6)</u>	
	Robert Macklon	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
	Amy Mannix	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
	Anand Pye	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
	Izak Roux	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
	Mariah Samji	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
	Vladislav Slavov	May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016

Below is a brief public introduction as provided by new Appointees:

Gail Brown	Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board
<p>I have lived in Ottawa, Chelsea PQ, Edmonton, Vancouver, and now after a 30-year absence, I am delighted to be back in Edmonton where I will, once again, be fully engaged in my community. Various locations across the country have given me the chance to pursue my diverse interests in a variety of personal and professional endeavours that will now serve the mandate and interests of the Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board. As a car-free woman I am an experienced transit user. Seven years in Vancouver and more recently in Edmonton, as a suburban and urban user, I bring “new eyes” to the challenges and opportunities facing the Edmonton Transit System.</p>	
Sean Lee	Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board
<p>Sean has spent the majority of his life living and working in Edmonton, and even while residing in other places, has remained an unapologetic advocate for this city. Having been a frequent user of the Edmonton Transit System as the city has rapidly grown and changed, Sean appreciates the vital function transit plays in supporting a robust and vital city. Sean’s experience with both urban development and transportation planning, coupled with diverse professional and personal experience, has instilled a passion for using transit as a city-building apparatus. He has practised in Edmonton, the Edmonton metro area, Toronto, and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and travelled widely world-wide - gaining knowledge of the best and worst of urban transit systems around the globe.</p>	

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Shaminder Parmar	Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board
<p>Shaminder Parmar has been an Albertan for over 20 years. He has worked, studied, and lived in Edmonton, Calgary, Montreal, New York, and Tofino. He has an Honours with Distinction - Urban Planning Degree from Concordia University in Montreal, QC. His work and passion is rooted in planning for healthy, vibrant, and resilient communities. He believes Edmonton can be a national leader and innovator in public transit design and technologies, and that such a role can help the City be a place that is more socially equitable, and environmentally and fiscally sustainable.</p>	
Kristina Peter	Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board
<p>Kristina Peter is a community planner who has practiced in the Edmonton region since 2007. Prior to moving to Edmonton, Kristina was a GIS Transit Planner with Montgomery County's Transit System - Ride On, where she focused on improving the bus stop, passenger safety and universal accessibility. Kristina obtained her MA in Civic Design from University of Liverpool and a BSc in Land Use and Environmental Studies from the University of Saskatchewan. Kristina is a proud Westmount resident and guardian to a little dog named Ernesto.</p>	
Syed M. Ali Zaidi	Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board
<p>Dr. Syed M. Ali Zaidi is a Professional Engineer with 21 years of experience that covers all facets of project and program management of various urban, municipal and social infrastructure development initiatives, including those funded by World Bank, UNDP and Asian Development Bank. These assignments involved high level of feasibility and planning studies, project management, stakeholders' management, risk analysis, funding and disbursements, public consultation and capacity building.</p> <p>For the last 11 years he has been working with the Government of Alberta holding a current position as Director, Strategic Partnerships with Alberta Infrastructure Department working on various public-private partnership and strategic partnership initiatives.</p> <p>He is also involved with United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in an honorary capacity.</p> <p>Mr. Zaidi has the following academic credentials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Engineering & Technology, Lahore, Pakistan • Master's degree in Construction and Project Management from the University of British Columbia • PhD degree from the University of Calgary with research focus on Public-Private Partnerships <p>He is also a Stanford Certified Project Manager from Stanford University, Certified PPP Specialist from Institute of P3s in Washington.</p>	