

Bylaw 15889

To Amend the Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw 8353

Recommendation:

That Transportation and Infrastructure Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 15889 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend the Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw 8353 to clarify the regulation of passengers on the Edmonton Transit System.

Readings

Bylaw 15889 is ready for three readings.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 15889 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

Bylaw 15889 amends the Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw 8353 by clarifying existing provisions, removing outdated provisions, and adding new provisions that align with the current expectations of transit passengers.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the June 28, 2011, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Administration review the classification of penalties in Bylaw

15798, Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw 8353, and provide a report outlining potential changes to the classification that would assist Administration with its incentives to change behaviour and help make the Bylaw easier to understand and enforce.

Report

- Many aspects of the Bylaw have become outdated, no longer aligning with either passenger expectations or the enforcement requirements of the Edmonton Transit System (ETS).
- Bylaw 15889 modifies all aspects of the Conduct Transit Passengers Bylaw 8353 and was drafted with significant stakeholder consultation.
- Most of the provisions in the current Bylaw 8353 have been retained, although the language in those provisions has been modernized.
- Some provisions in the current Bylaw 8353 are not needed as the conduct is already prohibited in other bylaws or statutes. These provisions include: littering, intoxication in public, panhandling, crossing in front of transit vehicles, and bans from transit property.
- Other provisions were seen as outdated or unnecessary including: adult fare for children with bicycles, and bicycles yielding the right-of-way.
- There are new provisions dealing with food and beverages, spitting and placing items in the aisle of a transit vehicle.
- The enforcement and prosecution provisions of the Bylaw have been made clearer.

Corporate Outcomes

This Bylaw supports the following goals of The Way Ahead – City of Edmonton Strategic Plan 2009-2018:

- Improving Edmonton’s Liveability
- Shift Edmonton’s Transportation Mode

Public Consultation

A wide variety of stakeholders were consulted on the changes to the Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw 8353, including:

- The Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board
- ATU 569
- ETS Operators
- Various business units within ETS
- The general public

The public was engaged through the ETS website, Facebook and canvassing at transit stations for a seven-day period.

Legal Implications

Authority for this bylaw amendment is granted by the *Municipal Government Act*.

Justification of Recommendation

This Bylaw will modernize and provide clarity to the Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw 8353, by making it easier for the public to understand while also assisting Administration with its incentives to change behaviour.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 15889 - Conduct of Transit Passenger Bylaw Amendment No. 10
2. Summary of Proposed Amendments

Others Reviewing this Report

- D. H. Edey, General Manager, Corporate Services