

# Historic Streetcar Charters

by the *Edmonton Radial Railway Society*



## Information Package



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E-mail [bridgecharter@edmonton-radial-railway.ab.ca](mailto:bridgecharter@edmonton-radial-railway.ab.ca) for booking availability.

Dear customer,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for contacting our Society to help make your event a successful and memorable one.

The Edmonton Radial Railway Society (ERRS) was established in 1980 with a single streetcar, Edmonton #1. Since its inception, the society and its members have continued on a mission to restore, operate, and maintain historic streetcars, and now have a fleet of eight operational vehicles from Edmonton, Toronto, Australia, and Japan. We still have many more streetcars in line awaiting restoration to their former glories and the work is never done!

All of our members, ranging from mechanics, to restorers, to motormen are all volunteers and work feverishly to keep this valuable section of our mutual transportation history alive.

Please read below for further information regarding planning and booking your perfect streetcar event.

Thank you for your time and take solace in knowing that 100% of charter revenues go towards continuing our mission to make these streetcars available to visit and ride for generations to come.

Thank you,

Dustin Creviston

ERRS Charter Operations

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the cost?

Our cost is \$360/hour (effective Sept 26, 2018).

## When can I book?

Unfortunately, we do not offer charter bookings on **Sundays**.

Bookings for private events are available from the **May long weekend** to the **Labour Day weekend**. Bookings must be after **5 p.m.**

From the **Labour Day Weekend** to the end of October, the above time restriction applies Friday and Saturday only.

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Common blackout dates include **Fri/Sat of long weekends**, the week before, after, and including the **Fringe Festival** (mid August), **society meetings** (second Tuesday of the month, not including July and August), **Pride Parade day** (early June), and **scheduled track maintenance**.

Charters cannot be run at night meaning that the streetcar must be back at Strathcona barn no later than 45 minutes after sunset.

Any booking requests need to work around parties with already booked events on the same day of your request. Timing between charters is subject to several factors.

## Who drives the streetcar?

Any charters on the High Level Bridge line will always have two certified motormen on the car to assist and answer any questions you may have. **All members of the Edmonton Radial Railway Society (ERRS) are volunteers.** 100% of the proceeds from charter revenues goes towards the maintenance, restoration, and operation of historic streetcars.

## Do I tip?

The volunteer motormen on your charter do not expect and should not accept tips. Any gratuities provided to the motormen will be treated as a donation to the ERRS. Receipts can be provided upon request.

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### **Can wheelchairs come on board?**

Yes, but wheelchairs can only board at our ramp at **Strathcona** and only on **Car 930 and 247**. There are no access ramps at any other stops on our route.

### **Can I bring music on board?**

Yes, you can! But if your instrument or speakers require power, the customer must provide the batteries. We have NO outlets on the streetcar to plug into. Anything that combusts such as fuel-powered generators or candles cannot come on the car.

### **How long should I book for?**

An typical hour allows for round trip travel from Strathcona to Grandin and back with a generous pause (approx. 25-30 mins) at the mid-span of the High Level Bridge to relax and enjoy a rare and panoramic view of the City and its beautiful river valley.

For Weddings, we recommend 90 minutes if you wish to mingle and enjoy beverages following the ceremony on the bridge overlooking the river.

### **What about washroom breaks?**

Like an Edmonton Transit bus, there are no washrooms on board or along the route. Guests are highly recommended to use the washroom before their event.

### **Can we bring liquor on the streetcar?**

Yes, however the following instructions need to be followed closely:

- The liquor licence must be obtained by the customer before the charter from the [AGLC website](#) (**private non-sale SEL licence**).
  - All liquor to be consumed on the car must have the receipts attached to the licence (no u-brew wine or beer)
  - The licence must be posted on the streetcar during your event
  - Liquor can only be consumed when the car is parked in the middle of the High Level Bridge
  - The address to go on the licence is as follows:  
**8408 Gateway Boulevard NW**  
**Edmonton, AB**  
**[NO POSTAL CODE]**
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### **What Services We Offer to You**

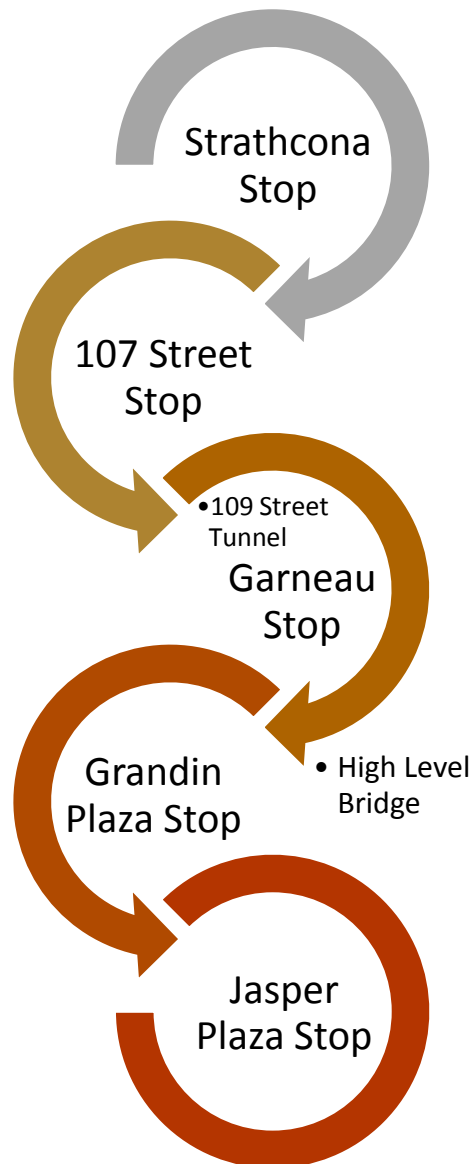
- The streetcar of your choice.
- Two uniformed volunteer motormen on your trip.
- A table (we have a few sizes).
- A history talk by request about the streetcar, the route's history, and landmarks along the way.
- A memorable experience!

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### **What We Cannot Offer**

- Catering and liquor service.
  - Liquor licence (the customer needs to purchase this from the AGLC website).
  - Decorations (including tablecloths).
  - Any external bookings such as entertainment (the customer must also book entertainment for their trip independently).
  - External power sources.
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# Streetcar Route



## Strathcona

- Located at 84 Avenue and Gateway Boulevard
- Close to Whyte Avenue and restaurants
- Inexpensive pay parking on site

## 107 Street

- Rarely used stop but available for pickup and drop off of guests en-route
- Located at *roughly* 107 Street and 86 Avenue

## Garneau

- Rarely used stop but available for pickup and drop off of guests en-route
- Located at the south end of the High Level Bridge

## Grandin

- Located at 98 Avenue and 109 Street
- Across from Legislative Buildings and easy access to Legislature and LRT via pedway tunnel.
- Directly adjacent to LRT (Grandin Station)
- Pullout for limo/taxi dropoffs

## Jasper

- Located at 100 Ave and 109 Street
- Near to several restaurants
- Pay parking located beside stop



# Edmonton Car 33



## Built 1912 – Authentic Edmonton car

Seats 30 with liquor licence

Seats 36 with no liquor



End A



End B





# Melbourne Car 930



**Built 1947 – Imported from Australia**

**Seats 44 with liquor licence**

**Seats 52 with no liquor**



**End A**



**End B**





# Osaka 247



**Built 1921, Rebuilt 1947 – Imported from Japan**

Seats 20



End A

End B



# Tables Available

We are happy to provide tables for your event on the streetcar if requested.

Please note that customers must bring their own tablecloths and the ERRS does not provide catering.

Please request table if you need one.

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# Accessibility

Unfortunately, some historic streetcars have limited or no wheelchair & stroller accessibility.

A wheelchair ramp is available at the South Terminus at Strathcona which enables wheelchair passengers to make a round trip. There are no ramps at any other stops.

Osaka 247 and Melbourne 930 can accommodate two wheelchairs each.



# Requested Info

To expedite the booking of your event, please have the answers to the following questions on hand:

- Day and date (**e-mail for current availability**)
  - Start time and duration
  - Requested streetcar
    - Edmonton 33
    - Melbourne 930
    - Osaka 247
  - Start and finish locations
    - Strathcona
    - Grandin
    - Jasper
    - Garneau
    - 107 Street
  - Type of function (if birthday party, what age?)
  - Number of attendees
  - Liquor served on board? (**See liquor license portion**)
  - Contact person
    - All pertinent phone numbers (land line, cell, co-organizers, etc.)
    - E-mail(s)
  - Any additional requests
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# Parking

These are two suggestions for parking at our Strathcona Terminal. The lots are not owned or managed by the ERRS. Rates, hours, and parking management are subject to change.



## Knox Evangelical Church Lot

Managed by Precise Parklink

**Monday - Sunday**  
 06:00 – 18:00  
*\$1/hour to \$4 maximum*  
 18:00 – 06:00  
*\$2 flat rate*

**Sunday**  
 06:00 – 13:00  
*No Parking*

## Old Strathcona Farmer’s Market Lot

Managed by Diamond Parking

**Daily**  
*\$2/hour*  
*\$5 for 12 hours*

**Saturdays**  
 08:00 – 15:00  
*Free*