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Transit drivers volunteer time to spread holiday cheer

Tradition raises funds for less fortunate transit users

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Edmonton Transit System (ETS) and Disabled Adult Transit Service (DATS) drivers are spreading joy this season by volunteering their time to provide Christmas Lights Tours. ETS and DATS operators will drive and host up to 32 bus tours to view holiday lights and displays at the Alberta Legislature, Candy Cane Lane, Churchill Square and City Hall.

ETS Christmas Lights Tours were started in 1995 using a conventional city bus. In 2008, several DATS customers expressed interest in participating, but were unable to do so due to mobility restrictions on conventional transit. Since then, DATS operators have stepped up and volunteered their time to provide tours on specialized transit as well.

The tours have become a tradition for many Edmonton families. In fact, many bus drivers invite their own family members to volunteer as hosts who interact with riders and sing holiday tunes onboard the buses.

This year's sold out tours run on **ETS** from **December 9 to 18** and on **DATS** from **December 12 to 19**.

All collected fares support the [Donate A Ride](#) program.

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