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## Angels want ticket to ride

The red berets could be riding city transit.

Edmonton's Guardian Angels chapter plans to meet with representatives of Edmonton Transit next week to lay the groundwork for riding buses and the LRT, said Lance Lamond.

"That's what we see as the most pressing need, is ETS and the LRT," said Lamond yesterday.

Lamond is leading the charge to establish a Guardian Angels chapter in Edmonton. The founder of the New York-based street patrol group, Curtis Sliwa, visited Edmonton in May.

Canadian assistant director Stephen Paquette met with police Chief Mike Boyd to talk about community patrol groups.

Critics see the angels as vigilantes, while supporters say they're a much-needed group that can help police patrol the city. Concerned Edmontonians have been stepping up to volunteer for the Guardian Angels, said Lamond.

But many of them have been calling the Angels headquarters in New York City, when they'd be better off contacting Lamond, he said.

Guardian Angels Canada has even set up its own website, [www.guardianangelscanada.org](http://www.guardianangelscanada.org), to get in touch with possible recruits.