

CITY CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

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Public consultation on master plan with citizens, stakeholders begins

Public consultation to refine the conceptual plan into a Statutory Plan for the City Centre Redevelopment project was launched in October at a series of citizen workshops.

More than 100 people attended three sessions to provide input to help refine the plan, focusing on four topic areas: streets and transportation, public realm (parks, amenities), infrastructure and land uses and density.

"We heard from quite a few Edmontonians at the workshops," said Joyce Drohan, Director, Urban Planning, Perkins+Will. "They were very passionate about what they would like to see in this new community. We'll take this valuable input, adjust our master plan and come back in January to reconfirm with citizens what we heard in October."

Through evaluation forms, citizens agreed the workshop was valuable, facilitators were helpful, they understood the purpose of the workshop and a clear majority of citizens understood the project better after attending the workshops. A summary of citizen input provided on topics such as housing, transportation, land economics and infrastructure can be found on the web at www.edmonton.ca/ccr on the Public Consultation page (2011 Workshop Feedback Summary).

A second series of workshops is planned for February 2012, where adjustments will be reconfirmed and then finalized and presented to Edmontonians at the final spring 2012 workshop. We would like your attendance and input at our future sessions, regardless if you were able to make it out in October.

In addition to citizen sessions, over 25 stakeholder meetings are taking place throughout 2011 and 2012 with more than 14 cluster groups such as housing groups, developers, faith-based groups, social service agencies, post-secondary agencies, arts and culture and sustainability experts, among others.

Councillor Kim Krushell chairs the Stakeholder Committee with representatives from the adjoining community leagues and business associations, NAIT, Kingsway Mall, CN Rail, the Alberta Aviation Museum, Workers Compensation Board and City administration. This Committee also provides input to the Master Plan Design Team and information back to their communities and member organizations.

The 15-month master planning process is expected to wrap up in November 2012.

Master Plan Deliverables

- Master Plan for entire property
- Structure Plan
- Documentation for zoning applications, including any proposed legislative code amendments
- A design manual which articulates the process and development design guidelines





Photos courtesy of Edmonton Airports

Medevac update

Alberta Health Services, Alberta Health and Wellness, STARS and Edmonton Regional Airports Authority have been working towards establishing a new dedicated air ambulance facility at Edmonton International Airport. This facility would allow for building and patient care response efficiencies through on-site collaboration of ground, fixed, and rotary winged transport.

Hangar and office space as well as vacant land for new hangar construction are available.

Air ambulance services will continue to operate from Edmonton City Centre Airport and Edmonton International Airport until these services are consolidated at Edmonton International Airport. Protocols exist for air ambulance diversions to Edmonton International Airport, where a ground ambulance is kept ready for Medevac flight needs, as required.

On May 5, 2011, the Health Quality Council of Alberta released a report recommending that a dedicated facility at Edmonton International Airport (EIA) be built to house incoming and outgoing flights and patients and which provided recommendations to facilitate this new location. The recommendations in this report are being addressed.

The City continues to work with all partners to ensure the best medical service for all Albertans.



City Centre Redevelopment information online 24/7

Want to know the latest on the City Centre Redevelopment project? What did Perkins+Will present to Council? When is the next public consultation session? Where can I find the Perkins+Will work plan? What was presented at the October public consultation sessions?

It's all online at
www.edmonton.ca/ccr



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Federal funding option possible for district energy and heat system

As part of Perkins+Will's conceptual plan, design engineers have proposed a district heating and energy system that would provide all the required power and heat for the future community. This could include generating heat through biomass and deep geothermal processes. Any excess electricity produced could be sold to the grid.

These potential innovations mean the community could be net carbon neutral (over the course of a year the power and heat requirements are produced in a manner that do not contribute to global warming) and even beyond carbon neutral.

In October 2011 City Manager Simon Farbrother made a written request to the P3 Canada Fund that the City Centre Redevelopment's concept for a district energy and heating system be considered for federal grant funds.

The P3 Canada Fund is a program that funds up to 25% of selected public infrastructure projects that have strong potential to be delivered through a private/public partnership.

To meet P3 Canada's timelines, administration submitted an application for funding through this program for a district energy plant and distribution network, to serve the City Centre Redevelopment.

Submission of this application serves as a place-holder for potential use of these funds and does not obligate the City to put in a district energy plant.

To qualify for funding consideration, a formal business case must be submitted to P3 Canada by March 31, 2013. The information required to complete the Business Plan, (including costs, plant size, type of plant, distribution network, operations, maintenance) will be developed through the Master Plan process.

This is a quarterly newsletter about the City Centre Redevelopment project. More information about this project is available at:

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