

CITY CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

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Summer 2011



Photo courtesy of Perkins + Will

Vancouver-based Perkins + Will won the right to lead one of Edmonton's largest land transformations in decades.

The firm was chosen from three international finalists to develop a master plan to redevelop the City Centre Airport lands into a sustainable, transit-oriented, family friendly community for up to approximately 30,000 residents.

"This is a historic day for our city and a significant milestone for this project," says City Manager Simon Farbrother. "We're excited to move the project forward – this is just another step in the transformation of our downtown area. As the developer for the site, the City will ensure Council's vision is met to make this development world-leading ecologically, economically and socially."

A selection committee made up of local, national and international experts in business, sustainability, urban planning and policy made the recommendation to City Council, who endorsed the selection in an in-private Council meeting.

The City will now negotiate a contract with Perkins + Will that will detail the project deliverables, the work plan schedule and the public engagement plan. During the next 15 months, stakeholders, community leagues and citizens will be consulted for input on the site's development, turning the initial concepts into a master plan.

Perkins + Will proposal focussed on making sure the new community had a strong connectivity to nature, history, economic opportunity and adjacent communities. Perkins + Will has extensive experience in urban planning and design, architecture, sustainable development, engineering, and building form and landscape architecture and employ 1,500 people worldwide.

They have more LEED® Accredited Professionals than any design firm as ranked by Building Design+Construction Magazine. They also pride themselves on being the premiere Green Design leaders in Canada with one of the largest portfolio of completed green buildings in North America and the highest percentage of LEED® Accredited Professionals in the industry.

You can also view the winning team's concepts and video online at: www.edmonton.ca/ccr

Perkins + Will chosen to transform airport lands

Redevelopment Timeline

- **June-July 2011**
- The City and Perkins + Will negotiate a contract
- **Summer 2011 to Fall 2012**
- 15-month Master Plan process begins
- **Summer 2011 to Fall 2012**
- Through the Master Plan process, we will continue to meet with citizens and ask for input on various components of the design and development of this site.
- **Summer 2013**
- Detailed design will be completed, then initiate construction tenders for Phase 1 of the development.
- **Summer 2014** – Anticipated first shovel in ground for infrastructure.



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Medevac report released

The Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) Review of the Safety Implications for Patients Requiring Medevac Services to and from the Edmonton International Airport was released May 5 at a news conference and online.

The City supports this review to ensure all parties will work along with Alberta Health Services to ensure the best medical service for Albertans. Any Medevac concerns must be resolved to the satisfaction



Photo courtesy of Alberta Health Services

of the Province first before the City Centre Airport would be fully closed. A future vote of City Council must occur prior to the City Centre Airport being fully closed.

The report does not affect plans to redevelop these lands, rather it provides recommendations to ensure Medevac and emergency services from Edmonton International Airport to city hospitals are properly looked after.

We will not proceed with full redevelopment until the medevac issues are addressed and services are consolidated at the Edmonton International Airport in a manner approved by Alberta Health Services.

For a copy of the report, go to:
www.hqca.ca/

Indy is back; race course altered on airport lands site



Photo courtesy of Raceweek Edmonton

We are excited to have the Edmonton Indy returning to Edmonton for three more years, at least until 2013. The race is being moved to the decommissioned eastern runway 16-34, along Bush Pilot Road and on Delta taxi-way.

“To facilitate the race, some concrete material is being removed from non-race runway areas and recycled for the race track,” says Phil Sande, Executive Director, City Centre Redevelopment project. “Recycling the concrete in this way makes the most sense economically and environmentally.”

This will be an excellent race with the drivers having already expressed that they like the track, and the increased speed it will provide. Come out and join us, it will be fun.

The Edmonton Indy runs July 22 – 24, 2011. For race information, go to: www.edmontonindy.com



Citizens respond to design competition public consultation

More than 1,000 people poured through City Hall and five other venues from Feb. 15 to March 1, to view and provide comments on the five finalist designs during the latest public consultation phase of the master plan design competition. The City's website had more than 15,000 visitors who viewed the submissions, including videos online.

More than 530 people filled out comment forms both online and in person. These comments were provided to the selection committee to help in the committee's deliberations and they will be provided to Perkins + Will to consider during the 15-month master plan process, once a successful contract is negotiated.

Significant additional public consultation will happen once the master plan process begins.



Display space at City Hall to feature City Centre Redevelopment project

City administration is currently working on creating a Transforming Edmonton Exhibition Space at City Hall to display information about transformative projects such as LRT expansion, the Downtown Arena Project and City Centre Redevelopment, among others. Expect to see a display in City Hall's northeast corner by fall 2011.



Update: Site environmental assessment

A Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment of the east portion of the City Centre Airport site identified three locations where there were contaminants above acceptable criteria. The contamination noted in these three locations is not severe and can be readily looked after when the soil is being moved through the redevelopment. The west portion of the site will also be tested later in conjunction with the 15-month 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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