

THE EDMONTON GALLERIA PROJECT

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City Council Executive Committee Endorses Edmonton Galleria Project

Edmonton City Council's Executive Committee unanimously agreed yesterday to support the Edmonton Galleria Project and move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Edmonton and the EDACC Foundation. The MOU will set out the terms for the City's contribution of \$58.3M and the Foundation's commitments to the City regarding development and operations.

Executive Committee's decision was very important. It provided the firm endorsement needed to move the project forward, particularly in discussions with other levels of government and potential tenants.

The River Valley Room at City Hall was packed with supporters, demonstrating how important the project is to them, their organizations and Edmontonians in general. The diversity of support expressed by hundreds of people in the weeks and months leading up to this moment is greatly appreciated.

Next steps for the project include working on the details of the MOU with City Administration and briefing the new provincial government on the importance of the Edmonton Galleria Project as a city building, charitable endeavour for the benefit of arts and culture in Edmonton. We will also continue our communications and engagement efforts.

Public Spaces Advisory Committee Announced

The EDACC Foundation announced to Executive Committee yesterday it's intention to create an advisory committee regarding the Edmonton Galleria Project's public spaces. Public spaces include the theatres, the Galleria plaza and walkways. The advisory committee's composition will include a wide diversity of people representing the arts, culture and Aboriginal communities, business and neighbourhood groups, social and community agencies, youth and students, the U of A, City of Edmonton, tourism, downtown planners and others. Stay tuned for more details...



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