

News Release

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Edmonton's top-10 discussion topics for April

— *Connect2Edmonton celebrates its one-year anniversary*

Edmonton's online community (www.connect2edmonton.ca) is celebrating its one-year anniversary with over 1,200 registered members in at least 24 countries. C2E has now also surpassed 30,000 postings and had a record 20,000-plus unique visitors in January 2007.

Here are the top-10 discussion topics among Edmonton enthusiasts as announced today by C2E:

1. New tallest?

C2E members debate which building is the tallest in the city ... which leads to interesting deliberations on height restrictions imposed by City Centre Airport.

2. Vancouver real estate cheaper than Edmonton?

One member started a heated debate by suggesting that a young professional can get better value buying a condo in Vancouver rather than Edmonton.

3. Proposal made to develop valley park

The recently proposed plans to rezone Louise McKinney park divide C2E members into those for developing and those for preserving Edmonton's river valley.

4. Downtown Architecture – The Good / Bad / Ugly

The architecture and buildings forum continues to grow, with special interest in the artistic renderings of new developments slated for the downtown area.

5. The historical designation of Arlington Apartments

C2E members have mixed views about the proposed design of a new building on the historic Arlington site.

6. Current and future list of construction projects

This fascinating thread looks at how we can expect the landscape of our city to change over the coming years ... and includes photos of artist renderings where available.

7. YEG will see a minimum 15.5% growth over the year

Touted as the fastest growing airport in Canada, members wonder if the proposed expansion to a 7.5-million-person capacity is too conservative.

8. Rexall renovation would cost \$250M

A topic on many Edmontonians' minds, C2E members debate whether the proposed downtown arena would revitalize the downtown ... and whether it would be worth the estimated cost.

9. Condo renovations gone awry

Members sound off on how the current booming real estate market can lead to less than unique design choices for builders.

10. Filthy Edmonton

Do Edmontonians' not think their city is first class? That is a question posed by one of many members looking for reasons why Edmonton streets seem so littered and dirty.

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