

News Release

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Edmonton's top-10 discussion topics for February

— *Connect2Edmonton attracts 1,000-plus members and 22,000 postings*

A bold new online concept launched just 10 months ago, Connect2Edmonton.ca (C2E) now has 1,032 registered members in 25 countries.

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

1. Great ideas for a greater Edmonton

Last month's release of 10 priority ideas emerging from C2E's recent contest continues to generate additional suggestions from members and positive media attention.

2. High Street (124th Street)

Two separate discussions focus on how 124th Street can organically become Edmonton's next major shopping and entertainment district with a more upscale focus than Whyte Avenue.

3. Is the AGA design truly unique to Edmonton?

Passionate discussion continues on the Art Gallery of Alberta's new building design by architect Randall Stout, including reference images posted by members.

4. Flying back from Vancouver, people talking about Edmonton

A flight attendant's negative comments on Edmonton triggered this interesting discussion about how we should better promote the city.

5. Liquor stores closing hours

The recent proposal to end retail liquor sales at 11 p.m. has prompted some members to wonder if the real issue is simply over-consumption.

6. Importance of literacy to Edmonton's economic development

An intriguing guest column by Allan Scott, president and CEO of Edmonton Economic Development Corp. generated discussion around academic achievement, immigration support and local family literacy resources.

7. New condo questions

The Buildings and Architecture forum highlights the initially favourable response to a new high-rise condominium proposal.

8. **Too little too late?**

Does Edmonton's architecture preserve, promote and expand our city's reputation as an arts community?

9. **Region must pull together to become a global player**

A topic of growing interest, members discuss the proposed regional meeting in St. Albert in January and express their disappointment at the outcome.

10. **Gone but not forgotten**

A nostalgic discussion of the "good old days" of Edmonton's downtown club, pub and arts scene found in the General Discussion forum.

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