

# News Release

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## Edmonton's top-10 discussion topics for September

— *Members now voting for favourite Edmonton pictures*

Connect2Edmonton.ca (C2E) now has more than 2,000 registered members in 27 countries and an astounding 57,700 online postings. Just as importantly, C2E's interactive website continues to attract 23,000-plus unique visitors each month.

Contributing to C2E's growing popularity is *Snap Edmonton*, an innovative online contest inviting regional residents to submit interesting photos that portray life in Greater Edmonton. Hundreds of photos were received for the summer contest; C2E members are now voting online for their favourite images. Winning photos will receive prizes and promotion thanks to contest partners McBain Camera, the Edmonton Examiner and CBC Television. Details of the next *Snap Edmonton* photo contest will be announced soon.

Here are C2E's current the top-10 discussion topics as announced today:

### 1. **LRT development**

City planners take note: C2E members are using this online poll to rate the next priority areas for possible LRT expansion. <http://www.connect2edmonton.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?t=4687>

### 2. **Rave reviews for new tower plans**

C2E members are singing the praises of the cosmopolitan design plan for the new 41-floor "Edmontonian" residential downtown tower. <http://www.connect2edmonton.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?t=4744>

### 3. **Bullet train**

A provincial government document reporting a viable market exists for the commuter train service has re-energized online discussions surrounding the multi-billion-dollar high-speed rail link between Edmonton and Calgary. <http://www.connect2edmonton.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?t=4470>

### 4. **Stationlands delay**

This forum continues to question if the Stationlands development will ever become a reality. Ongoing discussions by C2E members illustrates the high priority Edmontonians continue to place on downtown redevelopment. <http://www.connect2edmonton.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?t=4561>

### 5. **New building height restrictions**

A lively discussion is taking place regarding the proposed development of a 114-unit, 26-storey apartment building located at 9806-104 Street. At issue is the rezoning required to increase the site's current 15-storey restriction. <http://www.connect2edmonton.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?t=4483>

**6. Fixing the LRT**

A C2E member's posting of Edmonton LRT's 'gradual and noticeable degradation' has generated practical suggestions on how to improve the LRT riding environment, including renderings of the new LRT cars now on order. <http://www.connect2edmonton.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?t=4395>

**7. Condolences and concern**

After a summer of highway fatalities, C2E members are actively sharing their concerns about Albertan's driving habits and busy highways. This thread includes poignant comments from members who have recently lost friends and family to highway accidents.

<http://www.connect2edmonton.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?t=4443>

**8. Edmonton air service**

C2E members are passionate about Edmonton air linkages including Air Canada's recent service expansion to key Western Canadian routes and the Edmonton-London (Heathrow) route.

<http://www.connect2edmonton.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?t=4579>

**9. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue interchange**

City Council's approval of construction on the interchange at 23rd Avenue and Gateway Boulevard has generated heated online discussions about the economics – and timing – of this controversial project. <http://www.connect2edmonton.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?t=4670>

**10. Municipal election heats-up**

Discussion has already begun, weighing the pros and cons of different council candidates in Edmonton's upcoming election. This is sure to be a top discussion item next month when C2E's new election forum launches for candidates and constituents alike.

<http://www.connect2edmonton.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?t=4547>

C2E was conceived and funded by Edmonton Economic Development Corp. with promotional support from Edmonton Airports, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) and the City of Edmonton. It is an autonomous, non-political, member-led organization supported by a cadre of pro-Edmonton volunteers and representatives from partner organizations. Membership is free for everyone.

Visit [www.connect2edmonton.ca](http://www.connect2edmonton.ca) to join Edmonton's global revolution and submit photos for the next *Snap Edmonton* photo contest.

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