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CITY'S ONLINE COMMUNITY LIVELY

Connect2 Edmonton—C2E—continues to generate new ideas and issues of interest to Edmonton enthusiasts. The group now has more than 380 members in at least nine countries, and plans to have more than 1,000 members in 20 countries by the end of the year. Among the topics of current interest are the Rosedale Power Plant redevelopment (what to do with the area overall when the plant shuts down for good in the near future); river valley improvements (this one has generated many ideas about what we can—and should or should not—do about the river valley to make it even more attractive); international air service (easily one of the most popular discussions, especially with the incredible surge in air traffic growth at Edmonton International this year); buildings and architecture (lots of interesting threads there); and much more.

C2E at www.connect2edmonton.ca is without doubt a “community” that wears its passion for Edmonton on its sleeve, and that is a good thing. It serves to stimulate discussion, generate ideas, and moreover it is taken seriously by those who have the ability to make a difference. As this column was being written, a new post was reviewed from one of C2E’s more prominent members: Mayor Stephen Mandel.

If you haven’t checked C2E out, please do. The more, the merrier.