

Station Lands Holds Ground Breaking Ceremony for EPCOR Tower and Unveils Proposed Portrait Gallery of Canada Model

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The new EPCOR Tower at Station Lands is now officially under construction. With work underway on this 9.2 acre site, this state of the art LEED ® Silver Standard project will be completed for its first tenants to move in before the end of 2011. Located on the west end of the site fronting 101st Street between 104th and 105th Avenues, the EPCOR Tower holds the distinction of being the first new office tower to commence construction in downtown Edmonton's financial centre in more than two decades.

“It is exciting to see dirt moving and construction beginning, turning this project from a plan on paper to an active construction site,” said EPCOR President and CEO Don Lowry. *“This building will truly be a landmark in the City, representing EPCOR’s growth and environmental commitment and Qualico’s vision for this area.”*

This phase of the Station Lands project will contain approximately 614,000 square feet with 265,000 square feet at the top of this new addition to Edmonton's skyline being reserved for EPCOR. On it's own, this first of Station Lands' four planned towers will be the second largest private office tower development in downtown Edmonton and at 28 stories with 14 foot floor-to-floor heights will be Edmonton's second tallest building as well. When fully built out, this mixed use development will include more than 2,500,000 square feet of office, retail, hotel and residential living spaces in a fully integrated downtown environment.

“This Qualico development exemplifies a confidence in our City – a confidence in our downtown and a confidence in Edmonton’s future,” says Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel. *“It’s a pivotal piece of our long-term downtown vision,”* he said, *“and it will be gratifying to see another crane on Edmonton’s downtown skyline.”*

Qualico also unveiled a model of their proposed submission to bring the Portrait Gallery of Canada to downtown Edmonton. If successful, the Gallery would be another important addition to downtown Edmonton's Arts District, joining the Winspear Centre, the Art Gallery of Alberta, the Citadel Theatre, the Edmonton Public Library and Sir Winston Churchill Square as highlights of the District. Along with City Hall's public spaces and many of the other public and private venues in the immediate area, the Gallery would join one of the most vibrant and diversified cultural nodes anywhere in the country.

Qualico's Station Lands is the first of many anticipated new projects and additions to Edmonton's downtown as it continues to be “the right place” for a wide range of people and an even wider range of activities and events.

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