

# **MEET OUR TEAM**

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the North Saskatchewan River

150 km of winding paths scattered

throughout the city and find yourself

surrounded by wildlife as you take in

the beautiful views of the cityscape.

Funicular - your link from Downtown

able to take in the sights, sounds and

scenery as you ride along the side of

the bank in the glass-walled elevator.

you explore the Commonwealth

interactive app and embark on the

Walkway with the help of an

Quest for the Golden Key!

Take your adventures up a notch, when

Edmonton to the river valley. You'll be

Catch a free ride on the 100 Street

# WHY MEET IN EDMONTON?

With a city-wide network of doers and makers, we're ready to roll up our sleeves and make big things happen. Our "All In" tagline is more than the dates, space, and rates for your conference. It's a promise we're making to planners to connect you with our local entrepreneurs, experts, and academics from our key economic sectors, who will take your event to the next level.

There's green space, and then there's Valley, North America's largest stretch of urban parkland. At 22 times the size of New York City's Central Park, there is tons to explore. Stroll through the

# Ice District

A dream nearly a decade in the making, ICE District is a mixed-use sports and entertainment quarters being developed on 25 hectares of land in downtown Edmonton. Soon to be completed, this celebrated development will combine a mix of condo and office buildings, a public plaza, a casino, hotel, retail space, and Rogers Place – a state-of-the-art sports & entertainment arena, all in one central location.



# Unique Experiences and **Year-Round Festivals**

Edmonton is a city that loves it all. Whether you want to go on a local craft brewery tour, check out the festivals or just explore our city's natural urban habitat. With over 50 festivals annually, and with so much to see, and even more to do, there is no shortage of excitement to fill your stay - whether it's 30 degrees above or below.

# Venues

Large or small, modern or historic, mind-blowing or mind-expanding, our meeting spaces aren't just rooms; they're incubators for great ideas and connections that will foster better business for you. With over 650,000 square feet of functional space combined, Edmonton's two convention centres are ready to make your event a success.



# EDMONTON All in.



We wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory and a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous Peoples, including the Cree, Saulteaux, Nitisitapi - Blackfoot and Nakota Sioux peoples, and home of the Métis. We also acknowledge our Treaty obligations and are committed to living in accordance, with collaboration and friendship.

Proudly Connected to: TRAVEL ALBERTA DESTINATION CANADA **PCMA** CSAE CANSPEP **IMEX GROUP CONFERENCE DIRECT ASAE** MPI AILA **CI EVENTS GO WEST CVENT** ICCA **HELMS BRISCOE MEETING ENCORE STRATEGIC SITE SELECTORS** 



# **HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES**

Edmonton is a medical research powerhouse, home to world-class medical facilities, established health companies and fine post-secondary institutions. This robust and well-connected ecosystem provides researchers and entrepreneurs with an ideal, strategic opportunity to innovate and experiment with new protocols, devices and procedures.

The University of Alberta is one of the leading academic health science centres in the world, internationally recognized for ground-breaking research across a wide variety of health disciplines including; cardiology, diabetes, oncology, virology and organ transplantation.

With rapid advancement in the field of core AI and Machine Learning Research, the University of Alberta's Department of Computer Science is working with our knowledge economy to propel Edmonton's health and life sciences ecosystem forward daily.

Alberta Health Services (AHS), is Canada's largest province wide health care system, headquartered in Edmonton. This fully integrated system is responsible for delivering heath services to more than 4.3 million people living in Alberta.

### **HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS BASED IN EDMONTON**

- Alberta Health Services (AHS) headquarters
- Edmonton Health City
- Alberta Innovates
- Genome Alberta
- University of Alberta
- Kaye Medical Clinic
- Edmonton Clinic Health Academy
- Alberta Diabetes Institute
- Alberta Transplant Institute
- Mazankowski Heart Institute
- Cross Cancer Institute
- TEC Edmonton
- Centre for Advanced Medical Simulation at NAIT
- DynaLIFE Medical Labs

# **AGRICULTURE & AGRI-FOOD PROCESSING** trades

Alberta, with its vast plains and rich farmlands and famous beef, has a history rooted in agriculture and food production. With plenty of know-how and available space, Edmonton is a fertile environment that is well-suited for success in this industry. Alberta is the third largest overall crop producer (by GDP) and the second largest exporter of agricultural products in Canada. An abundance of talent, diverse business incubators and research facilities, and international access through established

agreements and supply chain infrastructure provides a unique opportunity for growing and start-up businesses.

The majority of businesses within the agriculture and food sector in Edmonton fall within agriculture and inputs and food services.

Edmonton also excels within the food and beverage processing subsector, with many of its own local companies supplying retailers and food service providers across the country and beyond its boarders. Some of the local companies include: Alley Kat Brewing Company, Champion Pet Foods, Inovata Foods, Progressive Foods, The Little Potato Company, Kitchen Partners, Sunrise Bakery, and Jacek Chocolate.

# AGRI-FOOD DISCOVERY PLACE (AFDP)

The AFDP is the University of Alberta's pilot plant that is a world class innovative research, training, and technology transfer facility in the agriculture and food sector. AFDP supports five research platform technologies which include: Meat Safety & Processing (level 2 containment); Carcass & Meat Science; Natural Health Products & Functional Food; Animal Nutrient & Ingredient Development (including pet food formulation and extrusion); and fermentation for optimization and scale up of level 1 microorganism.

# AGRIVALUE PROCESSING BUSINESS INCUBATOR (APBI)

The APBI is a multi-tenant facility that provides the infrastructure and services to support and enhance the establishment and growth of new companies and new business ventures in Alberta.



# **ICT & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY**

Embracing innovation and digital technology is essential in this modern world and Edmonton is a key opponent in the research and development of machine intelligence.

The University of Alberta is in the top 100 universities in the world and has been at the forefront of artificial intelligence and machine learning research for the past 25 years. Being named one of three of Canada's national Al hubs leading the Pan-Canadian Al Strategy, an initiative dedicated to AI/ML research, and bringing emerging technologies to the marketplace.

Edmonton has a very strong and supportive innovation and tech ecosystem that includes a reputable talent pipeline

of academia and industry experts, government investment and support, and a diverse array of incubators and research facilities that all work in conjunction to sustain and excel this sector.

# **EDMONTON'S INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM**

DARKHORSE ANALYTICS, an Edmonton based company that specializes in analyzing and visualizing complex data, to identify opportunities for increased efficiency in business models.

BIOWARE, an electronic games designer founded in 1995 by graduates of the UofA and later acquired by Electronic Arts.

JOBBER is another emerging Edmonton based company that brings people and technology together, helping small businesses become successful.

In 2017, Google's U.K. based DeepMind Technologies, opened its first ever international AI research lab in Edmonton. Led by teams of renowned scientists and engineers and backed by some of the most successful technology entrepreneurs in the world, DeepMind is using AI to solve complex problems like climate change.

RBC's research institute, BOREALIS AI, opened its first research labs in Toronto and Edmonton in 2016.

British based technology company IMPROBABLE has opened a new game development studio in Edmonton.

NANOCANADA
A catalyst for the
commercialization of advanced
materials, quantum, and
nanotechnologies, bringing
together industry, government
and academia to examine the
barriers of getting emerging
technologies to the marketplace.

### NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTRE

Established between the National Research Council of Canada and the University of Alberta, this institution is located at the main campus with the primary purpose of nanoscience research.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
Internationally recognized for its
groundbreaking research, the
University of Alberta ranks top 10 in
the world for Artificial Intelligence
and Machine Learning research & is
one of the leading academic health
science centers in the world. UofA
has a large faculty of researchers in
the field and is home to the Alberta
Machine Intelligence Institute.

EDMONTON RESEARCH PARK
The Edmonton Research Park
operates two buildings designed to
nurture research initiatives. The
Advanced Technology Centre
offers growth-accelerating programs,
development advice, support services,
and a modern collaborative space for
fast growing tech focused companies.
The Bio-Technology Business
Development Centre is an accelerator
centre that helps biotechnology firms
to further develop their products to
full market commercialization.

ALBERTA MACHINE
INTELLIGENCE INSTITUTE
The Alberta Machine Intelligence
Institute (AMII) is an
Edmonton-based research lab that
pushes the bounds of academic
knowledge and guides business
understanding of artificial
intelligence. It is home to some of
the world's top talent in machine
intelligence with a team of world
renowned researchers. AMII is
supported by the University of
Alberta, Alberta Innovates, and the
Government of Alberta's Ministry of
Economic Development & Trade.

### TEC EDMONTON

A health-technology accelerator program formed through a joint venture between the University of Alberta and Edmonton Economic Development Corporation. It manages the commercialization of the university of Alberta's technologies and helps emerging technology companies grow successfully.

ALBERTA INNOVATION
CORRIDOR A joint pursuit in
Alberta's big-city innovation
ecosystems, AIC is an advocate fo
technology-enabled innovation
companies in Alberta, Canada.

# ACAMP

Alberta Centre for Advanced MNT Products is a unique industry-led advanced technology product development centre that entrepreneurs count on to move their innovation from proof-of-concept to manufactured product, by providing access to multidisciplinary engineers, technology experts, unique specialized equipment, and industry acumen.

# THE PAN-CANADIAN AI STRATEGY

This \$125 million plan is funded through the Government of Canada and led by the Canadian research institute CIFAR. It aims at aligning Canadian resources, organizations, and Al scientists to make Canada the world's nexus of Al development and commercialization. Three newly established institutes will be collaborating on this five- year plan; Amii (Edmonton), Mila (Montreal), & the Vector Institute (Toronto).

# **ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY**

Sustainability initiatives have become a large part of Edmonton's culture, with a long-term plan in place to make Edmonton a completely carbon neutral city by 2040. Prepared collectively with the support of Edmonton's academic, business, public institution and government communities, Climate Resilient Edmonton, is the city's adaptation and action plan directed at minimizing the exposure of people and assets to the impacts of climate change.

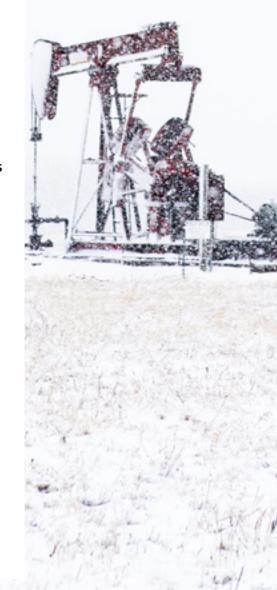
### SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Edmonton is devoted to carrying out this colossal change, by engraving social responsibility into the city's infrastructure and by encouraging people to behave in a socially responsible manner by reducing their carbon footprint.

### **SOURCES OF ENERGY**

- 1. Oil & Gas is not considered the most sustainable form of energy, but petroleum products are still dominant in the global market and essential for meeting global energy demand. Alberta has the world's third largest proven oil reserve, contributing to over 80% of Canada's total oil production, so it is crucial for the development and investment in innovative technologies, to ensure the responsible management of our resources in an environmentally sustainable manner, producing less greenhouse gas emissions.
- 2. Solar energy is one of the most common sources of alternative energy. Edmonton is one of the sunniest cities in Canada with an average of 2,300 hours of sunlight per year, making it the ideal location for harvesting energy through integrated solar cell installations on new and existing infrastructure.
- 3. District Energy Sharing Systems distribute heating and cooling to multiple buildings in an area, such as an entire neighborhood, from a single centralized low-carbon energy source.

  Wind Energy is an alternative source of renewable energy. The province of Alberta plans to add up to 5,000-MW of renewable energy through private sector investment (\$10 billion) by 2030.
- 4. One of the winning bids accepted, was Edmonton based Capital Power, for a 201-MW project in Southern Alberta.





Edmonton is working towards becoming a carbon neutral city and is committed to guiding its planning and investment decisions through its 'Climate Resilience Edmonton' adaptation strategy and action plan.

# Blatchford Project

Blatchford is a community that will transform how people connect with each other, with their city and with the environment. This is one of the largest sustainable development projects in the world, transforming 536 acres of land (Edmonton's former municipal airport) in the heart of Edmonton.

Expected to house over 30,000 residents, the site will be made up of two residential spaces, east and west, divided by a town centre boasting an 80- acre park. Powered entirely by solar and renewable energy sources, like geoexchange and sewer heat exchange that will tie into a high efficiency energy delivery system that replaces traditional furnaces, air conditioners, and boilers in buildings. This centralized <a href="District Energy Sharing.">District Energy Sharing.</a>
<a href="System">System</a> will distribute and share heating and cooling energy between buildings throughout the entire neighborhood.

# Edmonton International Airport IEIAI

Sustainability is one of EIA's core values. This includes being responsible stewards to the natural environment while meeting the Edmonton region's growing need for air service.

- EIA is LEED\* Gold Certified for its new terminal and its Central Tower.
- With the support of EIA, Air Canada has operated eight biofuel Airbus flights from Edmonton to San Francisco since 2012.
   Reducing carbon emissions by over 10 tonnes and representing a 20% reduction in net carbon emissions for every flight, advocating the development of Canadian biofuel to become commercially viable and creating a more sustainable aviation industry.
- Absolute Combustion International and Edmonton International Airport have successfully completed a three-year test to commercialize a faster and more efficient portable diesel aircraft heater that can operate at temperatures as low as -5oC. This can bring the cabin of a Boeing 737 from -3oC to +2oC in half an hour, with a 50-70% reduction in diesel fuel usage and zero carbon monoxide emissions.

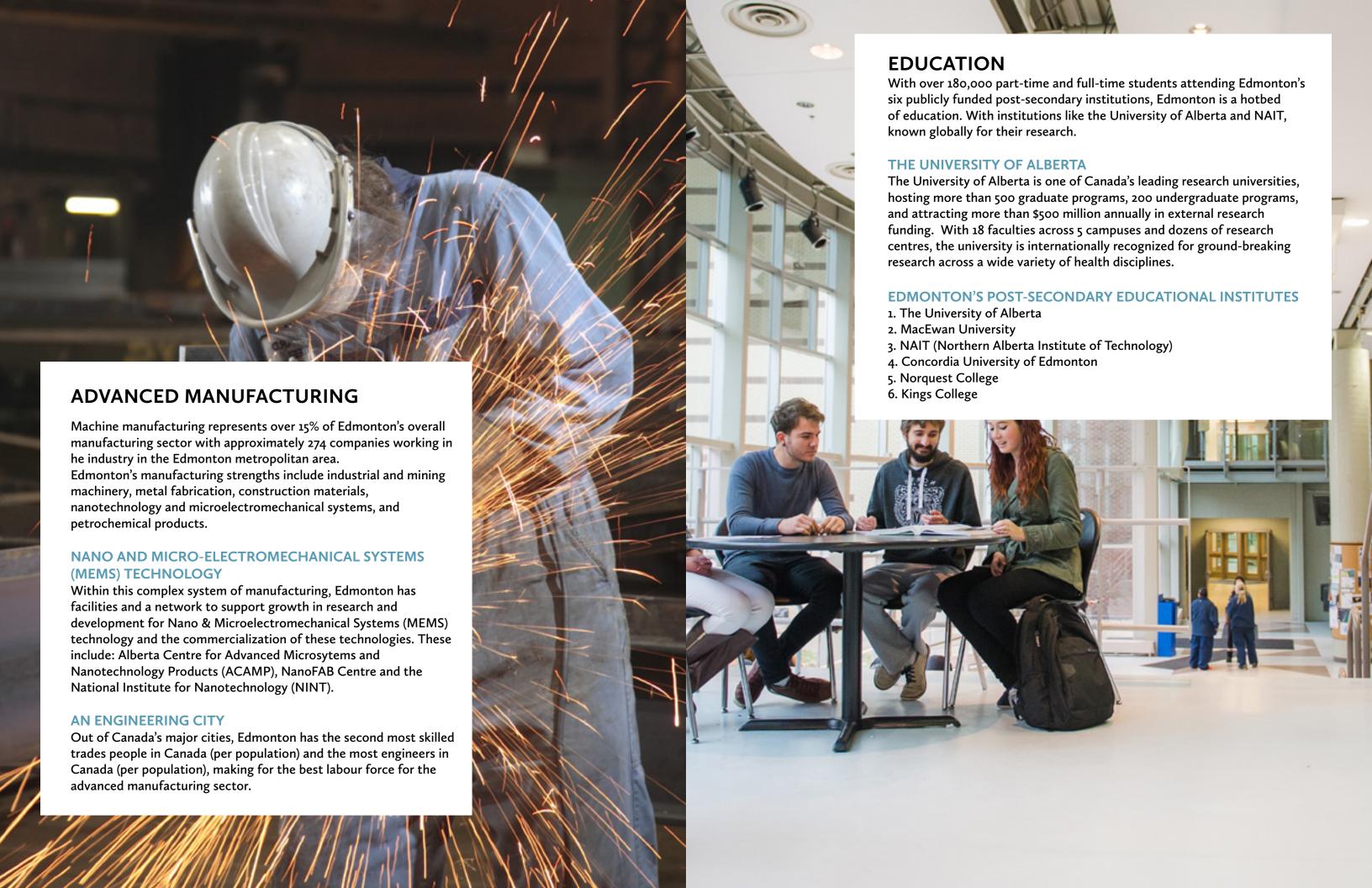


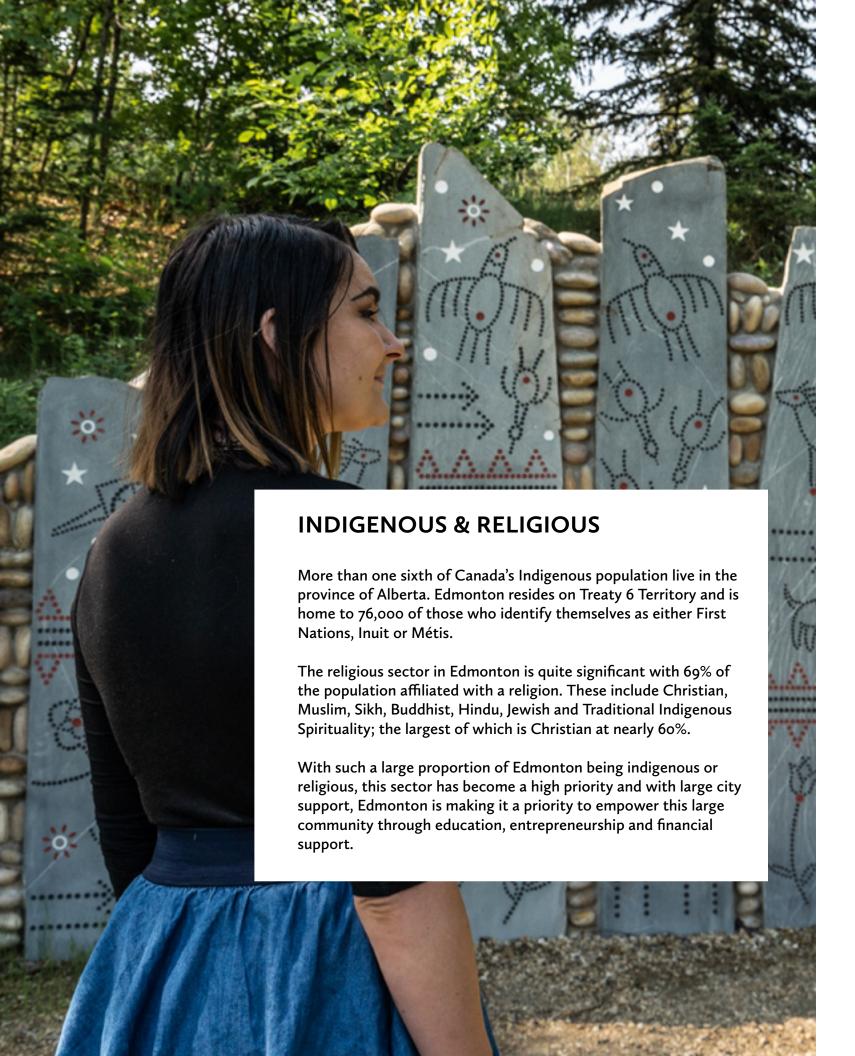
# SUSTAINABLE MEETINGS AT THE EDMONTON CONVENTION CENTRE

The Edmonton Convention Centre is one of only five Canadian venues to be certified to ASTM standards and was the first conference venue in Canada to receive Green Key level five certification. The venue is also a certified Climate Smart business.

Interested in greening your next meeting? The Edmonton Convention Centre's Responsible Events Program was created in response to a growing demand by event planners and attendees to have more environmentally responsible solutions in the meetings and events industries. With the goal of integrating sustainability into every planning conversation, the Responsible Events Program provides value for clients who select plant-based menu options, reduce single-use items, opt-in to donation programs, purchase carbon offsets and participate in post-event reporting.

- Hundreds of tropical plants and a sustainable living wall inside the facility absorb 4,120 lbs of Co2 each year.
- Rooftop gardens, urban beekeeping, and the use of solar energy and permaculture help offset urban "heat island" effects.
- The building is built into the side of the river valley, improving insulation and increasing the building's energy efficiency.
- Hydration refill stations that track the number of bottles diverted from landfills with each refill.
- Fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs grown on rooftop gardens are used in menus prepared at the ECC, reducing food and transportation costs.
- Onsite composting and recycling programs reduce food and packaging waste
- Donation of surplus food to local agencies, further reduce food waste.
- Responsible Meetings pre-planning toolkit guides the planning process in terms of sustainability goals.
- Currently undergoing a \$10.8 million project including the replacement of 696 sloped glass panels, which is currently the largest photovoltaic glass installation in Canada and is expected to be completed by summer 2020.





# Envision Edmonton

The value of our All In promise goes far beyond the room block, meeting space and availability for your conference. We know that a great DMO provides more. The Envision Edmonton program partners with local industry experts to bring meetings and conferences to Edmonton. We know that many organizations, hosting either national or international programs, require the involvement of our Visionaries to represent the organization in the host country.

Our Visionaries are leaders, pioneers or influencers in their field who want to create connections that strengthen Edmonton's economy and community. When we host conferences, these Visionaries not only have the chance to showcase their pride for the city of Edmonton, but they have a lasting impact that goes beyond tourism and economic gain. Visionaries play a key role in promoting Edmonton's innovations and world-renowned research as well as sharing knowledge and boosting credibility.

# \*\*Unat this does for you?\* • Creates international awareness of your event

- Attracts key influencers to Edmonton who will inspire, open new doors, ignite growth and impact the industry
- Brings new voices and faces to the table, expanding your personal network and aiding the development of partnerships from around the world
- Exchange of knowledge and expertise with your peers on an international stage

# Making the Connection

It's important, as you plan, to have all the necessary resources and all the right connections at your fingertips. Whether you need access to a medical simulation centre to observe a surgery taking place, or a customized technical tour of Rogers Place specific to your conference theme and industry sector (risk management, sustainability, engineering, architecture) we can get you where you need to be. We are also well connected with our festival organizers. If your conference dates fall in line with one of our unique festivals taking place in the city, then why not incorporate festival activities into your conference program?



















# THE EDMONTON CONVENTION CENTRE

Located in the heart of downtown with easy access to Light Rail Transit (LRT), shops, restaurants and 3,000+ guestrooms. Your guests' unique experience starts as soon as they step foot into the venue, travelling through the glass atrium that not only overlooks North America's largest urban parkland, but also showcases Edmonton's commitment to sustainability.

# Functional Space

The Edmonton Convention Centre offers over 150,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of flexible and creative space that can host any type of event, conference or convention imaginable. With a variety of rooms, this venue can host anything from a small or large meeting on the Meeting Level, a concert or tradeshow on the Assembly Level, or a formal gala event in Hall D.

# A Culinary Experience to Remember

You will discover the expertise, variety and delicious surprises catered by an award-winning in-house, team led by 2012 Canadian Chef of the Year Serge Belair. With 11 Red Seal chefs delivering an authentic farm to table experience, and sourcing heavily from local producers and community growers, you can customize any meal to feed your body and soul, whether it's dinner for 5 or 5,000. ECC recently launched its brand-new Plant-Based menu, taking food sustainability to the next level. This option will allow you to offer your delegates well balanced meals that are both nutritious and delicious.

# Sustainable Meetings and Permaculture

In alignment with city priorities for social, environmental, and economic sustainability, the Edmonton Convention Centre highlights Edmonton's commitment to sustainability throughout its operations. The ECC contributes to our city's urban biodiversity, featuring an enormous atrium filled with diverse tropical plants, an

indigenous medicine wheel garden, a herb and vegetable garden - pollinated by their very own urban beehive- and a monarch butterfly preservation garden. The facility is ASTM certified and is the first conference centre in Canada to receive Green Key level five status.

# Responsible Meetings Program

The new Responsible Meetings Program was created in response to growing demand for more environmentally responsible solutions in the meetings & events industry. With the goal of integrating sustainability into every planning conversation and providing additional incentives to make the sustainable choice financially viable.

# Urban Beekeeping Program

As part of the City of Edmonton's urban beekeeping program, the ECC hopes to grow its current hive with 8,000 bees to approximately 70,000 bees, allowing the honey harvest to be included within culinary operations.

# Atrium Modernization Project

The ECC has recently undergone a \$10.8 million atrium modernization project that was completed in May 2020. The project includes the replacement of all 696 sloped glass panels with photovoltaic (solar cell) glass units that will convert sunlight into clean electricity. It is estimated that more than 227,000 kilowatt hours of electricity will be generated each year and the panels will reduce anticipated greenhouse gases by over 150,000 kg.

	Pedway Level		А	ssembly Lev	Meetings Level	
CAPACITY CHART	Hall D	Riverview Room	Hall A	Hall B	Hall C	Salons 1-20
Floor Area	23,600 ft²	3,860 ft²	32,000 ft²	25,000 ft²	23,000 ft²	395-3,720 ft²
Maximum Capacity (Banquet)	1,400	130	1,800	1,500	1,500	80-400

# THE EDMONTON EXPO CENTRE

The Edmonton EXPO Centre is the largest meeting venue West of Toronto, boasting 522,000 square feet of flexible meting space to choose from when planning your conference or convention. The building integrates high-tech features with flexible, adaptable, door space to make room for the biggest and best in trade and consumer shows, conferences and special events.

# An Array of Spaces

With eight exhibit halls ranging from 29,500 to 77,500 square feet, including a flat show floor surrounded by 3,200 tiered seats or concerts and plenary sessions, the Edmonton EXPO Centre enables you to program your entire event, show or exhibition in one building, all on one level. Exhibitors can also utilize the conference centre for meetings, seminars, and galas.

The conference centre is comprised of six breakout

rooms with access to outdoor licensed patios as well as the 16,500 ft<sup>2</sup> Alberta Ballroom which is made up of six convertible spaces for meetings big or small.

# Create Your Dream Menu

With an incredible culinary team led by executive chef Jiju Paul, the Edmonton EXPO Centre aims to create the most meaningful social and networking experiences for your guests by offering unforgettable dining experiences with <u>meal programs</u> tailored to your event's requirements.

# Sustainability Practices

Edmonton EXPO is expanding its horizons and expanding its sustainability initiatives, including the use of composting and recycling programs for waste reduction, energy management systems and rooftop beehives.



	Conference Centre		Exhibition Halls							
CAPACITY CHART	Ballroom 101-106	Rooms 107-109	Hall A	Hall B	Hall C	Hall D	Hall E	Hall F	Hall G	Hall H
Floor Area (ft²)	16,500	7,500	53,262	58,104	77,472	53,400	53,836	39,156	29,328	36,126
Maximum Capacity (Banquet)	960 (combined)	360 (combined)	3,050	3,400	4,500	3,200 tiered seating	3,100	1,700	1,400	1,500





Downtown Hotels	Total Guestrooms	Number of Meeting Rooms	Total Meeting Space (fT²)	Largest Meeting Room (ft²)	Capacity (Banquet)	Rating	Distance to Edmonton Convention Centre
Chateau Lacombe Hotel	307	12	14,000	8,756	550	***	o.6 km / o.4 miles
Chateau Nova Hotel & Suites Kingsway	152	3	3,280	2,200	140	***	4.5 km / 2.8 miles
Coast V Plaza Hotel by APA	300	7	14,062	4,365	350	***	1.1 km / 0.7 miles
Courtyard by Marriott Edmonton Downtown	177	4	2,788	1,200	80	***	0.1 km / 400 feet
Days Inn Edmonton Downtown	76	-	-	-	-	***	1.3 km / 0.8 miles
Delta Hotels by Marriott Centre Suites	169	9	8,976	5,778	350	***	o.8 km / o.5 miles
Doubletree by Hilton Edmonton Downtown	255	7	8,646	3,950	240	***	o.5 km / o.3 miles
Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre	260	22	30,000	9,877	700	**	4.5 km / 2.8 miles
Fairmont Hotel Macdonald	198	7	13,458	7,790	280	***	0.3 km / 0.2 miles
Holiday Inn Express Downtwon	140	8	7,100	2,881	200	***	1.1 km / 0.7 miles
JW Marriott Edmonton Ice District	346	10	15,863	11,000	560	****	1 km / 0.6 miles
Matrix Hotel	184	6	8,167	3,976	220	***	1.4 km / 0.9 miles
Sutton Place Hotel	313	10	15,484	5,264	360	***	o.8 km / o.5 miles
Union Bank Inn	34	2	1,250	1,053	60	***	0.3 km / 0.2 miles
Westin Edmonton Downtown	416	15	26,000	9,405	860	***	0.3 km / 0.2 miles
South & West Conference Hotels	Total Guestrooms	Number of Meeting Rooms	Total Meeting Space (fT²)	Largest Meeting Room (ft²)	Capacity (Banquet)	Stars and Service Rating	Distance to Airport
Delta Hotels by Marriott Edmonton South	237	13	25,820	12,079	1,000	***	28.1 km / 17.5 miles
The Raddisson Hotel Edmonton South	235	14	30,000	11,135	504	***	28.1 km / 17.5 miles
Doubletree by Hilton / Home 2 Suites West	238 / 127	16	38,000	15,000	568	***	44.3 km / 27.5 miles
Whyte Avenue & University of Alberta Hotels	Total Guestrooms	Number of Meeting Rooms	Total Meeting Space (fT²)	Largest Meet- ing Room (ft²)	Capacity (Banquet)	Stars and Service Rating	Distance to Airport
Campus Tower Suite Hotel	90	3	2,000	1,145	56	***	30 km / 18.64 miles
Metterra Hotel on Whyte	98	4	2,040	800	60	***	28 km / 18.64 miles
Varscona Hotel on Whyte	89	6	4,000	1,602	100	***	28 km / 17.4 miles

# Getting to Edmonton is easier than ever with over 60 non-stop flights to and from the continually growing Edmonton International Airport. Ranked as the best airport in Canada by 2019 AirHelp Score, based on services and amenities, they're our ally in making sure your delegates have the air access needed to arrive smoothly.

# Non-stop Air Service

**Fact Sheet** 













US

Denver

Houston



Minneapolis

Orlando



















# **CANADA**Abbotsford

Calgary Comox Fort McMurray Fort Mackay Fort Smith Grande Prairie Hamilton Hay River High Level Kelowna London, ON Montreal

Halifax

Ottawa Prince George Regina Saskatoon St. John's Toronto Victoria Whitehorse Winnipeg Yellowknife

Las Vegas Palm Springs
Los Angeles Phoenix
Maui San Francisco
Mesa Seattle

### INTERNATIONAL Amsterdam

Cabo San Lucas Cancun Cayo Coco Huatulco Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo London

Los Cabos Mazatlan Montego Bay Puerto Vallarta Punta Cana Reykjavik Varadero

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# **CONFERENCE SERVICES TEAM**

A conference is a massive undertaking. As the conference planner, you're expected to balance the needs, goals, vision, and budget all while coming up with an inspirational and creative experience. Not to mention the "never before seen" concept that you're hoping to pull off in a brand-new city! In Edmonton, our Conference Services team is here to help. They'll introduce you to the city's best vendors, find unique off-site venues for your delegates, help you with pre- and post-planning, and—here's the best part—introduce you to all the incredible Edmontonians that can take your conference to a whole new level.

# Resources for Planners

Want an off-site venue that will "wow" your delegates? How about the aurora borealis as a guest? Looking for inspiring spaces at the forefront of design and sustainability? No problem. We'll help you find the right spaces and experiences to turn your vision into a reality.

# Stunning Off-Site Venues

Do you want to inspire your delegates in the middle of a national park with majestic roaming bison as scenery? We can make that happen. Do you need a creative thinking space in an architecturally iconic art gallery? Consider it done. We can even create original spaces in conventional places.

# Unique Pre & Post Conference Experiences

Our team will be there every step of the way to make sure your event is a success, including helping to find those Instagram-worthy experiences for your delegates to enjoy before or after the main event.

# Attendance Building

From the moment you decide on Edmonton, we're here to help you build excitement to get your delegates eager to explore our city. We've got award-winning digital content, delegate guides and customizable branded signature stories that demonstrate our All In attitude.

# Site Inspections

With the important details all coming together, it's time to bring that spreadsheet to life with a site visit! You decide the stops, then leave the planning to our team of site experts. Tailored to the needs of your event, your site allows you to see behind the scenes at the presented venues, meet the team that will bring your event to life and experience how Edmonton will WOW your delegates. You'll be accompanied by one of our Explore Edmonton Business Development Account Managers so bring your questions...we're ready for you!

# Technical Tours

We've got your back. With a network of passionate Edmonton Visionaries that can speak directly to your industry, we'll put you in touch with passionate speakers, researchers and entrepreneurs who are eager to tell their story. These connections get you the local support you need, expertise you can trust, and access to technical tours of sites and facilities specific to your conference theme.



RITCHIE MARKET An urban design award winning, multi-use market space that's bursting with energy and local businesses. Proudly home to ACME Meats, a popular butcher, Transcend, a staple Edmonton coffee roaster and café, and Blind Enthusiasm Brewery and Biera, a craft brewer and restaurant that's been dazzling taste buds since it opened.

PRAIRIE GARDENS & ADVENTURE FARM The Farm provides a picture-perfect setting for year-round events of all kinds. Whether you are hosting a longtable farm-to-fork dinner, a corporate retreat, or a company picnic, it is guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience.

THE REC ROOM WEST EDMONTON MALL This hip venue has a number of private and open concept rooms, from the modern boardroom featuring a long central table with comfortable leather chairs, to the large loft-style lounge with reaching windows, comfortable seating, high-top tables, and two pool tables to keep things

THE ENIOY CENTRE Ideal for conferences, trade shows, elegant galas, and even intimate networking functions. The expansive greenhouse's frosted glass ceilings and walls reach overhead to create a sunny and cheery demeanor in a space that can easily accommodate any range of



BLATCHFORD FIELD AIR HANGAR A reconstruction of the first civic hangar on the site of the first municipal air harbor in Canada, this multi-purpose space includes is ideal for all types of events. Fort Edmonton Park's expansive grounds are bursting with historic buildings to bring your private event to life.

**UNIVERSITY OF** ALBERTA DEVONIAN BOTANIC GARDENS A must-visit for lovers of gardens and beautiful things. With 80 acres of display gardens including the Kurimato Japanese Garden, the Indigenous Garden and the new Aga Khan Garden, you will find yourself in stunning world of secluded paths, fruit orchids, waterfalls, still pools, and more.

**NAIT PRODUCTIVITY & INNOVATION CENTRE** Home to advanced manufacturing labs, acceleration spaces for small and medium-sized businesses, a dedicated hub for applied research activity, the Centre is a beautiful destination for conferences and events. From the moment you step inside, your eyes will be drawn to this truly inspiring and ultra-flexible event venue.

CITADEL THEATRE You'll be welcomed inside the Citadel Theatre by a lush atrium of thriving tropical plants and the quiet hum of a beautiful feature water wall. Whether hosting an intimate evening reception or a formal lecture series, the theatre's six unique spaces can accommodate events of any size.







**CENTURY MILE RACETRACK & CASINO** The premier destination for horse racing fans, offering Alberta's only grade 'A' one-mile track. Be track-side to feel the magic of the Thorough-breds in the summer or welcome the sulkies and drivers when harness racing begins.



**ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM** Western Canada's largest museum brings you more than 82,000 square feet of exhibition space, and houses a large and wide-ranging collection of artifacts to foster wonder, inquiry and understanding about Alberta.



**RUTHERFORD HOUSE** Imagine going back to the early 1900's, the time of Alberta's first premier, Alexander Cameron Rutherford. Close your eyes, then listen carefully for creeks and squeaks as this elegant mansion tells its hundred-year-old story with costumed interpreters, guided tours and special events.



WEST EDMONTON MALL At 5.3 million ft<sup>2</sup>, spanning 48 city blocks, WEM is part entertainment complex, part shopping and part dining





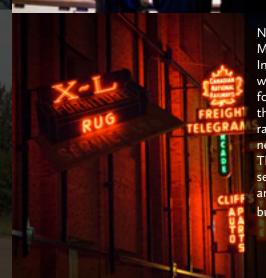
TELUS WORLD OF **SCIENCE EDMONTON** One of Edmonton's most dynamic and unusual event spaces that hosts five fun and exciting permanent exhibit galleries to explore. With interactive gallery spaces, colorful exhibits, Zeidler Dome, and the IMAX screen, the science centre has space for every event under the sun.



ART GALLERY OF ALBERTA With a swirling exterior of zinc, glass and steel inspired by Edmonton's unique northern environment – its silver colour reflects the shimmering, multi-coloured Aurora Borealis. With 85,000 square feet, this state-of-the-art facility caters to a variety of events.



UKRAINIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE VILLAGE History is brought to life in an open-air museum, depicting early settlement in east central Alberta from 1892-1930. Explore over 35 restored historic buildings, interact with costumed interpreters, and immerse yourself in this vital part of Alberta's history.



**NEON SIGN** MUSEUM In the 20th century, neon was an industry standard for sign makers. Nowadays, the fuel and artisans are rare and expensive, making neon signs a dying industry. The Neon Sign Museum serves as a place to display and appreciate the businesses of the past.



**MUTTART** CONSERVATORY With more than 700 species of plants, three climate-regulated biomes, and one feature exhibit showcasing tropical flowers, desert roses, and lush greenery. Tying this quintessential landmark together is a central atrium perfect for networking events.

Closed for renovations through to early 2021



FORT EDMONTON PARK Embark on an iconic journey through the city's incredibly rich history, from Fur Trade to the Roaring Twenties. With numerous special events, theatre shows and live performances, every journey to Fort Edmonton Park is sure to be hunforgettable.

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100 STREET FUNICULAR Awarded with a National Urban Design Award of Excellence in civic design. The funicular links downtown Edmonton to the North Saskatchewan River Valley. Take in the sights and sounds of Edmonton's River Valley as you ride along the side of the bank in the glass-walled elevator.

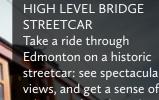


ALBERTA AVIATION **MUSEUM** 

Explore the vintage aircraft that spurred the romance, courage and clashes that mark the last century of flight. Located in the last remaining double-long, double-wide hangar from the World War II era, and at over 75 years old, is a protected municipal and provincial historic resource.



ALBERTA CRAFT **BEER TOURS** Add a little hoppy, frothy goodness to your stay. Alberta Craft Tours takes you on a journey through Edmonton's thriving craft beer scene to discover how passionate tap pullers and a thirst for good beer quickly evolved into a local liquid obsession.



streetcar: see spectacular views, and get a sense of Edmonton's earliest days on the highest streetcar river crossing in the world.



ALBERTA LEGISLATURE A marvel of marble pillars, carved oak, and beautiful Beaux-Arts architecture set atop the banks of the North Saskatchewan River. Learn the fascinating stories behind the portraits and magnificent art on one

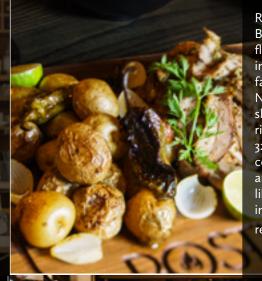
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# BAR CLEMENTINE

This elegant cocktail bar in the Oliver neighborhood is inspired by nature and early 20th century French Art Nouveau. Their impressive cocktails are styled according to the foundations of classical bartending, and pair perfectly with the inventive and delicious



### ROSTIZADO

Bringing the style, spice and flare of Mexico's rosticcerias in food best-devoured family-style. The Nuevo-Latino cooking shows the diverse culinary riches found across the 32 states of Mexico. Slow cooked, heartening, and in an atmosphere that feels like you're at a friend's place instead of a restaurant. Get ready to share!



Serving up handcrafted libations and next-level bar snacks, Alchemy's menu is composed of a curated collection of both vintage and modern cocktails, highlighting a mix of classic recipes, traditional techniques, unexpected flavours, and avant-garde accents & textures. Located at the JW Marriott Edmonton ICE District hotel.



### DOSC

A seamless mid-century modern blend composed of a café, cocktail bar and a steakhouse on 104th Street Promenade. Whether you need to impress a client over dinner, host a networking function, or meet for a casual coffee, DOSC is a highly sought-after venue.

### **RGE RD**

Driven by a passion for Alberta's abundance of quality produce, Chef Blair Lebsack's philosophies around using local, healthy and ethical food was the foundation of his dream to build an urban gathering place where the farm dictates the menu.



# WOODWORK

From wood-fired cooking to barrel-aged spirits, Woodwork will delight your senses. Located in Edmonton's historic McLeod Building, Woodwork is a combination of southern United States fare, barbecue and French influences. Take in the perfect mix of meat, smoke and flame in magnificent

Nestled in the heart of Old Strathcona, PIP is an award-winning intimate 28-seat restaurant offering elevated comfort food for dinner & brunch. With a small but focused wine list and brunch-oriented cocktails, Pip is also THE spot for weekday brunch or a wine date south of the river.



### SABOR

fashion.

Featuring the flavours of Iberian coastal cuisine using sustainable seafood—served alongside the passion and energy of live music with a Latin flare—SABOR brings its guests into the hearts of the two friends who worked together to build a dream.





# SNOWSHOEING Once a traditional mode of transportation for Indigenous people in Canada and still a practical way to explore the land. Dash through the snow and embark on an epic winter adventure or tour!





# ELK ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

The perfect place to day-hike, canoe, camp or spot some bison. Elk Island National Park is a designated dark sky preserve and the cornerstone of Canada's bison conservation. Take part in the Bison Backstage Tour to learn about the bison's history in North America.



little-known facts about Edmonton as you make your way through the North Saskatchewan River Valley.



# ADVENTURE CO.

Located in the heart of the river valley, you can find Segway tours, bike rentals, stand up paddle boarding, and sports equipment just waiting to be put to good use. With over 150 km of trails, Edmonton's river valley is perfect for running, biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

# ICE CASTLES

An award-winning frozen attraction built using hundreds of thousands of icicles hand-placed by professional ice artists. The castle includes breathtaking LED-lit sculptures, frozen thrones, ice-carved tunnels, slides, fountains and much more.

Dates and hours are weather dependent.



MÉTIS CROSSING The first major Métis cultural interpretive centre in Alberta, celebrating the story of the Métis people through traditional crafts, tours, and food experiences. Enjoy a voyageur canoe experience or a tour of the museum and historical village.

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# **AURORA WATCH**

Edmonton is the northernmost metropolis in Canada, and a great place for stargazing with clear winter skies, and incredible views of the aurora borealis. We know you'll get a little starstruck! Make sure you check the forecast, and get ready to get lost in the cosmos!





EDMONTON'S FESTIVALS & MAJOR EVEN	TS
Ice Castles	January - March
Deep Freeze: A Byzantine Winter Festival	January
Boardwalk Ice on Whyte	January-February
Flying Canoë Volant	January- February
Chinook Series	February
Canadian Birkebeiner Ski Festival	February
Silver Skate Festival	February
SkirtsAfire Festival	February-March
Edmonton Poetry Festival	April-May
Northwestfest	May
St. Albert Kinsmen Rainmaker Rodeo & Exhibition	May
International Children's Festival	May
Edmonton Craft Beerfest	May
Nextfest	June
Edmonton Indigenous Peoples Festival	June
Improvaganza	June
Freewill Shakespeare Festival	June-July
The Works Art and Design Festival	June-July
TD Edmonton International Jazz Festival	June
Boardwalk Sand on Whyte	June-July
Canada Day	July
Whyte Avenue Art Walk	July
Edmonton International Street Performers Festival	July
Taste of Edmonton	July
K-Days	July
Edmonton Heritage Festival	August
Edmonton International Folk Music Festival	August
Cariwest - Edmonton Caribbean Arts Festival	August
Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival	August
Servus Edmonton Marathon	August
ITU World Triathlon Grand Final	August
Edmonton Blues Festival	August
Midautumn Festival	September
Kaleido Family Arts Festival	September
Edmonton Comic and Entertainment Expo	September
Edmonton International Film Festival	September-October
Litfest: Edmonton's Non Fiction Festival	October
Edmonton Comedy Festival	October
All is Bright Festival	November
Luminaria	December



# Ice District

With its commanding presence over the downtown core, Rogers Place is one of Edmonton's most recognizable buildings and impressive event spaces. This magnificent arena, designed and engineered to make lasting impressions, is home to the Edmonton Oilers hockey team. The development of ICE District is nearing completion with its twenty-five acres of construction in the heart of Edmonton's growing downtown. When complete, ICE District will comprise of the state-of-the-art arena 'Rogers Place' as its centerpiece, the adjoining 'Ford Hall', a central public plaza which will be the hub and connector to a number of retail shops, restaurants, office towers, casino and JW Marriott's newest addition to their collection.

# Rogers Place

Home to Edmonton Oilers with a seating capacity of up to 18,500 as a hockey venue and 20,734 people as a concert venue. Rogers Place is the first NHL facility in Canada to receive LEED Silver certification for the planning, design, and construction of the arena and adjacent facilities.

# Ford Hall

A multi-purpose indoor venue with 24,000 square feet of indoor pillar-less space and floor to ceiling windows that overlook downtown.

# Public Plaza

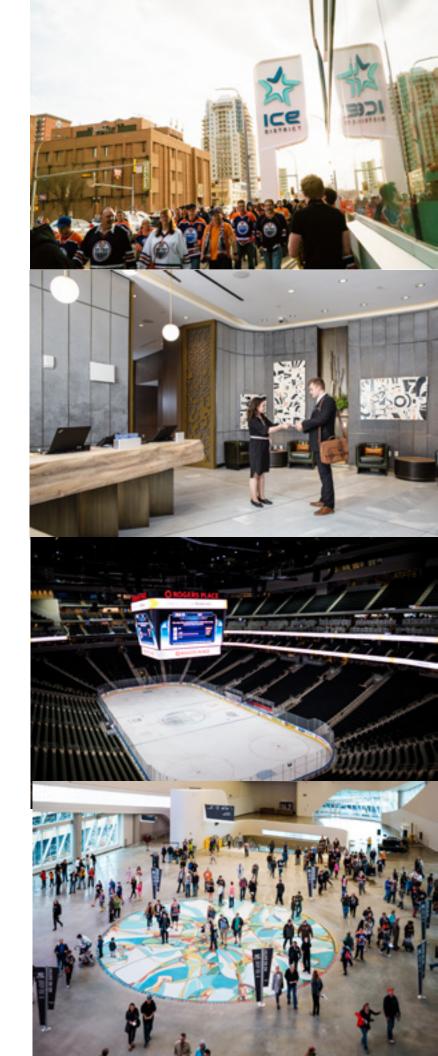
77,000 square feet of outdoor public space. JW Marriott Hotel, a 346-room luxury hotel connected to Roger's Place with a signature spa and conference facilities.

# Stantec Tower

Stantec's new home, standing tall at 69 stories (251m) making it the tallest building west of Toronto.

# **Casino**

A first-class entertainment and gaming destination with over 60,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of entertainment space options.





Whether you are looking for a destination to host a single event or an entire conference program, Edmonton is the perfect destination. We understand that as a meeting planner, you are accountable for delivering excellence on every aspect of the event and that's why we want to help by connecting you with the right venues, hotel, suppliers and a network of industry experts, so that your event is a success that everyone will be talking about.

For more information about hosting your event in Edmonton, please submit your RFP below or contact the Meetings and Conventions team directly.

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