



## **Council votes to request closure of Edmonton City Centre Airport November 30, 2013**

### ***Construction of Blatchford Redevelopment slated to start in 2014***

In order to move forward on the Blatchford Redevelopment project, Edmonton City Council has directed city administration to request that the Edmonton Regional Airports Authority (ERAA) take the necessary steps for full closure of the Edmonton City Centre Airport at 11:59 p.m., November 30, 2013.

This enables the City to continue with the implementation of Council's vision for the Blatchford Redevelopment, which is to create one of Canada's largest sustainable mixed-use developments that offers a walkable, transit-oriented and family-friendly community.

Construction of underground infrastructure is slated to begin in 2014. Once the airport is closed, the project team will begin preconstruction work, which includes removal and recycling of the existing runways and other hard surfaces to supply aggregate for future Blatchford roads. That work is expected to begin as early as December 2013.

As part of the process, ERAA will notify airport users and pilots by issuing Notices to Airmen (NOTAM), through NAV CANADA. On December 1, 2013 ERAA will place barricades on the remaining runway 12/30 to prevent access to the runway, and the runway will be clearly marked to signal to pilots that it is closed.

In July 2009, City Council approved the phased closure of the City Centre Airport, for the purpose of redeveloping the site. Runway 16/34 was closed in August, 2010 as part of initial phase of the closure.

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