



Edmonton Commemorates Airport Closure

Media are invited to attend events marking the closure of the Edmonton City Centre Airport. The City Hall media event will include the unveiling of two items to commemorate the airfield's history by Councillor Bev Esslinger, City of Edmonton, and David Ridley, Executive Director of the Edmonton Heritage Council.

Media will then be invited to meet at the City Centre Airport. Media will be escorted to a location on the airfield to capture the touch-and-go landing and flypast of a CF-18 jet from the 409 Squadron out of 4 Wing Cold Lake. This acknowledges the airfield's history as two Royal Canadian Air Force Siskins were the first aircraft to land when Blatchford Field officially opened in 1927.

Date: Saturday, November 30, 2013

Times & Locations:

3:30 p.m. City Hall, mezzanine level, northwest corner
4:10 p.m. City Centre Airport muster point (*see attached map*)

[City Centre Airport Media Access Map](#)

*NOTE: Latecomers will not get access to the airfield

Order of events:

3:30 p.m. Media event at City Hall begins
3:45 p.m. Media event ends
4:10 p.m. Media muster at City Centre Airport
4:20 p.m. Media access to airfield closes. Media briefing begins.
4:35 p.m. CF-18 touch-and-go
4:49 p.m. CF-18 flypast and runway lights go out as airport closes
5:00 p.m. Edmonton Airports crews begin work to close the airport:
- placing plastic Xs on runway
- removing lights and signs

Event timeline may change suddenly due to weather or operational considerations. Please RSVP with a contact name, number and email so we can ensure appropriate security escorts to site and send a notification on any changes to the event schedule.

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