

# Expansion at EIA

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## Scaling New Heights

### EIA welcomes 2014 with new look, new facilities, new record high passenger totals

If you haven't been to EIA in the past year, you'll barely recognize the place. EIA's Expansion 2012 project, which opened with a bang in February 2012 with the unveiling of the new US Departures Lounge, continued with the opening of the new Central Tower in March and will come to a conclusion in early 2014 with the opening of the EIA Renaissance by Marriott Hotel.

The US Departures area together with the new Domestic-International Passenger Lounge, which opened in September 2012, add 50 percent more space to the terminal as well as nine new aircraft bridges, bringing the total up to 26. In addition, the expansion gives the airport world-class new dining and retail outlets, more efficient baggage and customs facilities, new sustainability measures, new public art installations and a new 'Cargo Village' that will help us grow our regional economy.

2013 was also a year of record-breaking passenger traffic. Total passenger numbers for 2013 reached over 6.9 million, an all-time record and an increase of 4.6% from 2012. The expansion gives EIA room for even more growth in the years to come, with the airport aiming to break the 10-million passenger mark by 2020!

#### Chicer Treats, Tastier Eats

EIA now has 61 shopping and dining outlets, more than double the pre-expansion number. Among the new highlights are the Belgian Beer Café, the Heineken Lounge, Caffè Sorrentino, Dufry Duty-Free and Discover Alberta in the Domestic-International area, Coney Island Candy, iStore, Indigo Spirit and Houston Steak and Ribs in the new Central Hall, and Wings, Chili's Express and Artizan in the US Departures area. All the more reason than ever to come to the airport early!

Those looking to relax in comfort and in style before their flight can enjoy EIA's two new Plaza Premium Lounges. Located in the US and Domestic-International areas respectively, these two pay-in lounges offer first-class comfort, workstations, buffet dining and beverages to all passengers, regardless of destination and class of travel.

#### Quicker Baggage Delivery, Quicker Exits

EIA inaugurated a new ultra-efficient baggage delivery system in September 2012. The new baggage delivery system features three baggage carousels – up from the previous two – in the Canada Arrivals Hall. And in keeping with the new 'sports' theme in expanded Canada Arrivals Hall, the three carousels celebrate Edmonton's big three sports franchises – the Eskimos, the Oilers and the Oil Kings.

The new carousel has two input belts rather than one, doubling its baggage delivery capacity. This means smooth, seamless arrivals at EIA, with quicker customs procedures, quicker baggage delivery and quicker exits.



New Domestic-International Passenger Lounge

#### Easier Connections to US Destinations

Travelling to the United States for business or pleasure? EIA provides non-stop access to 14 major US destinations, including American Airlines' upcoming non-stop service between EIA and Dallas/Fort Worth, which will debut in April 2014. And with EIA's US Quick Connect service, stateside travel has never been quicker, easier and more relaxing.

With US Quick Connect, passengers arriving at EIA can proceed directly to their connecting flights by way of the US Quick Connect security station at US Customs. Bags are directly transferred to the US baggage room for security screening and then loaded onto connecting flights.

#### Easier Being Green

Environmental sustainability has been a priority from the very beginning of the expansion. From open design and large windows conducive to natural light to water conservation measures, EIA aims to be a world leader in environmental best practices. The Expansion 2012 project is one of the first airport expansion projects to target Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. In keeping with this goal, EIA has achieved the following:

- Use of energy-efficient displacement ventilation system in place of traditional air conditioning;
- Low-flow toilets and motion sensor-activated faucets combined with large stormwater detention cistern, capable of saving the terminal over 17 million litres of water a year;
- Solar water preheating system powered by two rooftop solar panels aimed at minimizing natural gas consumption;

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Living Wall as seen from the new Domestic-International Departures Lounge.

- A two-storey 'Living Wall' in the Canada Arrivals Hall, incorporating selected plants that purify the air in the terminal;
- Gradual replacement of all airport light fixtures with high-efficiency fluorescent light bulbs
- Building practices whereby 95 per cent of construction waste has been recycled and 15 per cent of the building materials used came from recycled sources.

## EIA Cargo Village

Passenger flights may be the most visible part of EIA's business, but there's more to EIA than moving people. Edmonton's position at the intersection of polar air routes, excellent road and rail connections and proximity to the Leduc-Nisku Business Park (the second largest energy park in North America) and several oil refineries makes EIA extremely well positioned in the global air cargo business. As such, the expansion also includes major upgrades to EIA's cargo facilities. These include:

- An expanded aircraft ramp that can accommodate the largest international aircraft and screening and processing facilities for both inbound and outbound cargo flights;
- An onsite 'Cargo Village' designed to accommodate the ancillary and supporting businesses that are so important to air logistics, including the Canada Border Services Agency, brokers, freight forwarders, air carriers, distributors and warehouse, shippers and receivers;
- A new real estate development that will house manufacturing of time-sensitive products for which shipment as well as a broader range of commercial developments.

## Still to Come . . . Stylish Architecture for Business and Pleasure

The new combined office and control tower (Central Tower), which opened early 2013, form the new centrepiece of EIA when it opens early 2013. Designed by the architectural firm DIALOG, Central Tower will house a new NAV Canada air traffic control tower and new administrative offices. An expanded retail area opened last December. The tower will also improve airside ground operations, create a central baggage area and improve passenger and baggage flow.

EIA's expansion will come to a crowning conclusion with the opening of the luxurious new Renaissance by Marriott Hotel in early 2014 – the world's first Renaissance-brand hotel to be attached to an airport. This new hotel will offer more convenience to business, northern, connecting and leisure passengers by offering comfortable overnight lodging at the airport ahead of early morning flights as well as business meeting and



Artist's concept rendering of the new Renaissance Hotel opening in 2014.

conference space at the hotel.

The eight-storey, 175,000-square-foot hotel will feature:

- 210 spacious, comfortable rooms in regular, executive and royal suites
- 10,000 square feet of banquet halls and meeting space
- A full-service restaurant and lounge
- Airline check-in at the hotel
- State-of-the-art fitness facilities, an indoor pool and a whirlpool
- Wired and wireless Internet
- A heated pedway connecting the hotel to the terminal