

**MOTION PASSED ON CITY CENTRE AIRPORT ITEM (E.10.)
JULY 8, 2009, CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MOVED E. Gibbons – J. Batty

1. That a phased closure of the Edmonton City Centre Airport be approved, and the City Manager negotiate with the Edmonton Regional Airport Authority to immediately amend the lease agreement to entrench the following activities as part of Phase 1 of closure:
 - Immediately undertake to close runway 16-34 and adjust general aviation business activities to accommodate a one-runway airport, with Medevac service to be maintained at this time.
 - Determine the parcel of lands adjacent to runway 16-34 which can, once air services on this runway cease, be surrendered to the City.
 - Conduct a Phase 2 environmental analysis on these lands as well as a remediation plan.
 - Work with ongoing users to mitigate impacts, ease immediate transitions and work with users to develop a suitable business plan to operate Edmonton City Centre Airport as a going concern until final closure date is determined, and ensure that upon the expiry of the current licenses in regards to scheduled air service that no renewals are negotiated.

2. That the City Manager immediately begin to undertake the following activities:
 - Immediately begin negotiation with Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and the Province of Alberta regarding Northern Alberta Institute of Technology expansion on-site.
 - Position the City of Edmonton as developer of the airport lands, with Administration to immediately begin to set out long-term visioning plans for the airport lands in their entirety, including plans for community consultation, and for an international design competition for an ecologically-advanced, transit-oriented, medium-to high-density, mixed-use development (business and residential). Provide process plan to Council by November 2009.
 - Administration to submit plans for realignment of NW(NAIT)-LRT based on available access to lands currently impacted by 16-34 runway, and report to Council no later than September 2009.
 - Administration to make adjustments to the downtown plan in anticipation of immediate removal of the overlay impact over the majority of downtown, before finalizing the Municipal Development Plan/Transportation Master Plan in November 2009.

3. That prior to a final closure date being determined and as part of a Phase II, Edmonton Regional Airport Authority to have completed work with Alberta Health Services on long-term system design to facilitate Medevac operations at Edmonton International Airport (or other regional airports).
4. That a date for full and final closure of the airport will be determined by City Council during Phase II, with input from Edmonton Regional Airport Authority, at a point at which the lands are required to support the long-term land development plan and the needs of the City.
5. That once the final closure date is set in Phase II, final environmental remediation of the remaining airport lands will occur followed by the final surrender of lands to the City following complete decommissioning of the airport.
6. That Administration immediately develop a communications strategy to inform and include relevant public audiences (including external audiences) about the impact of this decision, timelines, milestones, land development and transit impacts, as well as things that do not immediately change in order to ensure citizens, stakeholders and current airport users have easy access to complete, accurate information.
7. That the City Manager further negotiate with Edmonton Regional Airport Authority to negotiate mutually acceptable lease amendments to entrench Phase II and all aspects of the intent of this motion.

Carried

For the Motion: S. Mandel; B. Anderson, J. Batty, E. Gibbons,
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Opposed: T. Caterina, R. Hayter, L. Sloan.