



Canada Lands Company Announces Opening of Park at Oliver Village

Edmonton, September 6, 2001 – As part of its Oliver Village downtown development project, Canada Lands Company will officially open its historically significant MacKenzie and Mann Park at 12:45 p.m. today. The one acre park was built through a partnership between and the City of Edmonton’s Community Services Department.

The Oliver Village development, which includes 308 apartment units in two residential buildings, and 45,000 square feet of commercial retail space and restaurants, is being constructed as part of an ongoing effort to rejuvenate Edmonton’s downtown core. A significant component of the ceremony will be the opening of MacKenzie and Mann Park, a tribute to the proud historical legacy of William MacKenzie and Donald Mann, who brought the railway to Edmonton. Historic actors will be at the event, “in character”, to serve as hosts and to re-enact the history of the City’s early railway days.

“Through partnerships with Crown corporations such as Canada Lands, we can ensure that the continued growth of this City is undertaken in a way that enhances our economy while preserving our quality of life”, said Mayor Bill Smith, in a reference to the greenspace which was developed to complement the residential units.

“This area has quite a history,” says Edmonton West MP and federal Minister Anne McLellan, who will serve as keynote speaker. “A history that needs to be honoured, preserved and told. Canada Lands has done that!”

Canada Lands creates value from strategic properties no longer required for program purposes by the Government of Canada. Created in 1995, the Company is entirely self-financing and implements innovative property solutions to enhance the quality of life in communities through its commitment to the principle of Corporate Social Responsibility.