

Under pressure, Committee extends deadlines but even these are not met. To further aggravate the situation, late participant additions are proposed.

The Native Indian pavilion, the daycare centre, and a proposed Dutch village are deleted from possibility; while the Great Norwegian Explorers, Amex, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, as well as uncommitted internationals, are still pending.

The erection of the Spacedrop tower begins, and BC Place provides replacements for the dead trees. Retaping of spline joints and an acid wash are begun to counteract the dome leaks. Folklife opens for a two-week preview.

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While virtually all major construction elements have been awarded or tendered, and most hard landscaping is complete, several projects are still seriously late. Among the worst are the Quebec, Ontario, and CN pavilions, the beer garden and, most behind schedule of all, the Pavilion of Promise. Also hindering schedule are a variety of late awards of work including the UFO-H2O water feature, the Amex building, the Land Plaza, Ramses II, the Cuban train shelter, the Swiss countdown clock, and the sizeable Child's Play complex recently approved for the location under the Cambie Street Bridge. Beyond this, proposals for the Great Norwegian Explorers, some new internationals, Kodak kiosks, and the introduction of British double-decker buses are all pending.

A Final Estimated Cost update is issued and shows Construction Division to be slightly under budget. This update includes such cost problems as leaks, weather, trees, and demobilization but excludes allowance for any new site elements, changes to international pavilions, retrofit to Mini-Expo area, or maintenance functions after turnover to Operations Division.

The overwhelming concerns are schedule and the effect slippage will have on budget. The clearest threat is the tardy and uncommitted internationals, as their relative autonomy diminishes the level of Expo control.

The fit-out of the scheduled nations has begun, but not a single international pavilion is yet on site.