

Effects of replanning are still being felt, particularly in delays and changes to food and merchandise buildings. The tendering process is streamlined. Little progress being made on resolution of Canada Portal location. Roundhouse tenders are in.

Pacific Bowl excavation begins. Construction power in installed site-wide. Site grading is complete and some paving about to start. Fields Building is turned over to Expo. The Expo Centre shows progress under close review. Decor and signage concepts developed.

Site design consultants present site overview concept, incorporating design rationale, element systems, water's edge, heraldic feature elements, lighting, flags, and banners, plaza features, themed exhibits and artifacts, barriers, and Child's Play area. Blagborne rejects much of overview concept.

Non-union Marbella-Pacific awarded contract to erect modular international pavilions. Labour Relations Board hearing regarding union/non-union is proceeding, and site stays free of lengthy work stoppages. Attempt to revive north gate staged by Gastown and Chinatown interests.

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The Expo Centre dome is topped off, Ondine's Restaurant and the False Creek Marina are removed, and the steel framework for the international modules begins rising across the site. The prototype module and 1:100 model opens to the public as Expo Display Centre.

Pacific Bowl excavation begins and one service tunnel is completed. Utilities are completed for Mini-Expo and the former amusement park is paved for the Papal visit. Expo and BC Place agree on 50/50 financing of Roundhouse and restoration begins.

The Theme Dream plaza structures concept is presented to Richard Blagborne and design committee. Presentation renderings are begun. Design of Marine Gate, ferry docks, and ALRT station is begun, while redesign of east gate has fallen three months behind. General Motors bridge concept is presented. Decision is made that cabaret complex in BC Place will not be permanent and Expo will design and build. The rides are contracted. Food and merchandise behind schedule. Organizational complications threatening "interfaith pavilion."