

Carter makes proposal call for architectural packages for Expo buildings in each zone. Jeff McNair replaces Keith James as Vice-President Operations.

AUGUST 1983

The architectural package concept is executionally efficient but aesthetically lacking. There is no site design briefing and no attempt to integrate packages. The preview centre undergoes continuing conceptual change. The entry tower is rejected. One of Emil Radok's proposals is replaced by the Omnimax Theatre. The Board approves a 20-million-dollar budget for the preview centre. The international module goes to tender. The one-thousand-day mark is passed.

SEPTEMBER 1983

Based on the Battaglia/Management Resources studies, Mike Bartlett issues the first project budget of 890 million dollars. Expo commits to Omnimax in the sphere theatre and enters contract negotiation with Imax Corporation for film production and theatre and projection equipment. Concern over budget control puts preview centre on hold. Rich Battaglia introduces a master plan for a massive, 22-ride, themed amusement area.

The Dick Strong design team completes its first site plan. Expo severs relations with the Federal Transportation Development Centre and the content direction begins to favour entertainment over technology.

Erickson master plan for BC Pavilion complex is presented to Cabinet and rejected.

OCTOBER 1983

Several major thrusts are begun. H.A. Simons Ltd begins development of a data control system while Robert Atkins begins setting up a cost control system. The Installations Procedures Manual is completed. Theme planning tightens as the Business Plan for Theme Realization is issued, and the Omnimax script is begun. The architectural firms chosen for the zone packages are briefed. There is criticism regarding the selection process. Bob Smith assumes full authority over the architectural program. Battaglia has also begun producing drawings for theme elements as well as the amusement area. The prototype module is under construction. The first piling and decking tenders are out.