

HIGHWAY 86 is announced publicly and construction begins. The Pavilion of Promise is approved the the Expo Board of Directors. Pattison and MP John Fraser seeking funding for Native Indian pavilion. Month-end is deadline for all exhibit footprint and utility requirements.

APRIL 1985

Construction takes strong stand against continuing changes by Planning. Construction desires freeze on planning change in order to control budget. Strict tracking control of design considered critical. Construction produces Action Plan to assure budget. Work Authorization Forms ("WAF's") are introduced to control change. There is a push to forecast Final Estimated Cost.

A Freedom to Move is shown for the first time in the Expo Centre, but the dome leaks persist. Repair would require a complete rebuild. Protective screen cover is installed, compromising audio and air conditioning. All Mini-Expo elements in place.

All foreshore work for the site is now complete. Half of the food and merchandise buildings are fully serviced, and The Landscape Collaborative has completed its planning. The billboard and graphics programs are underway. A revised isometric site plan, an audio-visual program, and a design model for the European Plaza have been assembled for the BIE. Funding for Native Indian pavilion appears secure but is not forthcoming from Ottawa. Deadline is extended. The Expo Display Centre closes.

MAY 1985

The Expo Centre and Mini-Expo open on schedule; and the 1985 BIE meetings are held, including the very important bilateral sessions with the participants. Richard Blagborne is stressing the importance of close liaison between Planning and the international design and planning teams. He is offering help in kind and budget to enhance site, particularly in the international plaza areas. The European Community participants decline the Expo design proposal for the European Plaza, opting instead for their own design resources.

Three days after the conclusion of the BIE bilaterals, Richard Blagborne leaves the Corporation; and the Planning Division staff and budget is distributed among the Construction, Operations, and Participants Divisions.