

Finance is consolidated under Vice President Dennis Burdett. Presentation Services is established to provide model building and illustration. The Operations Standards Manual is begun. New Orleans closes.

DECEMBER 1984

The centre of the site is on hold due to developmental work on the Cambie Street Bridge, and the Canada Portal is still not located. Roofing and walls begin to be added to international clusters. Skyride tower work begins. The trees go to tender. The structure is complete for the Expo Centre. There is a freeze on overtime.

A colour coordination guideline is distributed and a "Look Team" is proposed to maintain design integrity. Design development is underway on Ramses, Night Life, Air and Marine Plazas, and the Mini-Expo look program. BC location footage completes shooting for the Omnimax and post-production begins. The "interfaith pavilion" concept is cancelled. Landscape architect Dick Strong departs. The 500-day mark is passed. Louis van Blankenstein resigns as Vice-President of Construction.

JANUARY 1985

The final budget is announced. \$806 million with anticipated \$311-million deficit. \$700 million more invested by participants. The admission will be 20 dollars. Budget assumes target of 13,750,000 visits. The Expo Centre exhibit contractors are in the building, and the Omnimax is in final edit and script. Construction of the Omnimax screen frame begins. The Mini-Expo embellishment plan is finalized.

Seventeen international module clusters are complete, temporary lighting is in, and the site is completely fenced. Work is underway on the east skyride and the theatres. The Marine Gate goes to tender, and the GM bridge is awarded. Custom planning of module clusters is curtailed and participants must take structures as is. Ramses is announced as "The Beginnings" theme pavilion, with plan to augment show with theme-related content. Union/non-union conflicts appear resolved. Kevin Murphy is appointed Vice President, Construction.

FEBRUARY 1985

The planning and architecture are nearing completion; few opportunities to introduce change. Last area being finalized is Canada Portal/HSST/rides area. As few additional participants are possible, Bartlett recommends that no new projects be started, including new modules.