

Project Meeting #1 is held. A planning model is begun. Michael Burns resigns.

OCTOBER 1982

An advisory panel of architects meets with the EXPO 86 creative and installations group. One of the invited is Dick Strong, a landscape architect who worked with Bob Smith on various projects including Expo 67. The site planning concept at this point relies heavily on water-based pavilions to provide much needed space. Five theme pavilions are planned. Separate from Smith introducing Strong to the project, Bartlett calls on Rich Battaglia and Management Resources, both of California, for logistical planning. Criteria for space planning, density, attendance patterns, participation, theme exhibits, entertainment, merchandising, and food services are developed.

Vancouver City Council votes to designate entire CPR Roundhouse complex as heritage site. BC Place defers responsibility to Expo and accuses Expo of wanting to raze the buildings. This sensitive issue is defused as demolition is postponed pending outcome of Randle Iredale usage study.

Claude Richmond is appointed Provincial Minister Responsible, replacing Peter Hyndman; Bartlett moves to Vancouver; and Premier Bennett drives the symbolic spike to begin site preparation. Expo 82 at Knoxville closes. Pattison seeking guarantee of labour peace from building trades.

NOVEMBER 1982

With the arrival of Bartlett and the Corporation consolidated in new premises, this month is largely organizational as the search for a full slate of vice presidents intensifies. A creative panel is held and basic scenarios for five theme areas are defined. They are: Nature, Time, Impact, Curiosity and Necessity, and Communication. Three module types under consideration: octagonal, hexagonal, and square. The roof is raised on the BC Place Stadium.

DECEMBER 1982

Bill 45 confirms name change from Transpo 86 to EXPO 86. Preliminary estimates for operating and capital costs of theme pavilions are developed. An electronic site model for the 1983 BIE meeting is ordered. The media begin attack on Michael Bartlett's background. Five vice presidents are contracted. Board committee and Chairman Pattison recommend Bartlett as President.