

City Operations Fleet and Facility Services

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CO02824 Explore Edmonton Facility Maintenance and Operation Options

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Background

Edmonton EXPO Centre and Convention Centre

- City-owned
- City is responsible for **capital renewal**

Explore Edmonton

- Operations
- Maintenance

Analyze

- Overall Condition of Assets
- Potential Cost
- Operational Impacts





On-Site Reviews (April 2025)

- Key Observations
- Difference in Service Models
- Full Transfer: Not financially feasible

Collaboration

- Lease agreement reviewed
- Explore Edmonton consulted
- Capital renewal reviewed
- Financial impacts and funding agreement discussed



Findings

Standardized Maintenance Model Challenges

- Extended hours
- Rapid service turnaround
- Event-specific infrastructure
- Building systems incompatible with corporate systems (CCURE)

Taking on Maintenance Responsibilities

- Liability
- Complexity
- Expanded shift coverage, overtime and additional resources

City Oversight

- Significant administrative overhead
- Contract management

Next Steps



Collaboration

- Shared contract use
- Third-party review of maintenance plans
- Addressing inflationary pressures



Dialogue

- Aligning maintenance standards
- Reporting expectations
- Lifecycle planning

Budget and Financial Implications

- The City's current operating budget cannot accommodate absorbing maintenance responsibilities for Explore Edmonton without impacting service levels at other City facilities.
- Transferring costs, in addition to the existing operating grant, would require new funding beyond what is currently approved.

Thank you. Questions?