

## Media advisory/photo opportunity: Regina Exhibition Stadium start of demolition

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## Regina Exhibition Stadium coming down as next phase of International Trade Centre construction kicks off

*Regina, Saskatchewan* – It's the end of an era at Evraz Place with demolition of Regina Exhibition Stadium and the remaining half of the Winter Fair Building as part of the \$37M International Trade Centre project. The new 150,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose facility – set to open in November 2017 – will attach all buildings on the 102-acre Evraz Place property (with the exception of new Mosaic Stadium), which will make Evraz Place the largest interconnected event complex in Canada.

“Construction of the International Trade Centre is well underway, and removal of these buildings is the kickoff to the second phase of the project,” said Mark Allan, Regina Exhibition Association Limited President and CEO. “People have many fond memories of events in Exhibition Stadium, so today is a bittersweet occasion, but the opportunity the new facility brings is exciting.”

The International Trade Centre will be used to host significant agricultural events like Canadian Western Agribition and Canada's Farm Progress Show. The facility will be similar to the EventPlex, given its flexibility to host large trade shows, sporting events, festivals, conventions and banquets. To have such an expansive property like this with all buildings joined is a unique benefit and attractive option for bringing large events to Regina.

As for the building's memories, Allan recalls that there have been many historic moments.

“Fats Domino, Chuck Berry, the Everly Brothers and Paul Anka were among the acts that played here in the *Show of Stars* tour in 1957 and 1958. The Who, The Beach Boys and even Johnny Cash played here,” said Allan. “Exhibition Stadium was once home to the Regina Pats until the Agridome opened in 1977. The 1973 Silver Broom World Men's Curling Championship was also held here, along with everything from Agribition, Memorial Cups, Ice Capades and the Shrine Circus. The building has served our community well for nearly a century.”

Funding partners for the International Trade Centre include the Government of Canada and Government of Saskatchewan through the *Growing Forward 2* program, the City of Regina, Canadian Western Agribition and the Regina Hotel Association. [Learn more](#) about the International Trade Centre. [View Exhibition Stadium history video](#).

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### About Evraz Place

Situated in the heart of Regina, Evraz Place is one of the largest event complexes in Canada. The not-for-profit organization hosts the majority of Regina's major events, including Canada's Farm Progress Show and Queen City Ex. Evraz Place is home to Canadian Western Agribition, the WHL Regina Pats, the Regina Soccer Association and numerous concerts, trade shows and conventions. Visit [www.evrazplace.com](http://www.evrazplace.com).

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