

March 4th, 2009 Tour of the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre

On March 4th, forty of our Club members were given a tour of the new Vancouver Convention Centre. The tour was lead by the Project Manager, David Walker.

Built over land and water on some 1,000 piles, the expansion will be completed in Spring 2009. In 2010, the VCEC will be home to the 2010 Olympic Games media and broadcast centres. In order to ensure that the expansion and the existing convention center facility are fully integrated, a glass-walled connector walkway will link the facilities, providing delegates with exceptional harbour views as well as a seamless transition. Featuring floor-to-ceiling glass throughout the expansion, the project will also include a six-acre living roof, one of the largest of its kind in the world. This unique ecosystem is one of many environmental innovations included in the expansion.

The 335,000 square feet of new convention facility space will be added to the existing 133,000 square feet, for a combined total of 468,000 square feet of meeting, exhibition, ballroom and plenary theatre space. The overall facility will have a gross area of 1.1 million square feet, including meeting space, support space, parking, and areas for retail activity and loading.





