

For Immediate Release:

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**ArtsHub 118  
Ground Breaking Event Today with Mayor Mandel  
Flagship New Build begins construction on Alberta Avenue**

Edmonton Inner City Housing Society (EICHS) is developing a new multi-use building in the heart of Alberta Avenue. Located directly across from the Community League on 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, the building will house the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts (NHCA) on the main floor and create 16 condominium units that will bring new life to the Avenue and support the area's revitalization (Avenue Initiative Strategy).

ArtsHub 118 is a partnership project between the NHCA and EICHS, with support from Delnor Construction, Rockliff Pierzchajlo Architects and the City of Edmonton.

"We believe it is important to invest in the revitalization of our neighbourhood and are excited to be embarking on this project. By partnering with the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts we are able to create a distinctive blend of arts facility and homeownership. We can't think of a better place to do this." Debbie Saidman, President EICHS



"I commend all the partners involved in this ground breaking project," said Mayor Stephen Mandel. "Alberta Avenue is a thriving, diverse community with wonderful shops, delicious restaurants and residents making a true difference in their own community". "With the addition of the Nina Haggerty Centre and the new residences, Alberta Avenue is becoming another exciting community focal point in the Capital City."

This event is hosted by Arts on the Avenue and the Carrot Coffee House. They welcome supporters to drop by the Carrot anytime after 11:30 for refreshments. Please join us at the Carrot, then move on to the construction site for a short groundbreaking ceremony.

There will be opportunity for photos and interviews following the groundbreaking. **Also attending from the City of Edmonton are Councilors Gibbons, Caterina and Krushell.**

**Wednesday, July 9  
93 Street and 118 Avenue (building site)**

**12:30 p.m.**

**(Refreshments served from 11:30 a.m. at the Carrot Coffee House 9351 - 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue)**

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