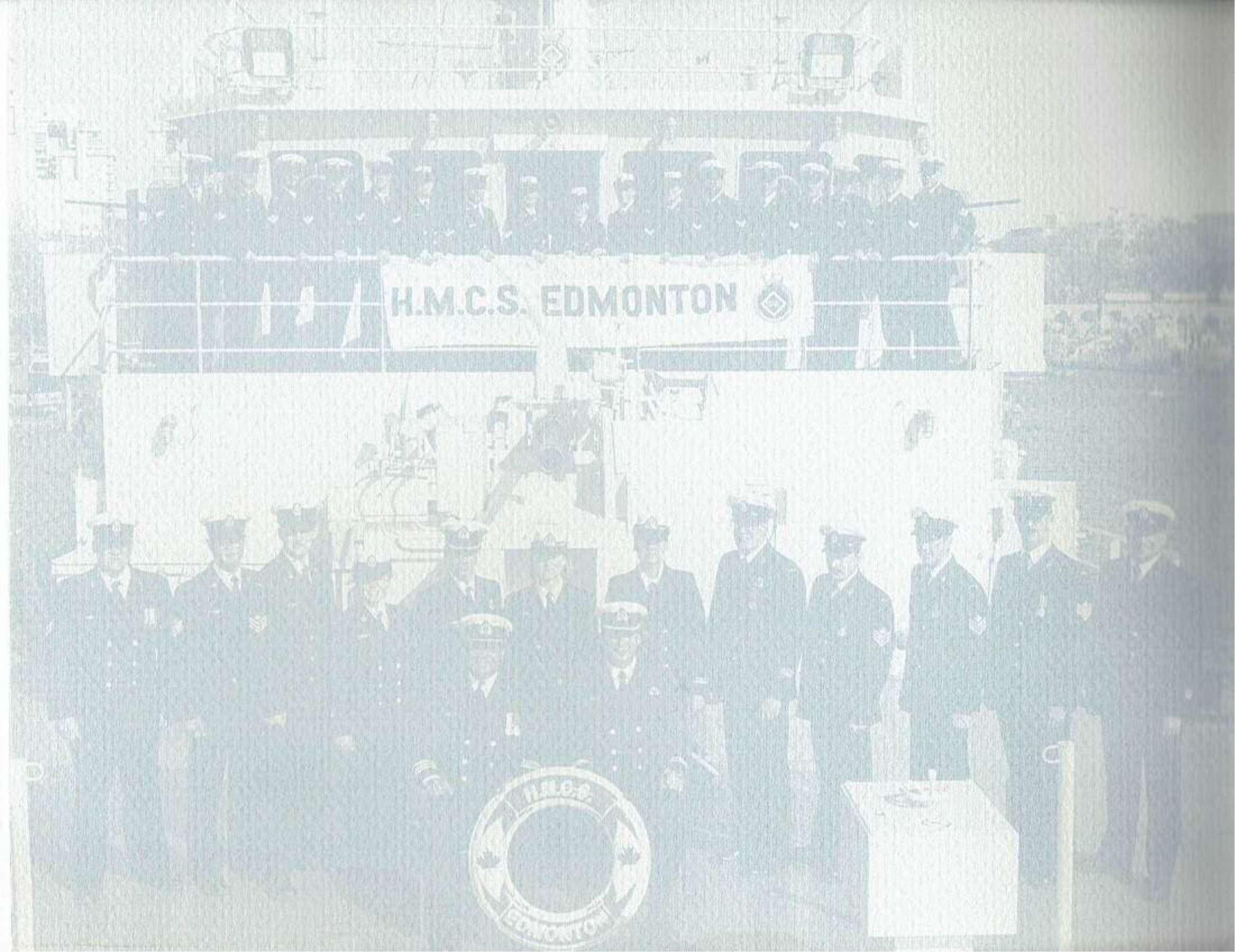


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## The Ship's Badge

- Blazon:** A Sable (Black) field with an Or (Gold) representation of the coronet of Her late Royal Highness Princess Louise Caroline Alberta within a masle of Argent (Silver).
- Significance:** The black field represents the rich deposits of oil surrounding the city. The masle represents the walls of Fort Edmonton. The coronet is that of Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, fourth daughter of Queen Victoria and wife of Canada's Governor General from 1878-1883. The province of Alberta was named for her.
- Ship's Colours:** Black and Gold.
- Motto:** Industry enriches.





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**T**he commissioning of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship EDMONTON is an important occasion for the Canadian Forces. As a maritime nation with the world's longest coastline, Canada must maintain a naval presence in order to contribute to our national sovereignty. The addition of the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel to Canada's naval fleet will ensure that our commitments can be met at home. This superb vessel, designed and constructed in Canada, greatly enhances the navy's ability to meet the objectives set forward by the government.

To the commissioning Ship's Company of HMCS EDMONTON falls the honour and responsibility of ensuring that the ship fulfills the high expectations placed upon this class of warship. It is a task of enormous proportions that will demand the utmost in dedication and determination, but undoubtedly will be remembered as one of the most rewarding times during your service in Canada's Navy.

In welcoming HMCS EDMONTON into Canada's military family, I offer my personal congratulations to all who have laboured to make this commissioning a reality. As HMCS EDMONTON embarks on what I am sure will be a distinguished period of service to Canada, I bid her fair winds and following seas.



Larry Murray, Vice-Admiral  
Acting Chief of the Defence Staff

Vice-amiral Larry Murray  
Chef d'état-major de la Défense par intérim

**L**a mise en service du Navire canadien de Sa Majesté EDMONTON constitue un événement important pour les Forces canadiennes. Le Canada se doit d'avoir une présence navale afin de maintenir sa souveraineté, et ce en raison de son statut de nation maritime possédant le littoral le plus étendu au monde. Grâce à l'intégration des navires de défense côtière à la Marine canadienne, nous serons en mesure de tenir nos engagements en matière de défense sur notre propre territoire. Ce magnifique navire, qui a été conçu et construit au Canada, augmente considérablement la capacité de la Marine à réaliser les objectifs du gouvernement canadien.

C'est aux membres de l'équipage du NCSM EDMONTON que revient l'honneur et la responsabilité de voir à ce que le navire réponde aux attentes élevées dont fait preuve cette classe de bâtiments. Il s'agit d'une tâche énorme qui exigera de vous le plus grand dévouement et la plus grande détermination, mais qui sera certainement pour vous une des expériences les plus enrichissantes de votre carrière dans la Marine canadienne.

En souhaitant la bienvenue au NCSM EDMONTON au sein de notre grande famille militaire, je désire adresser mes félicitations à tous ceux qui ont contribué au succès de cette mise en service. En cette journée, je souhaite bon vent et bonne mer au NCSM EDMONTON, qui saura rendre, j'en suis persuadé, des services distingués à la Marine canadienne.



**I**t is most gratifying for me, as Commander of Maritime Command, to welcome Her Majesty's Canadian Ship EDMONTON to the Fleet.

The acquisition of the Kingston class coastal defence vessels starts a new chapter in the history of the Canadian Navy. These state-of-the-art ships provide the means to respond to the national security taskings of the future. As Canadians, we should be proud of these magnificent ships that were designed and produced by Canadian industry and are truly one of the most capable vessels of their size in the world today.

The commissioning of HMCS EDMONTON also marks the addition of a proud and distinguished name to our Fleet. Prairie cities have distinct ties to the sea and the strong link that has been established between HMCS EDMONTON and her city of name will continue to grow through time. We are proud to have the name Edmonton in the Fleet.

To the Commanding Officer and Ship's Company of HMCS EDMONTON - Godspeed, fair passage and best wishes for a most successful commission.



G.L. Garnett, Vice-Admiral  
Commander, Maritime Command

G.L. Garnett, vice-amiral  
Commandant du Commandement maritime

**E**n qualité de commandant du Commandement maritime, j'ai l'immense plaisir d'accueillir le Navire canadien de Sa Majesté EDMONTON au sein de la Flotte.

La mise en service des navires de défense côtière de la classe Kingston marque le commencement d'une ère nouvelle pour la Marine canadienne. Ces bâtiments à la fine pointe de la technologie nous donnent la capacité de répondre aux exigences de la sécurité de notre pays. En tant que Canadiens et Canadiennes, nous pouvons être fiers de ces navires conçus et construits par l'industrie canadienne et figurant parmi les plus performants au monde de cette catégorie de bâtiments.

La mise en service du NCSM EDMONTON marque aussi l'arrivée d'un nom prestigieux au sein de la Flotte. Les villes des Prairies entretiennent depuis toujours des rapports privilégiés avec la mer et les liens étroits, qui se sont tissés entre le NCSM Edmonton et la ville dont il porte le nom, ne cesseront de resserrer avec le temps. C'est avec fierté que nous intégrons le EDMONTON aux autres bâtiments de la Flotte.

Je souhaite bonne chance au commandant et à l'équipage du NCSM EDMONTON et leur transmets mes meilleurs vœux en cette journée de mise en service.



The commissioning of HMCS EDMONTON is a proud occasion for Maritime Forces Pacific. The introduction of the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels demonstrates Canada's ability to exercise control over her ocean approaches. A busy schedule of operations in support of the Navy's sovereignty mission awaits her joining the Pacific Fleet.

The city of Edmonton has a rich history of significant ties to the military. HMCS EDMONTON will serve her namesake city as a proud ambassador and will continue the long tradition of a strong affiliation to her city.

To the Commanding Officer and ship's company of HMCS EDMONTON, I offer my congratulations on preparing your ship for the many challenges ahead.



Russell D. Moore,  
Rear-Admiral  
Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific

Les commandant des Forces maritimes du Pacifique  
Contre-amiral  
Russell D. Moore

La mise en service du NCSM EDMONTON se veut un moment glorieux dans l'histoire des Forces maritimes du Pacifique. L'arrivée des navires de défense côtière témoigne de la capacité du Canada de contrôler ses approches océaniques. Un calendrier chargé d'opérations de protection de la souveraineté attend le NCSM EDMONTON au moment où il se joint à la flotte du Pacifique.

La ville d'Edmonton, tout au long de son histoire, a entretenu des liens solides avec les Forces. Le NCSM EDMONTON se montrera un digne ambassadeur de la ville dont il porte le nom et il perpétuera la tradition de liens étroits maintenus avec la ville.

Au commandant et aux officiers et membres d'équipage du NCSM EDMONTON, je présente mes meilleurs voeux de succès au moment où ils s'appêtent à relever les défis qui les attendent.



# EDMONTON AND THE NAVY – A SURPRISING TRADITION

**H**MCS EDMONTON bears the proud name of the city of Edmonton, Alberta. The oddity of a land-locked city like Edmonton having a naval history is obvious. Perhaps it was the lure of the unknown, or the seafaring blood that coursed in the veins of the city's founders, whatever it was, a surprising tradition of naval service has grown in this city since the First World War. Nearly a quarter of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) contingent in World War II was recruited from the prairie provinces. Alberta had two naval reserve divisions already established which recruited over 7500 sailors and officers. Many other Albertans enlisted in the Merchant Marine or the Royal Navy.

The chronicles of HMCS NONSUCH reveal the formal naval tradition in Edmonton. The motto of the NONSUCH "A Campas Ad Maria" (From Prairies to Seas) captures the essence of the division and describes the dichotomy of the city's navy history. Prior to World War I there was a naval half company of the RCN Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR) established in Edmonton. In 1923 a RCN Reserve company was formed with two

officers, a Chief Petty Officer and 50 other ranks. Over the years this unit grew to 225 men and officers. The name chosen for the Division, HMCS NONSUCH, was derived from the French "non pareil" meaning "of no equal" and was used by the ship which brought the Company of Adventurers to the James Bay in 1688.

During the War over 3500 naval recruits and 114 officers were processed and trained in Edmonton. There was also a branch of WRENS which served until 1946. At the end of the war HMCS NONSUCH transitioned to a peacetime force, becoming the home of Edmonton Volunteer Reserve, a University training division, a cadet corps and a band.

The name of Edmonton was not given to the company, nor to any ship commissioned before or during the war due to the similarity of the city's name with that of HMCS EDMUNDSTON. Therefore, in 1942 Edmonton was asked to nominate another name of importance to the city. After several appeals and name suggestions were made and rejected the city decided to give the ship to another city and selected Stettler to honor the town which had excelled in the victory loans program.





**H**MCS STETTLER, frigate K681, was commissioned May 7, 1944 at Montreal and arrived at Halifax on May 2. She had a displacement of 1445 tons, was 301 feet long, had a beam of 36 1/2 feet and a maximum draft of 14 feet 4 inches. She had two engines of 2750 h.p. each, which gave her a speed of 20 knots. For armament she was outfitted with twin 4 inch guns forward, a 12 pounder aft, four twin 20mm Oerlikons, and an ASW suite of Hedgehog and Depth Charges.

After carrying out workups in Bermuda in July 1944 she was assigned to EG 16. On March 7, 1945 she left for Londonderry, EG 16's new base, and was employed in U.K. waters until she left 'Derry for home on June 16, 1945, the last



Canadian warship to do so. A tropicalization refit began at Shelburne but was suspended in August and the ship was paid off November 9, 1945. She was sold but later recovered and converted to a Prestonia class ocean escort, being recommissioned on February 17, 1954 with the new number 311. She subsequently moved to the west coast and was finally paid off there on August 31, 1966. She was broken up in 1967 at Victoria.

The issue of a ship named for the city was again raised in 1976 when Canadian Pacific Shipping launched SS Fort Edmonton, a merchant shipping vessel. Then in 1996 the Canadian Navy announced the commissioning for 1997 of a coastal vessel to be called HMCS EDMONTON.





While the commissioning of any new ship is always an important and emotional event, the commissioning of the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels (MCDVs) is actually much, much more than that. It is tangible and public evidence of the rebirth and revitalization of Canada's Naval Reserve. For it is the stated task of Canada's 4,000 strong Naval Reserve to provide trained crews for the twelve MCDVs.

Canada's Naval Reserve is also tasked to provide trained personnel for Harbour Defence duties, Naval Control of Shipping activities and Diving Inspection teams. While these latter three tasks may not enjoy quite the same high profile as the manning of the MCDVs, they are receiving, and in many instances have already received, the modern equipment they need to fulfill these particular tasks.

It is appropriate that the MCDVs, like the Canadian Patrol Frigates, are named after Canadian communities of varying sizes. Appropriate because it is from these cities and towns across Canada that the young men and women, both regular force and reserve, come to serve Canada's Maritime Forces. If all Canadians had the opportunity as I have had to meet the men and women from across Canada who comprise Canada's Naval Reserve, I know they would share my tremendous pride in these individuals whom I have the privilege to command.

I extend my appreciation to all those who have made today possible and to the crew of HMCS EDMONTON, both present and future, I extend the age-old Navy wish, "Fair Winds and Following Seas".



R.A. Zuliani,  
Commodore  
Commander, Naval Reserve

Le commodore,  
Commandant de la Réserve navale  
R.A. Zuliani

Bien que la mise en service d'un nouveau navire soit toujours un événement important et émouvant, celle des navires de défense côtière représente beaucoup plus que cela. C'est la preuve tangible et officielle de la renaissance et de la revitalisation de la Réserve navale du Canada. En effet, la tâche déclarée de cette Réserve, forte de 4000 hommes, consiste à fournir des équipages qualifiés pour les douze NDC.

En outre, il incombe à la Réserve navale du Canada de fournir le personnel qualifié nécessaire à l'exécution des tâches de défense portuaire et des activités de contrôle naval de la navigation, ainsi qu'à la constitution des équipes d'inspection de plongée. Bien que ces trois tâches ne jouissent peut-être pas du même prestige que la dotation en personnel des NDC, on est en train d'y affecter (dans bon nombre de cas, on l'a déjà fait) l'équipement moderne nécessaire pour les mener à bien.

Le fait de nommer les NDC, tout comme les frégates canadiennes de patrouille, d'après des collectivités canadiennes d'importance variée est tout à fait approprié. En effet, c'est de ces villes et municipalités de l'ensemble du pays que sont issus les jeunes gens et jeunes filles de la Force régulière et de la Réserve qui servent dans la Marine canadienne. Si tous les Canadiens avaient eu comme moi la possibilité de rencontrer les hommes et les femmes de partout au pays qui forment la Réserve navale, ils seraient fiers d'eux, tout comme moi qui ai le privilège d'être leur commandant.

J'exprime également ma reconnaissance à tous ceux qui ont permis que l'événement d'aujourd'hui se réalise. À l'équipage du NCSM EDMONTON, actuel et futur, j'adresse ce souhait traditionnel de la Marine: "Que le vent et la mer vous soient favorables".



# SNC- Lavalin Group Inc.



Anthony Rustin  
Chairman  
Fenco McLaren Inc.



Jacques Lamarre  
President and CEO  
SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.

The commissioning of HMCS EDMONTON, the second ship of the KINGSTON class on the Pacific Coast, marks yet another milestone in the history of the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel Project (MCDV).

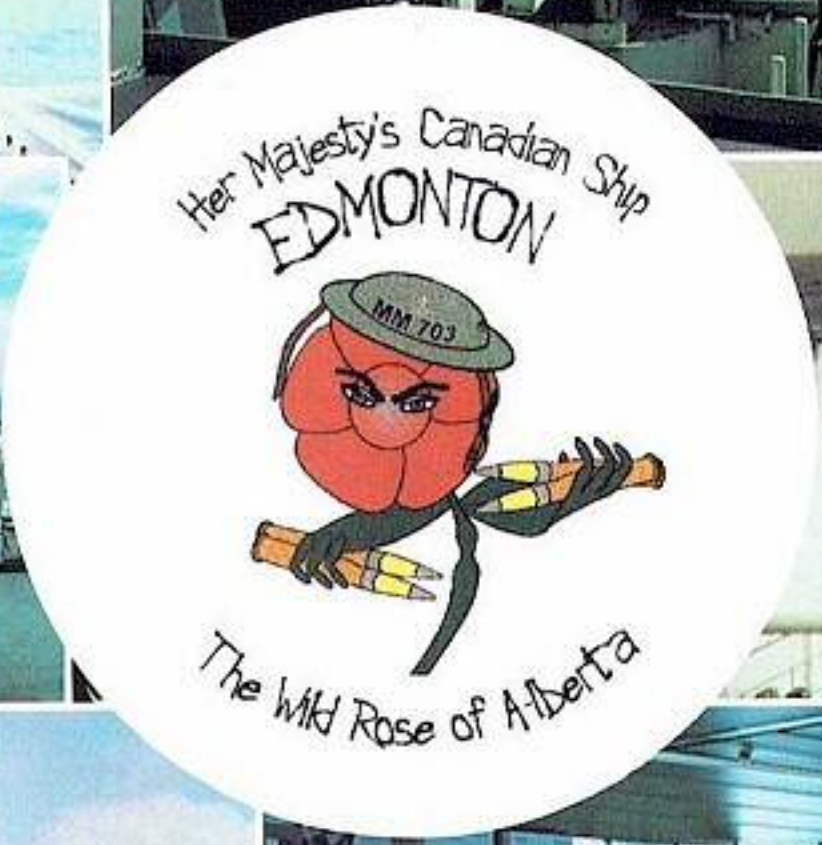
We at SNC-Lavalin are proud that the MCDV Project has achieved success because of our ability to provide, through our subsidiary Fenco MacLaren Inc., the resources and extensive experience in project management needed to execute such a large and complex project in the marine sector. Fenco MacLaren, as the prime contractor, has total system responsibility and, by leading a strong team of companies from across Canada, is meeting the design, construction and contractual requirements of the project with a high level of competence and professionalism.

Fenco MacLaren is managing this ambitious project by focusing on the requirements and meeting the delivery schedule and cost constraints. These management characteristics have been crucial to the success of the MCDV Project to date and the objective is to continue the trend with each follow-up ship.

The Commissioning of HMCS EDMONTON, is another step for the Canadian Naval Reserve in establishing an effective Canadian coastal defence capability. The MCDVs will be used primarily by the Naval Reserve to train and conduct coastal patrol, surveillance and mine countermeasure missions.

It is an honour, on behalf of SNC-Lavalin, Fenco MacLaren Inc., and team members, Halifax Shipyard Ltd., MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd, Thomson-CSF Systems Canada and Eduplus Management Group Inc., to have the privilege of marking this milestone in the history of the Naval reserve and the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel Project. We wish the Captain of HMCS EDMONTON, and the officers and crew who will sail in this ship, success as they take up the challenges of upholding the honour of the city for which the vessel is named.











**A**s the proud sponsor of HMCS EDMONTON, let me express to the Captain and crew my heartfelt best wishes on the occasion of this historic ceremony.

The commissioning of HMCS EDMONTON marks the culmination of many years of dedicated work by many people in the design and construction of your superb vessel. You and your ship have proven yourself ready to accept the solemn commission of your government and the people of Canada to perform operational duties on their behalf.

All of you who serve in HMCS EDMONTON as her first crew are fortunate to have been chosen to undertake these important responsibilities. You now set out on a new and exciting voyage of discovery, adventure and service. I look forward to hearing of your accomplishments.

“God bless Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship EDMONTON and all who sail in her”.



Mrs. Esther Starkman  
Sponsor, HMCS EDMONTON

La marraine du NCSM EDMONTON  
Madame Esther Starkman

**N**ous sommes réunis ici pour le lancement du Navire canadien de Sa Majesté Edmonton. En temps que parrain de ce navire, je me permet d’exprimer au capitaine ainsi qu’à son équipage mes souhaits les plus sincères à l’occasion de cet événement historique.

Le NCSM EDMONTON est l’oeuvre de travailleurs qui se sont dévoués à sa conception et à sa construction; la mise en service de ce magnifique bâtiment marque l’apogée de plusieurs années de travail consciencieux. Vous et votre navire êtes enfin prêts à vous acquitter de la mission solennelle dont vous a chargés le gouvernement et le peuple du Canada, mission qui vous conduira à exécuter des opérations d’un intérêt national.

Je m’adresse à tous ceux d’entre vous que le sort a choisis, puisque vous avez été choisis le premiers pour assumer ces responsabilités. Vous allez entreprendre un voyage de découverte, d’aventure et de service. J’attendrai de vos nouvelles avec impatience.

“Dieu bénisse le Navire canadien de Sa Majesté EDMONTON et tout son équipage.”



It is an honour to be appointed the first Commanding Officer of HMCS EDMONTON, the first naval vessel to be named after the City of Edmonton. The support and interest we have received from the City have been truly overwhelming and is a source of pride amongst my crew. It is our hope that this strong relationship continues to build beyond this commissioning day.

HMCS EDMONTON is the product of thousands of individuals' efforts and ingenuity. They have created a ship equipped with state of the art technology which all Canadians, and in particular Edmontonians, can be proud of. The challenge for the crew of HMCS EDMONTON is to perform with a level of professionalism and integrity to justify this pride.

HMCS EDMONTON is unique in that she, and her sister ships, will be manned by a mixture of regular and reserve force sailors. Many of my ship's company have chosen to take two to three years out of their civilian careers to serve their country and in this small way continue the proud traditions of the RCNR and the RCNVR.

On behalf of my ship's company I wish to thank all those who have contributed to make HMCS EDMONTON a reality.



G.K. Wong, Commander  
Commanding Officer – HMCS Edmonton

Commandant – NCSM Edmonton  
Le capitaine de Frégate G.K. Wong

Je suis honoré d'avoir été choisi comme premier commandant du NCSM EDMONTON, premier bâtiment de la marine à porter le nom de la ville d'Edmonton. Nous avons été très touchés par l'accueil et l'intérêt extraordinaires que nous a réservés la ville d'Edmonton et mon équipage en tire une grande fierté. Nous espérons que ces solides liens qui se sont nous ne feront que croître après la mise en service du navire.

Le NCSM EDMONTON est le fruit du travail et de l'ingéniosité milliers de personnes. Ensemble, elles ont construit un navire à la fine pointe de la technologie dont tous les Canadiens et Canadiennes, surtout ceux et celles d'Edmonton, peuvent s'enorgueillir. L'équipage du NCSM EDMONTON se doit maintenant, par son professionnalisme et son dévouement, faire honneur à ce sentiment.

Le NCSM EDMONTON est unique en ce sens que lui et ses bâtiments frères auront un équipage composé de membres de la Force régulière et de la Réserve. Nombre des membres d'équipage de mon navire ont choisi d'interrompre leur carrière civile pendant deux ou trois ans pour servir leur pays et, de cette façon, perpétuer les grandes traditions de la Réserve et de la Réserve des volontaires de la Marine royale du Canada.

Au nom de mes membres d'équipage, je remercie tous ceux et celles dont le travail a permis la mise en service du NCSM EDMONTON.





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# HMCS Edmonton Commissioning Crew

**Commanding Officer** Commander G.K. Wong  
**Executive Officer** Lieutenant(N) D.F. Turetski  
**Coxswain** Petty Officer 1st Class A.G.S. Sanheim  
**Coxswain Designate** Chief Petty Officer 1st Class J. Gee

## SHIP'S OFFICERS

**Navigation Officer** Lieutenant(N) M.B. Mulkins  
**Operations Officer** Lieutenant(N) D.S. Martin  
**Deck Officer** Sub Lieutenant A.M.R. Kalcic

## ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Petty Officer 1st Class B.C. Tucker  
Petty Officer 2nd Class R.D. Anderson  
Master Seaman K.J. Kirk

## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

**Senior NCIOP** Petty Officer 2nd Class T.S. Neraasen  
Master Seaman W.R. Edge  
Leading Seaman K.L. Kenny  
Leading Seaman B.M. Mutcher  
Leading Seaman M.A. Shaw

**Chief Engineer** **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**  
Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class A.W. Finlay  
Petty Officer 2nd Class N. A. Lake  
Petty Officer 2nd Class M.D. Walsh  
Petty Officer 2nd Class W.A. Scott  
Master Seaman L.A. Trotter  
Master Seaman W.O. Grills  
Leading Seaman T.S. Paskevich  
Leading Seaman R.J. Gupta  
Leading Seaman R.H. Ledger

**Chief Boatswains Mate** **DECK DEPARTMENT**  
Petty Officer 2nd Class V. Gent  
Master Seaman B. Stennes  
Leading Seaman G.D. Murray  
Leading Seaman T.M. Pheifer  
Leading Seaman R.D. Martin  
Leading Seaman K.M. Hawkins  
Leading Seaman T.A. Gray  
Leading Seaman W.J. Tucci

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

**Yeoman** Petty Officer 1st Class D.F. Oliphant  
Leading Seaman D.M. Boudreau  
Leading Seaman C.D. Ledrew

**Chief Cook** **LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT**  
Petty Officer 2nd Class T.S. Illerbrun  
Leading Seaman S. Bradley  
Leading Seaman H.E. Gordon

## EMBARKED FOR COASTAL TRANSFER TRIP – HALIFAX TO ESQUIMALT

Leading Seaman J.W. Hoover  
Able Seaman R.S. Hewitt  
Able Seaman J.P. Vezina



# The Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel

**H**MCS EDMONTON, fourth of the Kingston Class Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels (MCDV), is designed to provide Canada's Naval Reserve with new more capable vessels to fulfill its expanding role within Maritime Command. The ship incorporates a sophisticated engineering system with a versatile ability to conduct wide ranging types of operations and a superior standard habitability.

The ship is powered by four diesel alternators each providing 600V, 715 kW power to two electric

motors driving Z-drive 360 degree azimuth thrusters. This system allows for economical fuel efficiency while allowing the ship an exceptional standard of maneuverability at low and high speeds.

For damage



control, EDMONTON is fitted with an Integrated Fire and Damage Control Monitoring System. Heat, smoke, water level and temperature sensors are fitted throughout the ship and connected to the system in the Machinery Control Room (MCR) and to a repeater on the bridge. The system provides an automatic instantaneous detection capability for an

accurate assessment of location and type of

emergency as well as automatically shutting fire doors and stopping ventilation to control the progression of smoke throughout the ship.

Combined with the fitted fire suppression systems, this allows for the







rapid assessment and containment of any emergency giving the ship's company time to react and combat the problem.

Built to commercial standards, the ship is extremely livable.

EDMONTON provides facilities for a mixed gender crew of up to thirty seven individuals quartered in cabins of no more than three people.

A large modern well equipped galley and large messing facilities provide for the culinary needs of all onboard. Refrigerated storerooms provide adequate storage to allow the ship to spend a maximum of eighteen days at sea before replenishment becomes necessary.

The MCDV is the hallmark of versatility. Equipped with Electronic Chart and Precision Integrated Navigation System, including the differential global positioning system(DGPS) for precise



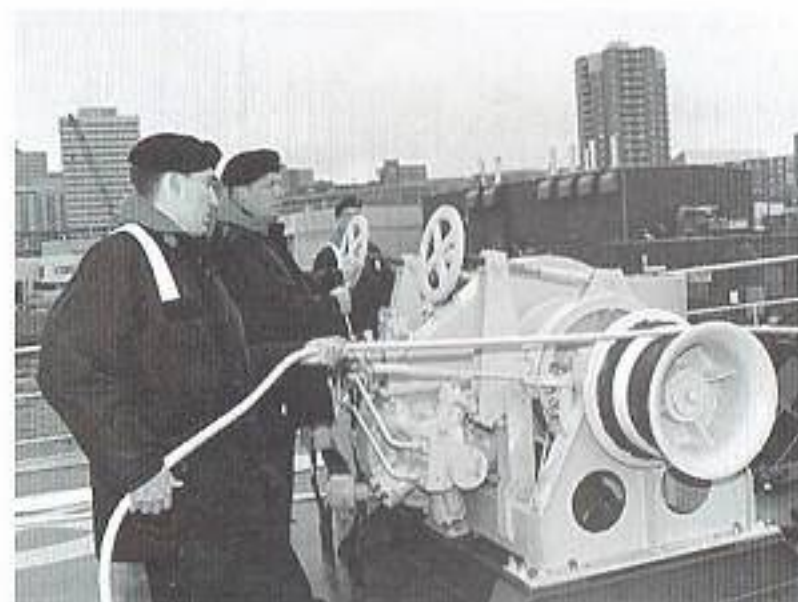
positioning, EDMONTON has the ability to operate in four configurations, utilizing three payload packages. The four configurations are Mine countermeasures, Bottom Object Inspection, Route survey and Coastal surveillance.

All MCDV's will be able to operate in the coastal surveillance configuration at any given time.

The remaining three configurations involve embarking one of the three payload packages to perform a specific mission. Each payload , fitted in

a standard twenty foot cargo container, can be loaded in under twenty- four hours and is designed to give Canada a previously lost capability to engage in mine countermeasure operations.

Each MCDV will be fitted with the ability to embark all of these payloads while they will not necessarily be equipped with a particular payload at any given time.





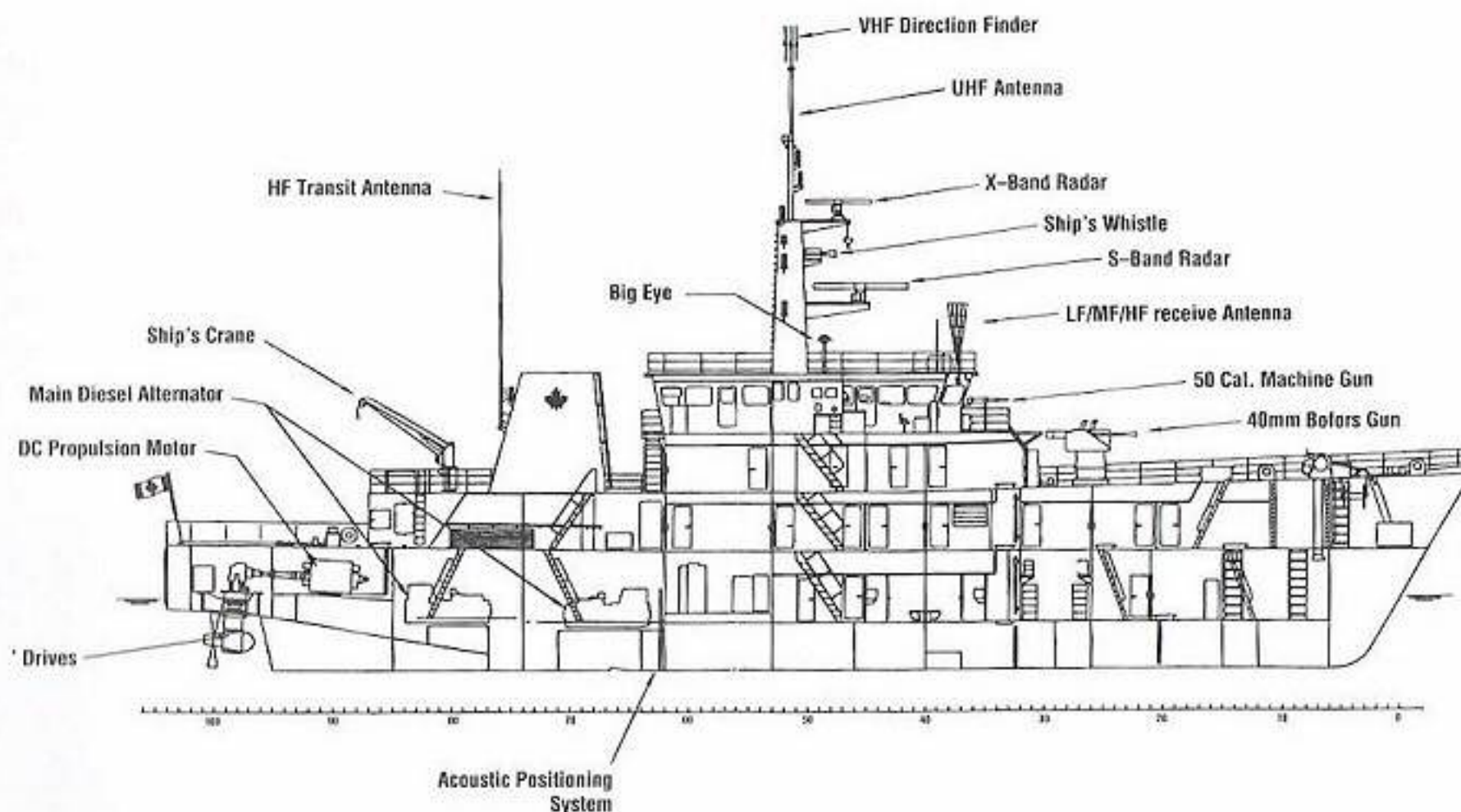
# FEATURES OF HMCS EDMONTON AND THE MARITIME COASTAL DEFENCE VESSELS

HMCS EDMONTON - Built in Halifax by Halifax Shipyards Ltd

Keel Laid 8 December 1995;

Launched/Named 16 August 1996;

Commissioned 21 June 1997



Length, over all	55.31 m	Speed	15 knots (coastal surveillance)
Length, bp	49.00 m		10 knots (mechanical minesweeping)
Breadth, moulded (focsle)	11.30 m	Range	5000 nautical miles (20%fuel reserve)
Depth to main deck (centre)	5.00m	Propulsion	2 x 1150kW DC propulsion motors
Depth to lower deck	2.00 m	Propellers	2 Z-drive, 5 bladed fixed pitch propellers
Draught	3.05 m	Complement	35 officers and ratings
Displacement	934 t	Armament	1 x 40 mm rapid fire gun 2 x 50 calibre HMGs



**T**he Commissioning of HMCS EDMONTON builds on our city's long and distinguished military history.

It is always with great pride that I wear the Mayor's Chain of Office. This unique symbol honours the police forces, army regiments, naval units and air force squadrons which have served Edmonton since its earliest days as a fur trading post. It reminds us of those who helped to preserve our way of life, often through the supreme sacrifice.

Since the early 1900's, HMCS NONSUCH has lived up to its motto "From Prairies to Sea", training thousands of sailors over the years. We take pride in these accomplishments and welcome their continued presence in our city.

For Edmontonians, this commissioning recognizes an honourable past and celebrates our future role in Canada's naval life. This day also marks the beginning of a strong commitment to create long-lasting ties between our community and HMCS EDMONTON, wherever she may sail.

We are confident our namesake ship and all those who will serve in her, will represent us with dedication and courage.

May HMCS EDMONTON sail long on friendly seas!



Bill Smith  
Mayor of Edmonton

Le maire d'Edmonton  
Bill Smith

**L**a mise en service du NCSM EDMONTON vient perpétuer la longue et glorieuse histoire militaire de la ville.

C'est toujours un grand honneur pour moi de porter la chaîne de maire, ce symbole remarquable qui rend hommage aux forces policières, aux régiments d'armée, ainsi qu'aux unités navales et escadrons d'aviation qui au fil du temps ont servi Edmonton. Ce symbole nous rappelle ceux et celles qui ont contribué à protéger notre mode de vie, parfois au sacrifice de leur propre vie.

Depuis le début du siècle, le NCSM NONSUCH a fait honneur à sa devise "Des Prairies à la mer", formant des milliers de marins. Nous tirons fierté de cette réalisation et encourageons le maintien de la présence navale dans notre ville.

Pour les citoyens et citoyennes d'Edmonton, cette mise en service rend hommage au passé et se veut une célébration de notre rôle futur dans la marine canadienne. La cérémonie d'aujourd'hui marque également le début d'un ferme engagement à tisser des liens durables entre notre collectivité et le NCSM EDMONTON, où qu'il navigue sur les eaux du globe.

Nous sommes persuadés que le navire qui porte le nom de notre ville et tous ses membres d'équipage nous représenteront dignement et avec courage.

Que le NCSM EDMONTON puisse naviguer longtemps et que les vents lui soient favorables!

Le maire d'Edmonton  
Bill Smith



# Edmonton

Located on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, near the geographic centre of Alberta, greater Edmonton is an active, growing community of more than 3/4 of a million people. The city has a long history of economic diversity and opportunity. From a small trading post in 1795, it has grown to become Canada's fifth largest city, and is located at the hub of Alberta's extensive oil, gas, coal, forestry and agricultural resources.

Named after Edmonton England, Fort Edmonton was established in October 1795 as

a trading post for the Hudson Bay Company and by 1826, due to its location on the principal routes to the North and the Pacific, it was developing into a mercantile centre.

After the Hudson's Bay Company sold its governing right of the Northwest Territories (which included Alberta) to Canada in 1870, vast tracts of land became available for purchase and settlement began outside the walls of the stockade. The Klondike Gold Rush of 1897





drew further attention to Edmonton and many disappointed gold seekers stayed in the area to homestead. With a population of 9,000, Edmonton was incorporated as a city in 1904 and became the capital of Alberta when that Province was created in 1905.

Edmonton continued to grow and prosper and during the 1930's it earned its name "gateway to the North" as bush pilots transported vital supplies and mail to northern communities. During World War II, its location astride the easiest supply route to Alaska, made it a major transportation and supply centre. After the discovery of oil at Leduc, 40 km to the south, Edmonton became the "Oil Capital of Canada" and was established as the hub of Alberta's petrochemical industry.

Edmonton's buoyant economy is secured by the city's strategic location close to enormous reserves of

natural resources such as coal, oil and gas. Its diversified economy combines activity in petroleum, coal, chemical and petrochemical products; food and beverage processing as well as to wood, furniture fixtures, paper, printing, publishing and allied industries. In addition, agriculture also plays a key role in Edmonton's economy, with two thirds of Alberta's farms being within the Edmonton Market area. With over 250 schools, 10 colleges, a University, extensive sports facilities, theatres, museums, a symphony and Opera company, Edmonton also provides its citizens with many educational, recreational and cultural opportunities.

HMCS EDMONTON is proud to bear the name of the city of Edmonton.





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