

We have to share some news, but as you know, every cloud has a silver lining.....

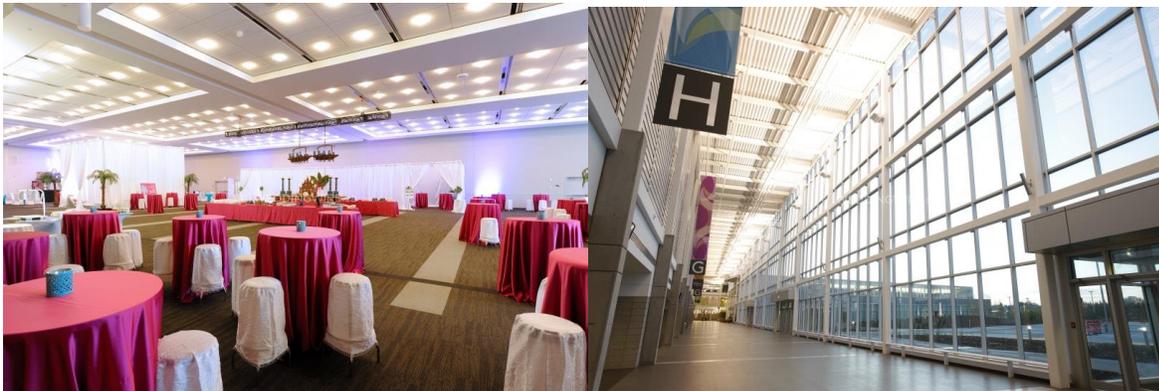
The Mattierin School of Irish Dance and the Emerald Isle Dancers Association are moving the location of their 2019 EIDA Spring Feis in the West.

What happened?

During the recent severe cold weather snap, our usual venue, the Westin Hotel, sustained damage to their ballroom level due to a large water main break. We were hopeful that the repairs would be completed in time for our Feis, but alas, the insurance and construction professionals had other things in mind.

The Feis Committee went into overdrive and with short notice, and some specific space requirements, were able to find a ***beautiful*** alternate location.

Where are we going?



The Edmonton Expo Centre has a beautiful (and spacious) ballroom that is available for the entire weekend. We believe that the Expo Centre will be particularly attractive to families because of the food options available; the Centre is home to numerous vendors in their internal food court, which is located in close proximity to the ballrooms. Additionally, for those families who might want to attend something other than the Feis that weekend, the Expo Centre is also hosting the Motorshow, Edmonton's premiere automotive event.

Where can I stay?

For those families wishing to remain at the Westin Hotel, they have kept our hotel block and special event pricing open to our families. The guest room floors were unaffected by this flood. In light traffic, the Westin is about a 10-minute drive to the Expo Centre. The booking link is here:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1544721817767&key=GRP&app=resvlink%20%20>

However, if you choose to stay elsewhere, but already have a reservation at the Westin, they will happily refund your deposit.

We are in the process of negotiating reduced-rate hotel blocks at the Four Points by Sheraton Edmonton South and the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Edmonton North. Both are a 10-minute drive (approximately) from the Expo Centre and offer free parking. Links and details to follow ASAP.

Finally, you can also choose to stay anywhere else. Another hotel, AirBnB, your Grandma's house, wherever!!

How do I get there?

The Expo Centre is located at: 7515 118 Avenue, Edmonton.

They offer a large parking lot. If you pay when you arrive, it will cost \$16. If you pay in advance, it will cost \$14. Because this information is so new, the link for pre-paid parking has not yet been set up. We will provide the link as soon as possible.

Additionally, the Expo Centre is on Edmonton's main Capital LRT line (Coliseum station). The LRT is free for children under 12 and \$3.50 for youth and adults.

Thanks for your understanding and support as we work with an exciting new venue!

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at feisinthewest@shaw.ca or at 780-995-7553.

Warm regards,

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