CFB Edmonton: A Land Use Plar
. for relocation of remaining Griesbach Activities into the Namao Site
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background
The entity known as Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Edmonton, or more commonly
now as Edmonton Garrison, is composed ofseveral sites dispersed within and around the periphery ofthe City ofEdmonton. The two largest sites are Griesbach and Namao.
As a result of Federal Budget announcements in 1994 and 1995, Edmonton
Garrison has been transformed from an airforce base to an anny garrison with operational, support and training facilities. The decision was made to consolidate Edmonton Garrison entirely into the Namao site, allowing for the eventual disposal ofthe Griesbach parcel ofland.

Mandate
The Griesbach site has been marked for closure with its remaining activities to be relocated to the Namao site. The purpose ofthis report is to present a land use plan for the siting offive ofthese activities into the Namao footprint. The five activities are Private Married Quarters (PMQs), Clothing Stores, Land Force Western Area Headquarters (LFWA HQ), Service Detention Barracks (SDB) and Works Company.

Method
The method of analysis in this report consists ofproblem identification, analysis
ofgoals and objectives, site and user needs analysis, selection and comparison of
available sites, and recommendations and implementation. Existing available sites are
~ assessed using Department ofNational Defence (DND) land use planning principles and selected evaluation criteria from the work ofwell-known land use planner, Kevin Lynch.

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Goals and Objectives
A review ofrelevant DND policy resulted in identifying the goal offonnulating a
land use plan that allows each ofthe five selected Griesbach activities to be relocated to an optimum Namao site. The corresponding objective is to identify the best Namao sites within the appropriate DND land use areas. In the case ofthe activities being relocated from Griesbach, the appropriate DND land use areas are Domestic, Technical Services and Administration.

Existing Conditions

Natural Environment
The Namao site lies just north ofthe City ofEdmonton. It is a large, roughly rectangular tract ofland encompassing an area of2,535 hectares. The general topography ofthe region is Bat with shallow surface gradients ofless than five percent. Roughly 70 percent ofthe land area is in natural or agricultural condition and is potentially available for future development. This undeveloped land does not present any significant natural constraints to future development.

Built Environment
Approximately 30 percent ofthe Namao land area is developed. Existing less

activities relocating to Namao from the Griesbach site. Nine

Table A: Mapping of DND Principles to Lynch's Site Planning Criteria

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The nine potential sites are assessed using Lynch's criteria to determine the best
site for each ofthe five activities being relocated from

Figure A: Optimum Relocation Sites

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