



2008 Tree of Lights



New stand built by Epcor, PCL, City of Edmonton and Lafarge







*Millar Western's
Max Matthews
selected this 104 ft.
tree in the
Athabasca Flats
area near
Whitecourt. The
team gathered early
November 8 to
prepare for felling.*





Max gets ready for his interview with CTV.



*Both CTV and City TV
were on hand to
capture the tree
felling.*



Expert crane and hauling services were provided by Shawn Prokipchuk of Ron Prokipchuk Trucking Ltd. of Whitecourt.

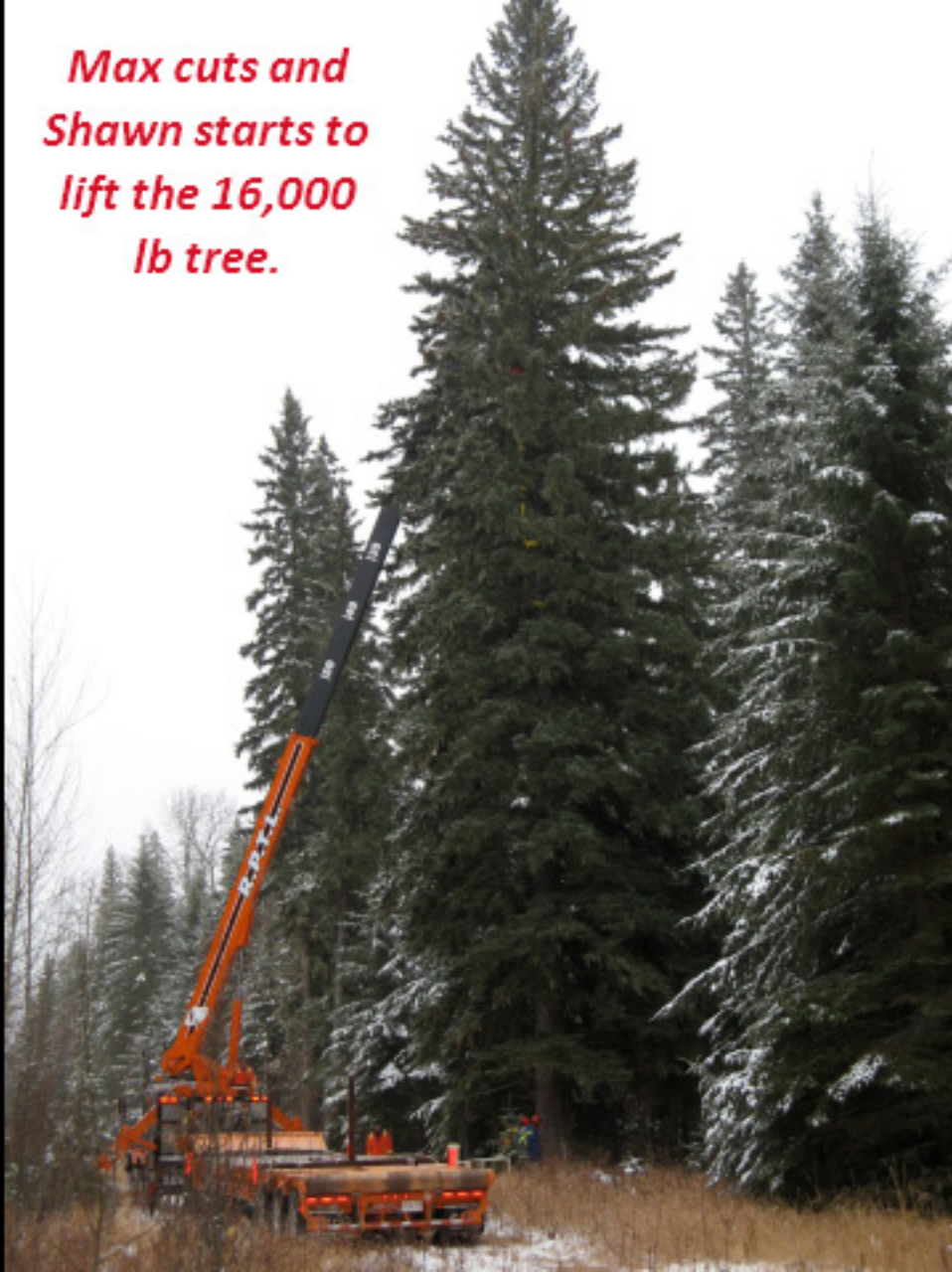








*Max cuts and
Shawn starts to
lift the 16,000
lb tree.*











To allow safe transport of the tree, about 20 feet were cut off the bottom end. Then, individual branches were tied down, and the whole tree wrapped and cinched for the journey.





*Tree arrives in Churchill Square
in early hours of November 9.*





Shawn Prokinchuk



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Tree prepared for lifting into the new stand.



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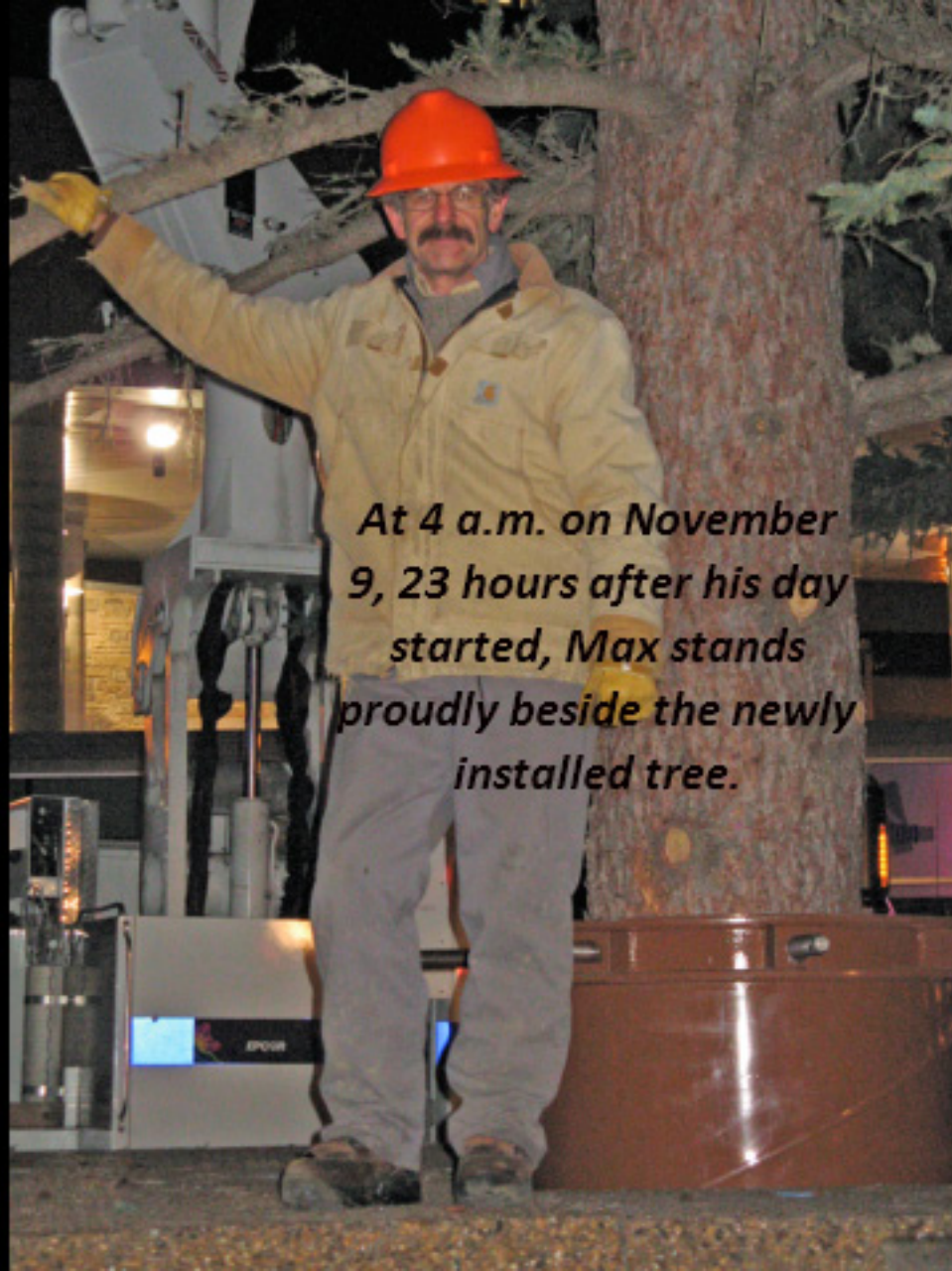
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At 4 a.m. on November 9, 23 hours after his day started, Max stands proudly beside the newly installed tree.



Janet Millar talks to media as the tree is placed in stand.





*At first light on
November 9,
Epcor began the
task of
decorating the
tree with 8,000
energy-efficient
LED lights.*







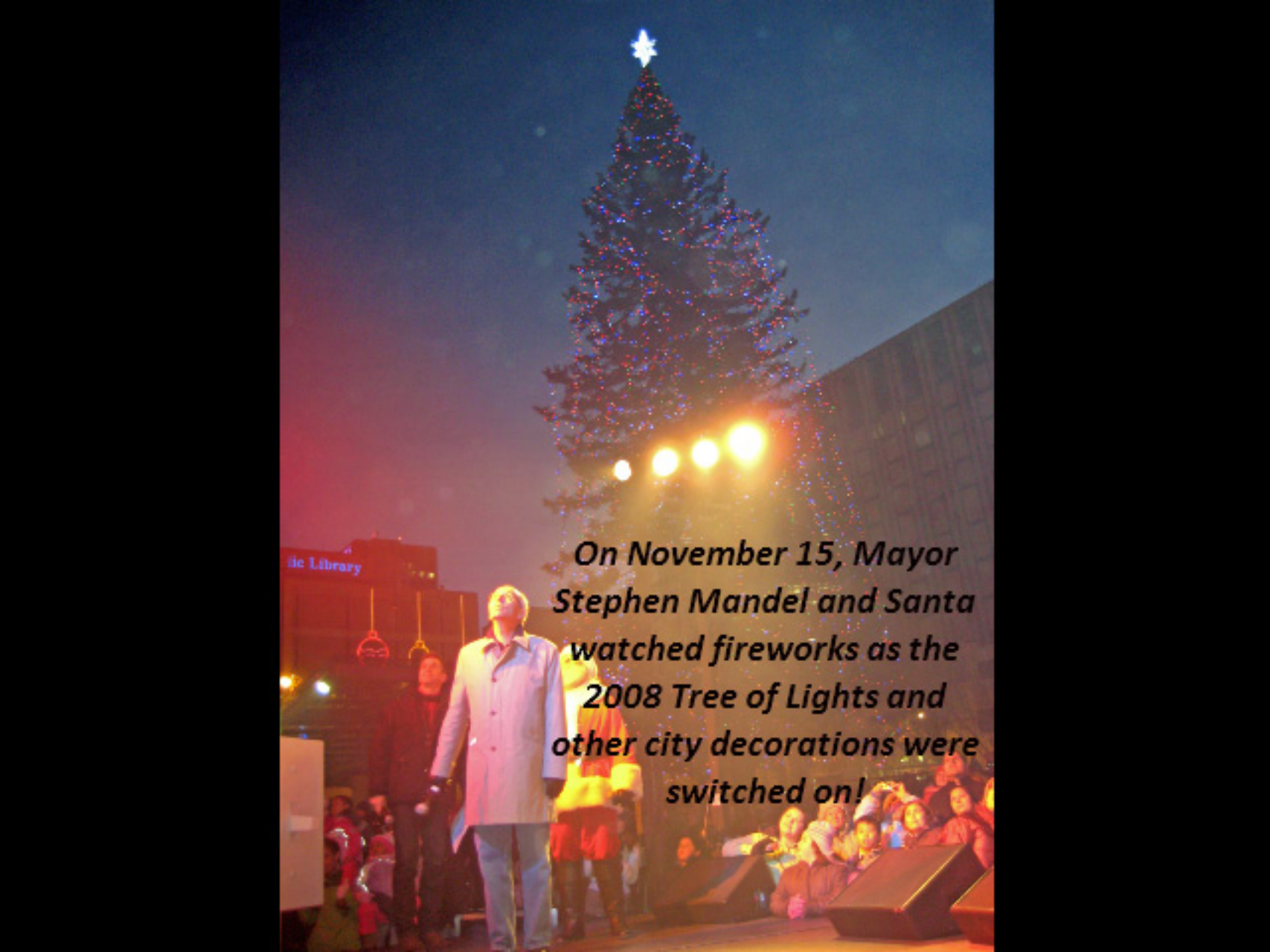






*Decorated and
ready for the next
week's Holiday
Light Up
celebration!*





On November 15, Mayor Stephen Mandel and Santa watched fireworks as the 2008 Tree of Lights and other city decorations were switched on!











View of tree across ice rink at City Hall.



Our sincere thanks to Max Matthews and his team for safely delivering to the City of Edmonton a beautiful tree that, at 83 feet tall in its stand, may be the tallest Christmas tree on display this year in North America!