

Cimarron is ready to make its move

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An artist's depiction of the Parkside Cimarron.

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Cimarron Engineering was founded in 1985 by seven Calgary engineers led by Barry Nicholson, its original president, as an engineering consulting company that has grown into one of the industry leaders specializing in the development, design, installation and integrity maintenance of oil and gas pipeline systems and station facilities.

Today it is employee-owned and has a staff of almost 200 people led by Kirk Morrison, who has been president since 2008.

Its work is primarily in three key areas, providing expertise to pipeline, facilities and integrity sectors. Focusing on North American upstream and transmission applications, it has helped its clients to install some impressive projects that include 10,000 kilometres of transmission pipelines and 67 main-line transmission compressor packages.

Being a mid-size firm, Cimarron offers its clients a rightsized, not lost-in-the-crowd resource, but one that has the capabilities large enough to tackle some of the biggest pipeline and facility projects in the industry.

Clients include many of the best-known oil and gas companies that have used Cimarron for design as well as procurement and construction management on some projects.

Its integrity maintenance division has been responsible for looking after corrosion assessments of some 25,000 pipelines, in-line inspection of over 30,000 km of pipelines and has completed cathodic protection surveys on 18,000 km of pipelines.

Morrison opened an office on Edmonton last year and says he has further growth plans, looking at expanding into the power generation/transmission business. That will mean adding more staff, who will be on board by the time the company moves into new office space.

With the need for more room, Kathy Hamilton, Cimarron's chief financial officer, led a team of employees in deciding on the best location and kind of space.

Alan Zivot and Peter Thorpe of Avison Young and Andrea Freeman of Sizeland Evans Interior Design helped them in their search and their area of choice is Quarry Park. They will be moving into Remington Developments' super successful mix of offices, retail and residential properties in the fall of next year.

The location was a winner thanks to its easy access for a majority of employees, shops and restaurants within walking distance, bicycle and walking paths, and the general open feeling and newness of the development.

The Cimarron name will be atop a 45,000-squarefoot glass office building designed by Riddell Kurczaba Architecture; Morrison and his people will initially move into a floor and a half. The hole is dug, a crane is working, and people are getting excited about the big move.

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