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Presentation: May 21 - Lee Ahenakiw, CEO of Nutraponics

Lee Ahenakiw presented us his organisation, Nutraponics, a company that is developing an innovative method of producing vegetables using a closed loop aquaponic system. This involves uncommon energy sources, fish to produce nutritious “poop” as fertilizer and stacks of large trays to grow the produce. The company hopes to be able to grow vegetables close to presently underserved markets such as the far north.

The company has a demonstration facility in Ardrossan (40 Km east of Edmonton), which opened in 2015 (and which we hope to visit in the fall). They also expect to move to a commercially sustainable production facility in 2020.

Tour: May 28 and May 30 – Christopher Martin of CBC Edmonton

Because CBC cannot give tours to groups larger than 20 people, we were unable to group their facilities all together but Chris was kind enough to repeat the Tuesday tour a second time, on the following Thursday.



Chris, our guide and audio man took us through the radio side. This included a look at the studio and later a demonstration of audio cutting and pasting to create a small news item. Chris is the Producer of the Saturday Night Blues program.



The host of Edmonton AM, Mark Connolly shown here with the morning's sound technician, came out to speak with the Thursday morning group after finishing to record an interview for the next morning's program



Nancy Carlson, the Evening news host spoke to us about the television side of the news



The CBC main Newsdesk Area

My first impression on our tour was the size of the CBC facility. Entering from the mall gives the sense of a very small operation, but moving up a floor we see that it is much bigger than we would assume from first view.