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Register for the June Building Blocks Session

Join us for the June session of the City's monthly Building Blocks information and discussion series.



Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Time: 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Online webinar via Google Meet

[Register for free today!](#)

In the June session, join Rick Zolmer, owner of Zolmer Consulting Ltd., as he leads "Exploring the A, B, C of Residential Window Installation." When massive code changes for fenestration products began in 2015, some requirements captured greater attention than others. This interactive session uncovers the key requirements of window and door installation (CSA A440.4:19), offers suggestions towards best practices, and explores accountability for this scope of work.

Building Blocks is a series put on by the City's Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections team to create a forum for learning, questions and discussions on high-performance buildings, code changes, industry best practices and more.

Questions? Contact Justin Phill at justin.phill@edmonton.ca

The City is Making Space for New Perspectives on Zoning with First-ever Podcast

To help Edmontonians better understand zoning and planning and how they shape our city, the City of Edmonton has created its first-ever podcast called Making Space. This five-episode series, which launched on May 31, tells the stories of actual people and communities whose lives have been impacted by how we plan our cities and the hard-won lessons of how we can make Edmonton more equitable for everyone.

Listeners learn how and why the City regulates land development by exploring different spaces around Edmonton and the ways that they embody the complexities of zoning. By reflecting on the impacts — big and small — that land-use planning has on our communities, we can work towards building the vibrant, healthy and inclusive city envisioned by The City Plan. [Read more.](#)

Tune in to Making Space on any streaming platform, including [Apple](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), or the City of Edmonton's [Transforming Edmonton website](#).



Now Available: City Plan-directed 2021 Growth Monitoring Reports

Implementing [The City Plan](#) provides the opportunity to renew the City's growth monitoring approach. The 2021 growth monitoring products, outlined below, are the first to report on urban growth trends under The City Plan's direction. They provide a baseline for the City's new land-use vision and summarize growth trends at various geographical scales:

[Overview](#)

[Approved Net New Dwellings](#)

[Redeveloping Area Infill](#)



Redeveloping/Developing Area Net Residential Density

These reports help Edmontonians and City Council understand the impacts of policies and investments related to land use growth, development and change. [Learn more](#) about the reports and the City's Monitoring and Analysis Team.



Reminder: Builder Education Program Training Dates Open for Registration

The next round of courses for the Builder Education Program, which qualifies you for the Expedited Infill Review Process, are being offered from June 22 to June 29, 2022. This pilot is in partnership with the Infill Development in Edmonton Association. To register, visit the [IDEA Certification Program website](#).

After completing the Builder Education Program offered by IDEA, participants will have access to 21 calendar day review timelines for specific infill development permit applications through an Expedited Infill Review Process. If you would like more information, please visit the [Expedited Infill Pilot website](#).



Development and Construction Application Processing Times Now Available

Processing times are now available for most development and construction-related service applications. Processing times are measured in calendar days from when a customer submits a complete application to when a decision is made.

These timelines are a starting point to help build a more transparent, consistent, and predictable experience for our industry partners so they can plan their construction projects accordingly. The next step is for the City to continue implementing **process and technological adjustments** through the Permit and Licensing Improvement (PLI) initiative, regulatory changes through the **Zoning Bylaw Renewal initiative**, as well as resource reallocation to improve consistency and further reduce application processing timelines where possible. [Read more](#).

Red Tape Roundtables Update

The City of Edmonton continues to work and engage with small and medium-sized enterprises and businesses to identify and prioritise permit and licence service improvements. Since 2017 when significant improvement projects were initiated and implemented, the City has met, surveyed and engaged on many needs identified by a diverse industry and business base. Overall, the system of permits and licence services has continued to improve incrementally with different industries recognizing and benefitting from those improvements. [Read more](#).

Improvements achieved to date as well as many current initiatives underway can be found at edmonton.ca/serviceimprovements.

Business Friendly Support

Business Friendly Edmonton is a new initiative that builds on and expands the previous one-on-one small business support program. Customized support is now available to those who are opening or expanding a business in Edmonton, regardless of the size or scale of the business. Business owners can contact us at businesssupport@edmonton.ca for regulatory information, navigating permits and licencing, site selection, and introductions to contacts across the corporation.

Find out more on the [Business Friendly Support web page](#).

Infill Fire Protection Program Funded for Another Five Years: New Round of Applications

In support of residential and mixed-use infill development and in alignment with the goals of **The City Plan**, the City, EPCOR and the development industry have collaborated on a cost share program for the funding of water infrastructure to ensure sufficient fire protection. After a successful two-year pilot program, a new five-year program has been funded to continue supporting targeted infill

Visit [EPCOR's Infill Fire Protection Program webpage](#) for more information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chantal Kuchma, senior manager of technical services at EPCOR Water Services, Distribution and Transmission at ckuchma@epcor.com.

Safety Codes & Permit Updates



Preparation For Ground Plate Inspections

In an effort to improve the outcome of inspections for ground plates, the City, EPCOR, and Inspections Group have come up with a new method for builders and contractors to prepare for ground plate inspections. This is a temporary method until further notice. There will be a new method in the near future.

Install the ground plate inside the basement as normal, 600mm below the finished grade (basement floor). Then vertically install a 4 inch PVC pipe approximately 6 to 12 inches long directly over the ground plate at the connection point of the wire to the ground plate. You may then cover the rest of the ground plate, making sure the inspector can see the connection. If the PVC fills with water, the inspector will deal with it.

Land Development Application Fee Changes

As of June 1, 2022, the advertising fee associated with land development applications has been replaced by a notification and engagement fee with no change to the amount. The fee is generated when the application is accepted for processing, and the applicant is expected to pay the fee before the file can be processed. The change is being made to cover both the costs of public engagement and to continue advertising in the Edmonton Journal.

Reminder: Schedules of Professional Involvement

In April 2022, Alberta Municipal Affairs released revised schedules of professional involvement authorized under Standata Building Code Variance 19-BCV-024. [Read more](#).

Reminder: APEGA Authentication and Validation Update

In November 2020, APEGA enacted the Authenticating Professional Work Products practice standard, which addresses "standardization of authentication and validation formats to enable licensed professionals, permit holders, and the public to easily identify the authenticator and the validator, as well as the dates of authentication and validation."

Substantive revisions have been made to this practice standard, which provide further clarity on the requirements for validating professional work products. This revised practice standard is effective and enforceable as of January 1, 2022.

Professional members are reminded to follow the current guidelines presented in the [Authenticating Professional Work Products](#) practice standard when submitting permit applications. Going forward, the City will be monitoring submissions and may reject documentation if the 2022 standard is not followed correctly.

Career opportunities!

Have you signed up to the job alert list to receive notifications about career opportunities at the City of Edmonton? The Safety Codes section hires plans examiners, field inspectors, administration staff and project specialists to engage with the needs of our growing industry. To stay current log into the [City's job page](#) and create your job profile to receive real-time job alerts within your industry.

Check the [Alberta Municipal Affairs website](#) for updates to codes and standards and [sign-up to be notified](#) when new Standata or other information is posted.

Lunch and Learn Workshop: Starting a Commercial Business



Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Time: 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Online webinar via Google Meet

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Join the Business Friendly Edmonton Team along with a Development Officer and Safety Codes Officer to walk through the permit and licence process for opening a business in a commercial location. Sign up by June 21, 2022.

help you prepare your applications on a variety of topics.

Questions? Reach out to businesssupport@edmonton.ca

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