

The banner features the text 'BUILDING EDMONTON' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font on the left. On the right, there is a dark blue square containing the word 'Edmonton' in white, with a stylized 'E'. The background of the banner is a light blue with abstract geometric shapes in various shades of blue.

Infill Infrastructure Fund Eligibility Criteria Expanded

The City of Edmonton has expanded eligibility criteria for the \$39-million Infill Infrastructure Fund (IIF) based on industry feedback and analysis of the uptake and performance of the fund since it launched in August 2024.

Market housing projects in all redeveloping area nodes and corridors and non-market housing projects anywhere in the city are now eligible for IIF support. Mobility infrastructure that benefits the larger community but doesn't necessarily facilitate another development, like adjacent sidewalks, is now also eligible.

Our third quarter 2025 fund status report shows \$24 million of the \$39-million fund has been allocated so far, helping to build 2,642 units across 17 projects. Funds are going fast, so prospective eligible applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible so they don't miss out.

For more information on the fund criteria and how to apply, visit edmonton.ca/infillfund.

Request for Proposals: Standardized “Missing Middle” Housing Designs

The City of Edmonton is now accepting proposals for standardized “missing middle” housing designs in the RS zone. As part of an upcoming Fast-track Permit Program, selected designs will be featured in a catalogue that includes others recently released by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

By streamlining permit and approval processes, the Fast-Track Permit Program will help deliver more diverse, high-quality and family-friendly housing that encourages gentle density across Edmonton's vibrant communities.

The request for proposals closes on Nov. 3, 2025.

Learn more: <https://discovery.ariba.com/rfx/23498422>

Helpful Permit Application Tips: Revisions and More Information Required

When submitting a revision or responding to a 'More Information Required' request through the Self-Serve Portal, please ensure you complete the entire submission process.

Verify that all required documents have been submitted and click the green "Submit" button. Failing to do so will prevent your submission from being assigned, which can lead to processing delays.

Selecting the Submit button will notify relevant staff that changes have been submitted, facilitating a quicker review of your request. A reminder that all submissions are reviewed in the order in which they are received. See a [screen shot](#) that shows how to properly submit.

HVAC Depressurization Process Inspections - Effective Immediately

On final HVAC inspections, the inspector will verify the CFM rating by checking either the installed hood fan or the information sticker on the return air plenum - only one of these is required to be present. If both are present and provide conflicting information (e.g., a sticker indicates 300 CFM while the hood fan is 500 CFM), the inspection will fail. This failure will be noted as "VOC please submit depressurization calculations." If the inspector believes the site installation does not meet the code requirements for depressurization, they will add a note in the email inclusion box stating that the builder must ensure calculations meet the code for depressurization ensuring the builder is aware of their responsibilities for a code compliant installation.

For secondary suites, the combined maximum total for both kitchen exhaust and ventilation hood fans, as indicated on the requirements sticker, will be observed. Again, if a discrepancy is found during the on-site inspection (e.g., the sticker states a total of 300 CFM, the main floor fan is 300 CFM, and the basement fan is either not installed or both installed fans exceed the allowed maximum), the inspection will fail and be eligible for VOC form submittal.

Energy Management Systems Enforcement - Electrical Inspections

Effective January 1, 2026, Energy Management System equipment will be allowed to be used only for the specified listed use (e.g., EV Chargers). The specified listed use is outlined on the manufacturers usage sticker placed on the equipment. Previously the City of Edmonton has allowed Energy Management Systems to be used outside of the listed use (e.g., A/C's, ranges, dryers, etc.).

This change will include all Energy Management Systems, (e.g., DCC, black box, load misers) that do not have appropriate use labelling on the equipment. Manufacturers have been reminded on multiple occasions that the equipment needs a proper label designating use of equipment. Without proper labeling, it will be looked at as non compliant as per CEC 2-024 and will result in a failed inspection starting in the new year.

SCIE Uses Artificial Intelligence to Predict the Need for Onsite Inspections.

The City of Edmonton uses various compliance monitoring methods under the Safety Codes Act, including automated and machine-assisted approaches. One such method is SCIE (pronounced "Sky"), an artificial intelligence (AI) model. SCIE analyzes data to predict the outcomes of eligible inspections. It identifies inspections with a high probability of passing. These inspections are then determined not to receive an on-site inspection. This allows limited inspection resources to be reallocated to higher-risk projects, creating efficiencies and contributing to improved timelines.

Starting this month, the newest round of SCIE modelling will include electrical wiring rough-in inspections as well as natural gas inspections.

Read the [question and answer](#) document or find more on the [Residential Inspections](#) web page.

Insulation and Vapour Barrier Sign Off

Starting October 13, 2025, due to the busy construction season, the City of Edmonton is implementing a short-term pilot project to maintain service levels for insulation and vapour barrier inspections.

This initiative aims to help expedite inspection timelines and support housing affordability. Starting with this pilot project, the City of Edmonton will accept the signed form from the Building Contractor, along with an eight point blower door test results (Retrotec report or similar), as proof that insulation and vapour barrier installations comply with the 2023 National Building Code (AE) requirements. This policy applies to single-family detached and semi-detached homes with up to four units. The pilot project is scheduled to end on December 31, 2025. Read more and find the online form under "[After Your Inspections](#)."

Coroplast Use in Return Air Systems

This serves as notification regarding a change in previously accepted practices for residential construction, return air system installations.

Effective January 5, 2026 the use of coroplast (corrugated plastic sheeting) that does not meet the required flame spread rating for return air ducting materials, will not be an accepted material for use in return air systems.

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.