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News and Events

The City of Edmonton Edmonton recognized for Housing Affordability

According to Maclean's magazine, Edmonton is officially one of "Canada's Best Affordable Places to Live." Nobody knows more than the building and development community that the secret is out: Edmonton is an extraordinary place to call home, and the rest of the country is taking notice. For more, read the Maclean's feature on Edmonton [here](#), or read our news release [here](#). Both highlight many of the reasons why people are choosing our city. This kind of recognition means a lot to us and wouldn't be possible without the ongoing support of our industry partners. Thank you for all of your hard work making Edmonton shine!

Building Blocks Session

Building Blocks is on its summer break, but will return in September.

If you have an idea for a Building Blocks session, please contact justin.phill@edmonton.ca

Have Your Say on Targeted Rezoning in Key Priority Growth Areas

Engagement is now open to inform targeted rezonings in the following five Priority Growth Areas:

Wìłkwèntôwin (Oliver) Centre-City Node, 124 Street Primary Corridor, 156 Street Secondary Corridor, Stony Plain Road Primary Corridor and the University-Garneau Major Node. [Learn more.](#)

Bus Rapid Transit Alignments Advance to Urban Planning Committee

The [Bus Rapid Transit route alignments](#) to support a population of 1.25 million people will be presented to Urban Planning Committee on August 27, 2024. Industry members can share their views on the proposed route alignments directly with Committee members by [registering to speak](#) once the [committee meeting agenda](#) is released on August 15, 2024.

Growth Monitoring Reports Available on City of Edmonton Website

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statistics, and low-density residential lot absorption and servicing. [See a summary of key findings.](#)

Business Census

The City of Edmonton is dedicated to supporting economic growth, and we are working hard to make it easier to do business. The Edmonton Business Census is designed to help address gaps in available business and employment information. The data collected will shape how the City supports businesses, improves services and attracts investment. From now until to August look for for City staff who will be going door-to-door throughout the City to capture your business information through a short, five-minute questionnaire. If you'd prefer to participate online or to learn more about the program, visit the [Business Census page](#).

New National Building Code - 2023 Alberta Edition

Water for Firefighting

In Alberta, water supply for firefighting is regulated both by municipalities through the Alberta Environment Standards for Municipal Waterworks, as well as through the National Building Code - Alberta Edition (NBC-AE). The key difference between the application of these standards is when they are applied relative to a planned development, with the former occurring at municipal land development applications including subdivision and Development Permit stages, and the latter occurring at the Building Permit stage. This article is intended to provide guidance and clarification of the requirements at various stages of development. [Learn more.](#)

Safety Codes & Permit Updates



Fire Separation Between Row Houses With More Than Two Secondary Units

The Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections team is enacting a new municipal policy which addresses requirements for secondary suites in rowhouses under the National Building Code, 2023 Alberta Edition

Moving Underground Electrical Inspections to EPCOR - Update

To better serve Edmonton's construction industry, EPCOR and the City have worked to simplify the electrical inspection process. This change reduces inspection delays and streamlines contractor information and inspection results. Historically, Underground inspections were done by the City and New Service inspections were done by EPCOR and the remaining inspections were done by the City.

As of the launch date of July 2, 2024 EPCOR is responsible for both the Underground and New Service inspections on new permits. [Read more](#).

Electrical Inspections Demarcation for Power Service Connections

To help support Edmonton's construction industry and the changes with underground electrical service inspections, EPCOR had created a new guideline to help you better understand what inspections are required for different service types, and what EPCOR will be inspecting for each inspection stage. Please take a moment to review the [memo and guidelines](#).

If you have any questions, please submit them to ces@epcor.com and we will get back to you.

When to Contact EPCOR for Residential Power Service Connections

EPCOR's Customer Connections team has been receiving many requests recently for clarification about when builders or electrical contractors need to engage EPCOR's Customer Connections for residential power service connections. Please take a moment to review the attached [memo](#) for more information.

If you still have any questions, please submit them to ces@epcor.com.

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.

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