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July 2023

Building Blocks Session

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

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Online webinar via Google Meet [Register for free today!](#)

Join Peter Moonen from the Canadian Wood Council as he discusses the drivers and benefits of wood in the construction industry. 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](#).

Updates to City Management Contact Information

There have been some temporary changes in the leadership of Urban Planning and Economy.

Kim Petrin is now the acting Deputy City Manager for Urban Planning and Economy until a permanent candidate is found for that role. **Travis Pawlyk** has temporarily taken over Kim's home position as Branch Manager of Development Services leading all things zoning and building including the Zoning Bylaw Renewal. In the meantime, **Jatinder Tiwana** will be the acting director of Planning Coordination in Travis's place. He will be the key figure in front of Council at public hearings and managing re-zoning applications and plans across the City. Jatinder is a long standing member of the Planning Coordination leadership team so he brings knowledge of both transportation and drainage issues, as well as an understanding of current planning issues to his new acting role.

Summer Field Inspection Hours

A reminder that the inspections team will be conducting new construction field inspections between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.. For more information contact [Steve Goodwin](#)

Inspection Booking Permissions

In an effort to create consistency and align workflow for all project permits, permissions for booking of HVAC Commercial inspections have been restricted to include only the permit applicant (the party in care and control of the project). We thank our contractors for their patience while completing this enhancement. Please direct all inquiries related to this enhancement to [Linda Girard](#).

Edmonton Urban Design Awards Submissions Now Open

The form to submit your application for the Edmonton Urban Design Awards is now open at edmonton.ca/urbandesignawards. Through the program, we recognize architects, landscape architects, planners,

artists and designers who have contributed to urban design and the city's quality of life. The last day to make your submission is August 4. Visit edmonton.ca/urbandesignawards for more information, or contact [Peter Spearey](#), Lead Urban Designer, at 780-508-9503.

Construction Fire Safety Plan Updates for 2024

Edmonton Fire Rescue Services (EFRS) and Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections recently assessed the effectiveness of the construction fire safety plan (C-FSP) process. A provision of the National Fire Code - Alberta Edition is the preparation of a Fire Safety Plan for all construction, alteration and demolition operations.

A review of a broad sample of submitted construction fire safety plans indicated they lack the necessary level of detail and accountability expected for C-FSPs. Improvements to the construction site safety inspection process are being made, addressing challenges experienced by clients and making the process more effective and efficient, reducing the time it takes to complete, and prioritizing client needs.

Scheduled to be implemented in full starting in 2024, this process will potentially decrease Building Permit issuance timelines and increase the value of inspection services including real time and on-site evaluations of fire safety plans (FSP) and overall site safety. Throughout the remainder of 2023, the current template will remain acceptable. However, new requirements will be implemented in January 2024. A comprehensive overview of the guidelines, requirements and justifications and more information can be found at [Fire Safety Planning for Construction, Renovation and Demolition Sites](#).

Construction Site Management Acknowledgement Form - Project Implementation Plan

An updated approach to construction, demolition and excavation site safety compliance monitoring is being adopted by the Safety Codes Permits and Inspections section of Development Services, with a focus on project implementation planning in three steps. Find out more.

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