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New Underground Installation Guide for Single Family Homes

The City of Edmonton, working with EPCOR, ATCO, and the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA), have finalized the New Underground Installation Guide for New Single Family Homes. This is a best practice guide to assist contractors in the installation of underground services. View the [Underground Installation Guide](#).

Interactive Business Improvement Area Dashboard shares indicators of economic well-being

Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) play a crucial role in supporting the vibrancy, economic vitality and appeal of many of the city's main streets and key commercial areas. In partnership with each BIA association, the City measures and reports on a set of indicators annually to evaluate the overall economic well-being of Edmonton's BIAs. The City recently launched a new interactive dashboard to better track economic trends within our BIAs. The dashboard provides helpful data on businesses within each BIA, including trends in building and development permits and vacancy rates, and data about the residents in and around each BIA. Find out more at [Information and Contacts for Business Improvement Areas](#).

Inquiry Appointments Available for Edmonton Service Centre

The Edmonton Service Centre in the Edmonton Tower is excited to support your projects through another busy construction season. If you are looking for information related to projects which may require a Development, Building or Trade Permit, or a Business Licence, you can get in-person support from a team member through a pre-booked appointment. Appointments offer an opportunity to speak directly to a subject matter expert at a specific time to provide support in advance of making a permit application. Once an application is made, file support can be provided via the assigned reviewing officer. Inquiry appointments can be [booked online](#) or by calling 311.

Updated Small Building Access Policy

The Small Building Access Policy has been updated with the minimum acceptable width of access path of travel adjusted to 0.9m. Learn more about the [minimum access provisions and design guidelines](#).

Edmonton Urban Design Awards Submissions Open in July

Submissions to the Edmonton Urban Design Awards open July 5.

The Urban Design Awards celebrate the best new projects in Edmonton. 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. edmonton.ca/urbandesignawards for more information, or contact Peter Spearey, Lead Urban Designer, at 780.508.9503.

Health Care Facility Letter of Confirmation

A building permit applicant is now required to submit a letter of confirmation, along with the application, for any facility delivering health care services. This [letter of confirmation](#) must show that the applicant:

- has reviewed applicable legislation
- is aware of relevant Alberta enactments
- understands that safety codes officers are not assessing or presuming the health services provided in a facility
- acknowledges that the owner, registered professionals, and constructor are responsible for ensuring the building design meets all legislative and regulatory requirements
- understands that a permit or permission to occupy a building or part of it shall not be construed to be a license to operate or engage in any business, and that other health care facility-related requirements may need to be met.

Find more information about what is considered a [regulated health profession](#).

We will be hosting a Building Blocks session on this subject in July. Check next months newsletter for attendance information.

For more information about the letter of confirmation, contact David Flanagan.

Building Blocks Session

Join us for the June Building Blocks information session and discussion series:

Monday, June 26, 2023

12 noon - 1:00 pm

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.

Application Processing Time Performance

As part of the City's commitment to streamlining services and supporting development and investment in Edmonton, we're providing more information on the development and building permit application processing timelines established in June 2022. The City aims to meet the established application processing times 75 per cent of the time, or more. This target was exceeded for most services in the first quarter of 2023. [Read more.](#)