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## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Building Blocks Session

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

Date: **Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

Time: 12 - 1 PM

Location: Online webinar via Google Meet

[Register here](#)

In this session, Juan Monterrosa will present on the Emissions Neutral Building Information Exchange (ENBIX). Juan will provide an overview of what ENBIX is, the programs they are working on to help industry advance to emissions neutral buildings and other support ENBIX can provide. Juan is the Senior Program Manager, Emissions Neutral Buildings at Alberta Ecotrust.

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](#).

### 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 August look 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](#).

### Pause on Collection of Sanitary Servicing Strategy Fund (SSSF) Fees

Effective May 13, 2024, the City of Edmonton, EPCOR and the development industry have agreed to temporarily pause the collection of charges required by the [Sanitary Servicing Strategy Fund \(SSSF\)](#). The pause in the assessment and collection of SSSF fees is in response to the current review of the SSSF program. [Learn more](#).

### Share Your Thoughts on the Work of the Edmonton Design Committee

The Edmonton Design Committee (EDC) is reviewing its Standards and Procedures, Principles of Urban Design, and scope of review, and we want to hear from you! Until July 5, 2024, we are inviting designers, builders and developers to connect with us in two ways: by completing an online survey or taking part in a one-on-one

interview. Visit [edmonton.ca/edc](https://edmonton.ca/edc) to complete the survey and sign up for an interview. At the end of this engagement phase, we will begin preparing draft documents for review. We anticipate sharing these draft deliverables in early fall 2024 with the goal of completing this work by the end of the 2024-25 EDC term, which concludes on April 30, 2025. For questions, email [edmontondesigncommittee@edmonton.ca](mailto:edmontondesigncommittee@edmonton.ca).

### **District Planning Public Hearing - Next Steps**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first four days of the [District Planning Public Hearing](#) on May 28 to 30 and June 3, 2024. The public hearing and Council discussion of the Policy and plans is set to continue on June 25, 2024, from 1:30 to 9:00 p.m. If the Policy and plans pass second reading on June 25, they will go to the [Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board \(EMRB\)](#) for review. Following a successful EMRB review, the Policy and plans would still need to return to City Council for a third and final reading before being adopted and coming into effect. [Learn more](#).

## **NEW NATIONAL BUILDING CODE - 2023 ALBERTA EDITION**

### **Important Guidelines for Compliance with New Building and Energy Codes**

The effective start date for the new National Building Code - 2023 Alberta Edition (NBC-2023AE) and National Energy Code for Buildings 2020 (NECB 2020) has passed. We've observed its implementation in applications submitted after May 1 and identified several areas that need attention to ensure a smooth intake review process for your application. [Read more](#).

## **RED TAPE REDUCTION**

### **Permits and Business Licenses Can Now Be Linked**

Business license applications can be directly connected with development and building permits! This update aims to speed up processes for business owners. Please ensure your customers have their development and building permit numbers to include in their Business License application. If customers apply for their Business License before obtaining permits, they can provide this number for their permit applications. This linkage between permits and licenses will significantly cut down the time it takes for business owners to start operating!

## **SAFETY CODES AND PERMIT UPDATES**

### **Crane Swing Agreements Update**

In order to facilitate construction timelines, the City of Edmonton's Safety Codes Permits and Inspections will no longer be reviewing crane swing agreements between private landowners as part of Crane Building Permit Applications. [Read more](#).

### **Moving Underground Electrical Inspections to EPCOR**

EPCOR and the City have been working to simplify the electrical inspection process to better serve Edmonton's construction industry. This change will reduce inspection delays and streamline contractor information and inspection results. EPCOR will be responsible for both the underground and new service inspections for all Building Permits issued after the anticipated launch date of July 2, 2024. There will be a transition period for permits in progress through to October 4, 2024. [Read more.](#)

### **Guidance for Commercial Demolition and Hoarding Projects**

For smoother processing of commercial demolition and hoarding building permits, the City's Safety Codes, Permits, and Inspection section has released new guidance documents available on the Construction Permits page. [Read more.](#)