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### Register for the March Building Blocks Session

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



**Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

**Time: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Location: Online via Google Meet**

[Register for free today!](#)

In the March session, Justin Phill and David Flanagan from the City's Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections team will present a case study of a building addition. They will discuss heat loss calculations and energy compliance path decision-making in relation to 9.36 of the building code and other relevant building code items.

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 at [justin.phill@edmonton.ca](mailto:justin.phill@edmonton.ca)

### Update: District Planning and Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative

Since the adoption of [The City Plan](#) in December 2020, the City has been working on a number of planning initiatives to advance the plan's implementation. The [Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative](#) and [District Planning](#) are two transformational projects that are integral to implement The City Plan and lay the foundation for the 15-minute community.

They are developing at the same time and require a generous offering of time, insight and ideas from a diverse demographic of people. Both projects have recalibrated their timelines in order to help better prepare Edmontonians to meaningfully engage and provide feedback. [Learn more.](#)





May to September is the busiest time for the City when it comes to reviewing and approving [home improvement permits](#). Contractors and builders should encourage homeowners who are looking to do home improvement projects over the summer to get started early to prevent delays. Permits can take [up to a few weeks](#) to process and issue, depending on information provided in the application, the complexity of the project and the City's current application volumes.

The City continues to work on [streamlining the permitting process](#) to make it easier to navigate. Homeowners and/or their contractors may set up an appointment through the City's [Service Centre](#) to ask questions about the permit process and requirements before getting started or to review a complete application before submitting. [Learn more.](#)



### Credit Card Payment Limit Increase

On March 1, 2022, the City's credit card payment limit for development-related service fees increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This increase was made to help reduce barriers to development and accommodate the [fee schedule](#) changes made as part of the fall 2021 budget adjustment process. Less than 5 per cent of all transactions are for over \$10,000. Capping credit card payments at \$10,000 allows the City to provide payment option flexibility for the majority of customers, while still being mindful of and limiting transaction service fee charges. Visit the [paying for permit and licensing fees webpage](#) for more information.

### Infill Fire Protection Program Funded for Another Five years and Accepting Applications

In support of residential and mixed use infill development and in alignment with the goals of [The City Plan](#), the City, EPCOR and the development industry have collaborated on a cost share program for the funding of water infrastructure to ensure sufficient fire protection. After a successful two-year pilot program, a new five year program has been funded to continue supporting targeted infill development projects. EPCOR Water Services recently launched the application period for this round of Infill Fire Protection Program funding. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2022.

Visit [EPCOR's Infill Fire Protection Program webpage](#) for more information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chantal Kuchma, the new senior manager of technical services at EPCOR Water Services, Distribution and Transmission at [ckuchma@epcor.com](mailto:ckuchma@epcor.com).

### Code and Standard Updates

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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