



Building Blocks Session

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

Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023

Time: 12 - 1 PM

Location: Online webinar via Google Meet

Register for free today!

In the November session, Cory McCambridge from APA - The Engineered Wood Association will present "Beam Me Up," a session discussing the properties and applications of structural engineered wood beam products like glulam and structural composite lumber. The session discusses proper design and specification in accordance with the National Building Code. New technologies, streamlined design options and sustainability issues will be addressed, as well as the constructability benefits of engineered wood beams.

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](#).

Snow and Ice Information for Edmonton Businesses

The winter season is here! Businesses play an important role in making sure properties are safe and accessible for everyone year-round, and setting a good example for customers.

Did you know property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice from all of their adjacent sidewalks? Spreading sand on icy patches is a good way to help keep sidewalks and parking lots safer and less slippery.

Check out this [NEW Info Resource Sheet for Businesses](#) for helpful details and tips. More info: edmonton.ca/SafeTravels

Participate in the District Planning Process

Visit the project's Engaged Edmonton page at engaged.edmonton.ca/districtplanning to:

- Take the project's online [Insight Community Survey](#)

- Sign up for the public and plan-specific engagement sessions
- Use the project's Interactive Mapping Tool to submit your feedback on the plans proposed to change or retire
- Take an online survey on the individual district plans and District Policy
- Submit your questions directly to the project team using the Q&A Tool
- Book a one-on-one virtual, phone call or meet in-person with a planner on the project

The project will also be hosting in-person public engagement sessions in the month of November. Stay tuned for dates and locations! Engagement closes on December 1, 2023.

Edmonton Urban Design Awards Gala!

Edmonton - the jury has deliberated, the people have voted, and the votes have been counted. It's now time to present the awards and have a celebration!

Join us on Friday, November 24, 2023 from 7-9 p.m. for the 2023 Urban Design Awards Gala, held at City Hall. Tickets are free through Eventbrite but must be reserved before November 17, 2023. Visit [Edmonton Urban Design Awards](#) to register.

RED TAPE REDUCTION AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

The New Zoning Bylaw and City-wide Rezoning Are Approved!

Edmonton's new Zoning Bylaw (Charter Bylaw 20001) and city-wide rezoning (Charter Bylaw 21001) were approved by City Council at the Statutory Public Hearing on October 23, 2023.

View the [Public Hearing recording](#), access the agenda and see comments submitted as part of the public record. A big thank you to everyone who participated; your insights are invaluable.

Effective date: The new [Bylaw](#) and [Zoning Map](#) will come into effect on January 1, 2024.

Industry Education - Coming soon! Education for industry partners will be provided to support the transition to the new Zoning Bylaw. More details will be shared soon.

Files in Transition: Curious about what the approval of the new Zoning Bylaw means for your applications? Check out the following resources which provide information about in-progress applications made under Zoning Bylaw 12800 and future applications:

- [Development Permits Files in Transition Guide for Applicants](#)
- [Rezoning and Text Amendments Files in Transition Guide for Applicants](#)

Stay Tuned: Visit edmonton.ca/zoningbylawrenewal for additional resources and information.

Contact Us: For questions, reach out to zoningbylawrenewal@edmonton.ca.

SAFETY CODES AND PERMIT UPDATES

Safety Codes Officer jobs!

Use your industry expertise to provide technical guidance, conduct inspections and issue permits for the City of Edmonton. It's a challenging and rewarding opportunity and it might be just what you're looking for. Check out our [Safety Codes Officer](#) positions.

Temporary Heat Permits

This is the time of year where heat is often needed for construction projects so the City reminds all building partners that permits and inspections are required for these installations. [Learn more](#).

Dangers of Working Without Permits

This is a reminder that starting work without all the required permits in place is not only potentially unsafe for workers, building occupants and the general public, it's also prohibited by the Safety Codes Act and Regulations, and the Safety Codes Permit Bylaw. [Learn more](#).

Trench and Excavation Safety

The City will be initiating a Safe Work Practice that our teams will apply on a consistent basis on all job sites when they are required to enter an excavation. This Safe Work Practice will take effect November 23. The new practice will mainly affect footing and foundation inspections, but it is a blanket application for all disciplines that may need to enter and do inspections. Please share this [quick reference card](#) that our field staff will use to evaluate a jobsite for safety and to help them determine what is acceptable and what is not. Our teams will take photos of failed excavations which will be entered as unsafe access in our system and generate reinspection fees and set up the requirement for a reinspection. For more information contact [Steve Goodwin](#).

Trade Permits Must Be Applied for With Building Permits

HVAC, Plumbing, Gas and Electrical permits for trades work associated with a building scope must be applied for and associated with the Building Permit. Free-standing trade permits are to be applied for only for work that is not affiliated with a building project. [Read more](#).

- Helpful Permit Tips -

"More Information Required" Occurrences

Accurate and complete applications result in timely processing. Avoid unnecessary delays by reviewing these tips to aid in submitting complete application. [Read more](#).

Safety Code Inspections Common Occurrences

Site preparation and confirmation of completed work leads to timely and positive inspection outcomes.. **Review these tips** to assist in ensuring good outcomes.

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.