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### Infill Data Explorer

The Infill Data Explorer is an interactive, online mapping tool that helps you evaluate properties for infill development potential. Find information like housing types, zoning description, total tax assessment, parcel lot area and nearby services and amenities.

Try it for yourself at [Infill Data Explorer](#).



### City Council Public Hearing Procedure Changes

The additional access and participation created by the ability to attend Public Hearings both in person and remotely has increased the time needed to complete each Public Hearing. In order to maintain an efficient experience for all, **two changes have been made to the Public Hearing procedures which will come into effect in January 2022 (see item 7.3).**

The changes are:

1. **Speaker Panels**

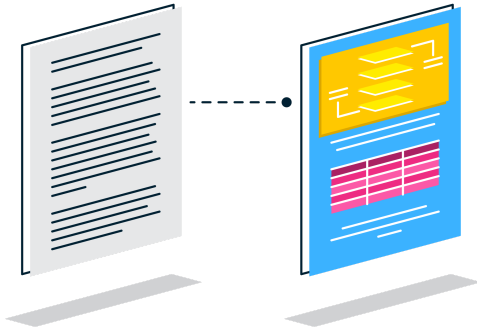
Speaker panels will now be used for those in-favour and in-opposition. This will allow presenters to organize their presentations more effectively and allow Council members to pose questions of the group instead of individually after every speaker.

2. **"New information" from the public is now replaced with "Council questions of clarification"**

Currently all speakers are asked if they have any new information prior to the closure of the Public Hearing. This will be replaced with the opportunity for any Councillor to ask questions of any speaker in response to information that has arisen during the Public Hearing.

These changes have been made to ensure a timely and efficient Public Hearing process that is consistent with other types of Council and Committee meetings while maintaining the core principles of access, public participation to open government and procedural fairness.

Questions? Contact the City Clerk's Office at [city.clerk@edmonton.ca](mailto:city.clerk@edmonton.ca).

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Having great regulations is just part of the [Zoning Bylaw Renewal](#) initiative's journey. The City is also making the bylaw look good. And by good, we mean understandable.

Building on prior user experience research, the City will be working with a Content Management System (CMS) consultant to better organize and display zoning information, making the bylaw easier to navigate for residents, builders, developers, councillors, City Administration, and more. Targeted engagement on the draft Content Management System is anticipated to take place in the spring of 2022.

[Learn more.](#)

### Bylaw 19918: Public Notifications Bylaw Amendment

Bylaw 19918: Public Notification Bylaw Amendment received first reading at City Council on December 13, 2021 ([item 7.1](#)).

The proposed Charter Bylaw 19918 will amend Charter Bylaw 18826 to (1) provide alternative advertising methods for legally required advertisements under Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA); and (2) provide alternative and modified notification methods for legally required notification under Section 692 of the Municipal Government Act and the City of Edmonton Charter, 2018 Regulation.

City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider proposed Charter Bylaw 19918 for second and third and final reading on March 15, 2022. You are invited to listen to the deliberations or express your views directly with City Council by registering to speak at the Public Hearing.

[Read more.](#)



### Safety Code Inspection Request Service Enhancements

Providing more certainty in real time of when an inspection can happen makes it easier for customers to plan construction activities and occupancy dates. To enhance customer service and provide increased predictability of inspection service timelines, the inspection scheduler in the City's Self Serve portal is being updated to display the days currently available for inspection based on inspector capacity.

A phased roll out is in progress, with electrical and HVAC inspections now available. Plumbing, gas, and building inspections will follow in the coming months.

The online inspection request process has also been adjusted to efficiently guide customers through current COVID-19 safety protocols, reducing the need to call 311.

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### Reminder: Commercial HVAC Inspection Request Process

The Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) discipline is a compulsory trade certification embedded within the Building discipline, with HVAC work conducted under separate permit.

The building permit holder or property owner is responsible for submitting the required schedules and requesting inspections. To facilitate orderly inspection scheduling for projects that have professional involvement, the mandatory "C" schedules must be submitted at the conclusion of the project, **before** requesting final inspections for HVAC or Building.

[Use the checklists](#) to determine if you are ready for inspection, then access your project dashboard directly from the checklist or go to [SelfServe.edmonton.ca](#) to submit "C" schedules and request inspection. Where a project has professional involvement, "A" and "B" Schedules must be submitted to the City with the building permit application.

To enhance customer service and provide increased predictability of inspection service timelines, the inspection scheduler in the City's Self Serve portal has been updated to display the days currently available for HVAC inspections based on inspector capacity. Providing more certainty in real time of when an inspection can happen makes it easier for customers to plan construction activities and occupancy dates.

Questions? Contact [richard.friesen@edmonton.ca](mailto:richard.friesen@edmonton.ca).

### Reminder: 10 Minute Fire Response Boundary Map and Construction Practices Update

A revised version of the 10 minute Fire Response Boundary map is expected to be released on January 1, 2022. While no major impacts are forecasted, there may be some changes in relation to newly created roadways that will expand the boundaries in some areas. No changes will be made that shrink the current boundaries.

Effective January 1, 2022, the City will only accept building permit applications for construction projects outside the 10 minute response time boundary that contain plans and/or specifications that reflect applicable Code-compliant wall assemblies per Article 9.10.15.3. of Division B of the Code or a specific variance by alternative solution using the process outlined in Sentence 1.2.1.1.(1) of Division A of the Code. Alternatives, including modifications to the [Intertek report](#) test conditions for alternatives to non-combustible cladding for exterior walls of buildings located outside the response boundary, must follow this process to be considered.

[Learn more.](#)

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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## Edmonton Taking the Lead as a Solar Power Producer

Edmonton is one of the fastest warming regions in the world and the science shows that our climate is expected to change even more significantly into the future due to the rise in temperatures being brought on by climate change. Buildings in general are big contributors to greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and solar generation is one of the tools we can use to mitigate this issue.

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