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Register for the April Building Blocks Session

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



Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

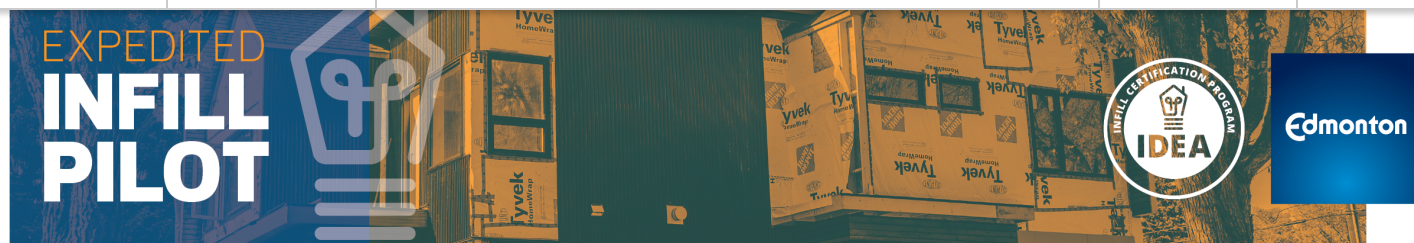
Location: Online via Google Meet

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For the April session, David Flanagan, Simon Wunderli, and Justin Phill from the City's Safety Codes, Permits & Inspections Team will present on building permit application best practices. They will discuss information required as part of a submission, some commonly missed items and share lessons learned from past high performance building submissions.

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.

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Register for the Expedited Infill Program

The fourth round of the Expedited Infill Builder Education Program courses are being offered from April 21 to 27, 2021. After successfully completing the Builder Education Program (the IDEA Certification Program) offered by IDEA, participants will have access to 21 calendar day review timelines for specific infill development permit applications through an Expedited Infill Review Process. To register, please visit infilledmonton.com/program.

[Learn more about the program.](#)

Business Licence Fee Reductions

On April 6, 2021, City Council approved a 50 per cent reduction in business licence fees for all Edmonton businesses. City Council also approved a 100 per cent reduction in 2021 dispatch and vehicle licence fees for limousines and a 50 per cent reduction in these fees for all other vehicles for hire. The fee reductions will automatically be applied when businesses or vehicles for hire renew their licence or apply for a new licence between now and March 31, 2022. [Learn more](#)

Safety Codes & Permit Updates



Excavation, Demolition & Construction Site Safety

With the spring construction season now underway, the City would like to remind builders that construction, excavation or demolition sites must be secured on all 4 sides with a strongly constructed fence not less than 1.8 m high. The fence must be fully contained within the subject project property lines and secured whenever no personnel are on site.

Appropriate practices should always be observed in demolition and/or excavation activities and additional provisions may be required to manage hazardous materials, such as asbestos, or for the protection of adjacent property and structures.

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Exterior Residential Area Drain Connections for Secondary Entrances

Effective April 15th, 2021, the City will accept exterior residential area drains for secondary entrances (eg. area drain at the base of stairs on the exterior of the house) that are tied into the weeping tile sump barrel or storm drain system. If it is a combined drain system serving the property, a vented p-trap is required to run independently through the roof. If it is not tied into a combined storm/sanitary drain, no p-trap is required and 3" piping must be used. These changes do not affect how a summer/winter storm line is to be piped when required by EPCOR.

Questions? Please contact the City's Plumbing and Gas Tech Desk at plumbingandgastechdesk@edmonton.ca or 780-496-3117.

Gas Fired Equipment Commissioning Reports

The City would like to remind builders that when installing and starting new gas fired appliances a commissioning or start up report is required for a successful inspection process. These checklists are often included in the installation manual and are to be completed on site and left with the appliance for referencing at later dates as per B149.1-15 clause 4.3.3. The installer must also ensure the manufacturer's instructions supplied with the appliance are left with the user.

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