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Register for the August Building Blocks Session

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



Date: Monday, August 23, 2021
Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Online via Google Meet
[Register for free today!](#)

For the August session, a representative from Rinnai will discuss the benefits and applications of domestic hot water systems.

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.

Business Licence Bylaw Renewal Update

A proposed new [Business Licence Bylaw](#) will be advancing to the [August 16, 2021 City Council \(item 7.5\)](#) for a decision.

The proposed new bylaw must be approved by Council before the new regulations can come into effect and the old bylaw is repealed. If approved by Council, the new bylaw and [associated fee schedule](#) is targeted to come into effect on January 17, 2022.

The Business Licence Bylaw Renewal is one of [several initiatives](#) underway to help streamline the City's permitting, licencing and regulatory processes. A new, modern and robust Business Licence Bylaw helps support the [City Plan](#) vision of ensuring all businesses have access to opportunities to thrive, create and prosper.

For more information on the Business Licence Bylaw renewal, please visit edmonton.ca/businesslicencebylawrenewal.

The Canadian Institute of Planners has **honoured the City of Edmonton** with an Award for Planning Excellence for the **Open Option Parking project** and an Award of Merit for **The City Plan**. These annual awards recognize innovation, impact on the profession and are the highest level of recognition the Institute gives for professional planning projects.

"I am honoured to lead such a talented team recognized for their planning excellence," said Stephanie McCabe, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy. "Not only do these awards recognize professional excellence, they also mean we're continuing to serve Edmontonians with innovative and transformational plans. These projects demonstrate how we are adapting to rapidly changing times while also ensuring that we're building a fiscally and environmentally viable future for generations of Edmontonians to come."



[Learn more.](#)



Home Improvement Permits Saving You Time and Money

In 2018, we began the Urban Form Business Transformation project aimed at improving our services. One of the projects was to make improvements to Home Improvement Permits which see a high volume of applications. This work has resulted in significant cost savings in terms of time waiting for permits and money saved not waiting for permits to be approved. [Learn more.](#)

Safety Codes & Permit Updates



Foundation Engineering Requirements for Precast Concrete Stair Brackets

The City is requesting that an engineer review relevant house foundation details and provide confirmation that the affected foundation walls are capable of "resisting the forces" of the brackets, precast concrete stair as well as the roof load where applicable. In order to do this, the engineer will have to consider and confirm the number and location of brackets and, where applicable, the roof load path onto any beams and support members below. [Learn more.](#)

Discontinuation of USEB Cable for Branch Circuits

With the new 2021 Electrical Code coming into effect on February 1, 2022, the City will no longer allow the use of USEB cable for branch circuits. This means that for all branch circuits, including street lighting, a bonding conductor must be incorporated into the cable or added in the conduit. For more information, please refer to the 2021 Code. Questions? Contact Gerry Wiles at gerry.wiles@edmonton.ca.

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