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Register for the February Building Blocks Session

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



Date: February 24, 2021

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Location: Online webinar via Google Meet

[Register for free today!](#)

Our speaker for the February session is Kelly Fordice from ReNu Engineering who will present on Passive House. Passive House is a German building standard aimed at delivering the most energy efficient buildings possible through passive design measures. This standard has been steadily gaining popularity in North America.

This presentation will include a review of the Passive House building standards and design methodologies and how this contributes to an overall reduction in building energy consumption and carbon emissions within the context of application in Canada's cold climates (ASHRAE Zone 7+). It will include a look at local examples, covering envelope systems, HVAC systems, and lessons learned.

Building Blocks is a series put on by Safety Codes, Permits, and Inspections at the City of Edmonton to create a forum for learning, questions, and discussions on high performance buildings, code changes, industry best practices, and more.

Questions? Contact Justin Phill, Senior Engineer for Green Building and Energy Code on the City's Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections team, at justin.phill@edmonton.ca.

Moving Edmonton closer to its goal of climate resilience, Council has approved recommended **changes** to City of Edmonton Drainage Bylaw 18093 to include Low Impact Development (LID). LID is a stormwater management technique that mimics natural systems to clean, slow and absorb rainwater at its source.

Through these changes, Bylaw 18093 now recognizes LID as part of a private drainage system that can be designed and used on private lot developments. This provides much needed clarity for developers and the City to pursue LID on private lot development in partnership with EPCOR Drainage. It also has the potential to reduce the pressures we place on our piped drainage system.

If you have any questions about these changes and how they may impact your development please contact the project lead Anne Huizinga at anne.huizinga@edmonton.ca.



Safety Codes & Permit Updates



Temporary Heat Permits

With the winter season firmly upon us, we want to remind builders about permit and inspection procedures for all temporary construction heat sources. [Learn more.](#)

Building Permit Processing Timelines

One of the most common questions we get from customers is, 'How long will it take to get my building permit?' While knowing timelines is helpful for project planning, this can be a difficult question to answer as processing times can vary based on a number of factors both within and outside the City's control, such as application volumes, time of year, and the quality and complexity of applications.

That's why the City has developed a [building permit application processing times dashboard](#). This

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which is intended to further clarify processing timelines for applicants for all our different permit types. [Learn more.](#)

Safety Notice: Gas Fireplaces

Alberta Municipal Affairs has issued an important notice regarding the prohibited installation or use of non-certified gas fireplaces manufactured by Canadian Fire Hearth Mfg. Inc. and Luxor Mfg. Inc. [Learn more.](#)

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