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Draft City Plan Going to Urban Planning Committee

On March 16, 2020, the first **full draft of The City Plan** will be presented to Urban Planning Committee for information. The next step will be to advance the draft to City Council Public Hearing.

Questions or thoughts you'd like to share on the draft?

Email thecityplan@edmonton.ca

New Building Permits & Inspections Dashboard

The City has launched a **new online dashboard** that lets applicants see when building permit applications will be assigned for review and when requests for building and trade discipline inspections will be scheduled.

[Learn more.](#)

Residential Construction		
Processing time estimates are updated weekly.		
Single Detached House Applications placed in the Building Permit plan review queue today will be assigned to approximately: 2 weeks Currently assigning applications placed in the Building Permit plan review queue by February 12, 2020 <small>Last updated on February 27, 2020</small>	Semi-Detached House Applications placed in the Building Permit plan review queue today will be assigned to approximately: 1 week Currently assigning applications placed in the Building Permit plan review queue by February 19, 2020 <small>Last updated on February 27, 2020</small>	Row House and Duplex Applications placed in the Building Permit plan review queue today will be assigned to approximately: 1 week Currently assigning applications placed in the Building Permit plan review queue by February 26, 2020 <small>Last updated on February 28, 2020</small>

eServices Update: Row House Permits

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of row house permit projects. Further enhancements have also been made to the online permitting services to improve convenience, transparency, and support customer requests.

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SAFETY CODES UPDATES

Encapsulated Mass Timber Construction Variance

Alberta Municipal Affairs has issued a [province-wide variance](#) to permit the construction of buildings up to 12 storeys using Encapsulated Mass Timber Construction as an alternative solution to the National Building Code - 2019 Alberta Edition and the National Fire Code - 2019 Alberta Edition.

Delegated Engineering Services Requirements

Please review the [Commercial Building Permit Minimum Submission Guide \(February 2020\)](#) for information about delegated engineering services for deferred submission of plans and specifications when, for example, sprinkler drawings, calculations and schedules may not be available.

Manufactured Structural Components Update

Due to the 2019 NBC-AE coming into effect on April 1, 2019, Standata 14-BCV-016 for manufactured structural components has been suspended. Until further written notice by release of an updated Standata, it is deemed acceptable to submit for review and Building Permit issuance engineered floor and roof layouts for buildings containing up to 4 dwelling units.

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[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[and Procedures Review](#)[Wind Studies](#)

Working in partnership with the Edmonton Design Committee (EDC), the City has reviewed EDC policies and procedures to ensure the effectiveness, efficiency and relevance of the Committee. Later this month, the results of this work, along with a set of potential actions, will be shared with the development industry and the public for review and comment.

For more information, visit edmonton.ca/edc.



Open Option Parking Update

On January 28 2020, the City presented a report to Urban Planning Committee recommending that minimum parking requirements be removed from Zoning Bylaw 12800. This proposed change, known as Open Option Parking, is intended to improve choice for businesses and property owners, remove barriers to economic development, and support a more walkable, compact, urban environment. Urban Planning Committee directed the City to proceed to the June 23, 2020 Public Hearing with a bylaw to implement the changes.

Visit edmonton.ca/makingspace for more details.

At the direction of Council, the City is preparing a terms of reference for wind studies to support the City of Edmonton's rezoning and development permit processes. This work will provide an updated framework for wind study requirements, testing criteria and evaluation. Later this month, the City will share a draft Terms of Reference with the development industry and the public for review and comment.

For more information, visit edmonton.ca/urbandesign.

Development Bonds for Servicing Agreement Securities

The City of Edmonton is proud to announce the acceptance of Development Bonds as an alternative form of security within all servicing agreements for the 2020 construction season.

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Proper maintenance of older homes

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Heritage homes - age 50 and over - help give Edmonton its unique character, and those who own such homes need to understand their special needs. Sign up for one of the City's low-cost This Old Edmonton House workshops to learn how to properly maintain and protect your heritage home.

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