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### Register for the November Building Blocks Session

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



**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021

**Time:** 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

**Location:** Online via Google Meet

[Register for free today!](#)

For the November session, Infill Development in Edmonton Association (IDEA) board members are proud to present the organization's vision, objectives and value to the building community. They will discuss who they are, what they do, and why infill builders need them! A few case studies will be shared detailing limitations infill builders sometimes face when building high efficient homes in infill neighborhoods. They will also share some details on grants you could qualify for through CHMC.

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](mailto:justin.phill@edmonton.ca).



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### Permit and Licensing Improvement Initiative: 2022 Workplan Update

The Permit and Licence Improvement (PLI) team continues to work on increasing consistency and reducing permit timelines, improving communication and leveraging technology. Red tape reduction efforts between 2018 and 2021 will save customers and businesses 261,000 days and \$4.6 million annually as a result of improved permit and licensing processes.

The team is currently consolidating feedback collected over the past year from industry partners, customers, businesses and staff alike, to help determine priority work for 2022. While we may not be able to implement all of the ideas brought forward, consistent themes are emerging that will enable us to help prioritize the work that is most impactful and important to our customers. More information to follow in future Building Edmonton editions.

To learn more about current service improvements, please visit [edmonton.ca/serviceimprovements](https://edmonton.ca/serviceimprovements).



### Reminder: Register for the Winter 2021 Builder Education Program Sessions

The winter 2021 Expedited Infill Builder Education Program (the IDEA Certification Program) courses are being offered from November 24 to 30, 2021. To register, visit the [IDEA Certification Program](#) website.

After completing the Builder Education 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. During the winter 2021 program, a new '[Guaranteed Review Stream for Building Permits](#)' pilot special information session will also be available to all participants. Completion of this session guarantees a 15 day review timeline for complete and eligible infill building permit applications. [Learn more](#).

The City of Edmonton's trailblazing approach to eliminate parking minimums has received both national and now provincial planning recognition. The Alberta Professional Planners Institute (APPI) has honoured the City of Edmonton with an [Award of Merit](#) for its [Open Option Parking](#) project.



Edmonton made history on June 23, 2020, by becoming the first major Canadian municipality to eliminate parking minimums city-wide, an approach known as Open Option Parking. This approach gives developers, businesses and property owners the ability to determine how much parking to provide on their properties, enabling it to result in the "right amount" of parking instead of arbitrary mandatory parking minimums.

[Learn more.](#)

## Safety Codes & Permit Updates



### 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 1 January 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.](#)

### Temporary Heat Permits Reminder

As the temperatures start to drop we are seeing a rise in the use of temporary heating equipment on construction sites around the city. Builders are reminded to ensure they obtain the required temporary heat permits, call for inspections and follow the guidelines for all sources of temporary heat to ensure there is no interruption to your heating process. Failure to follow permit and inspection guidelines may result in the suspension of temporary heat applications for up to a 6 month period. [Learn more.](#)

### New Plumbing and Gas Standatas

Alberta Municipal Affairs has released 2 standatas this month that pertaining to the plumbing and gas industry. One is in regards to the [refilling of single use propane cyclinders \(small green bottles\)](#) and the other is regarding the use of PVC [Cellcore pipe in residential applications.](#)

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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