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Register for the City's September Building Blocks Session

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



Date: September 22, 2020

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Location: Online webinar via Google Meet

Register for free today!

The September session will feature Cory McCambridge from APA - The Engineered Wood Association to discuss advanced framing optimization.

As the costs of constructing a home continue to increase, builders and designers are seeking changes to their designs and construction process to offset these costs without negatively impacting structural performance. One effective solution is Advanced Framing, a system of construction framing techniques designed to optimize material use and increase energy efficiency. Examples of high performance wood framed wall assemblies designed to meet effective R-values will be shared along with common Advanced Framing details.

About Building Blocks

Building Blocks is a monthly City-hosted information and discussion series for development and construction industry professionals on high performance buildings, industry best practices, code changes and more. In alignment with the work and engagement being performed with the [Energy Transition Strategy](#), the focus of the 2020 series is emissions neutral buildings

The City Plan Advancing to Public Hearing



After a delay due to the COVID-19 response, The City Plan is scheduled to go before Council at a Public Hearing on September 14, extending into September 15 and 16, if needed. Edmontonians are able to share their thoughts with Council during the Public Hearing.

If you would like to speak at the Public Hearing, fill out the following [form](#). If you would like to submit written comments you can email them to: city.clerk@edmonton.ca

You can access all the public hearing documents [here](#). To view the Draft City Plan, Technical Studies, What We Heard Reports and for more information, visit edmonton.ca/thecityplan.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the development of The City Plan; you are all city builders.

Zoning Bylaw Renewal: Second Batch of Discussion Papers

The City has released the following four Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative discussion papers:

- Nodes and Corridors
- Special Area Zones
- Climate Resilience and Energy Transition
- Economy: Supporting Small Businesses

The four new discussion papers can be accessed on [Engage Edmonton](#), the City's digital engagement platform, until September 18. Responses will help inform the new Zoning Bylaw, so please provide feedback through the associated survey and share your ideas on the forum.



Permitting Process Updates



Permit Revisions Can Now Be Managed Online

The City of Edmonton has expanded its online permit services to support permit revision requests for commercial and new house construction projects. If a proposed development changes following issuance of a permit, the permit must be revised. Common types of revisions include truss/joist layouts changes, elevation and layout changes, or changes in engineering.

[Learn more about how to request a permit revision.](#)

Permit & Licensing Improvement: Quick Wins

The City is implementing eight Permit & Licensing Improvement (PLI) quick wins that are easy to implement and will work to improve customer experience. These will be in place by the end of 2020.

The PLI initiative is focused on: development permits, building permits and inspections and business license services provided to homeowners, business owners and the contractors who support them. The goals of the initiative are to improve customer and staff experience in a financially sustainable way.

[Learn more about the quick wins.](#)

Like neighbours on a Street, Good Things Happen When Builders and Residents Talk

Your development permit for your upcoming housing project has just been approved. What's next?

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community you are developing in, and share key information about construction timelines, features of your development, and your contact information should neighbours have any questions, concerns, or ideas for improvement.

A successful development starts by understanding who's involved. Neighbours who love their homes and the character of their streets, are interested in knowing more about the development and construction in their communities.

Join a growing community of builders and developers who are seeing the value of connecting early with neighbours by visiting our [Working with Neighbourhoods webpage](#).

Check Out Our New Digs!

As part of Action 9 on the City's Infill Roadmap - "Better inform residents on how they can effectively participate in the planning process", the Infill Liaison Team reviewed more than 150 infill documents and web materials, assessing their relevance and effectiveness in communicating the infill development process to community members and residents.

The first of many changes involved moving information from the City's infill website to the City's main site ([edmonton.ca](#)) and reducing redundancies and centralizing information. Working in alignment with the City's Urban Form Business Transformation and Customer Oriented Website Enhancement projects, information was organized to best leverage the current user experiences of builders, homeowners, and next-door neighbours, making it easier to find information about housing redevelopment.

Visit [edmonton.ca/permits](#) to learn about Edmonton's permitting and construction processes for redevelopment

Find useful, relevant resources to help clarify the redevelopment process, and key contacts to provide additional channels of support at [edmonton.ca/myneighbourhood](#).

Share questions or comments at evolvinginfill@edmonton.ca.

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