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Weather-proof your business with Climate Resilient Business

Is your business extreme weather resilient? The City's interactive [Climate Resilient Business online tool](#) helps create a simple roadmap towards a climate-resilient business that is less impacted by the risks associated with climate change.

The tool identifies climate risks and actions for three key business areas:

- Building and site: How does your worksite withstand unpredictable weather?
- Employee safety: How protected is your team from extreme weather hazards?
- Supply chains: How could your supply chain be impacted by climate-related disruptions?

Learn how to make climate resilience a competitive edge for your business by using [Climate Resilient Business](#).

HVAC Inspection outcome data

As part of our ongoing commitment to HVAC industry partnership and trade excellence, we are making detailed data available to our HVAC contractors regarding the safety codes audit outcomes for site inspections.

This data stream provides crucial transparency into the compliance review process and provides opportunity for targeted training and improvement for Safety Codes Officers and installation contractors. You can access aggregated and detailed information that identifies specific trends and common observations noted for your projects. This data will allow proactive compliance management, thus reducing reinspection volumes.

We believe that providing this level of data transparency is a critical step in fostering an efficient and compliant HVAC industry and encourage all registered contractors to take advantage of this opportunity to turn inspection data into actionable business insight.

To request your business data report, contact Linda Girard at linda.girard@edmonton.ca

Small Business Improvement

The City of Edmonton is working on a new model to better support the small business application process. Beginning in the Spring of 2026, we are going to be testing out what modifications can be made to improve the customer experience. How will this affect you? Certain types of projects may receive a phone call from us seeking to understand the full scope of your project and the permit needs that might be associated.

Become a Blatchford Builder

Interested in becoming a Blatchford homebuilder? View the current land sale opportunities on the [City's property listings page](#).

Blatchford requires builders to adhere to the community's custom Architectural controls, Green Building Standards and to connect to the District Energy Sharing System, which delivers energy-efficient heating, cooling and domestic hot water to homes and buildings. Building in Blatchford offers homebuilders a chance to build high-performance homes in a sustainable, transit-oriented, walkable and mixed-use community, located minutes from downtown Edmonton.

For more information, please contact the Blatchford Redevelopment Office at blatchford@edmonton.ca

Don't Miss Out! Affordable Housing Grant Funding Available

Intake is still open until March 6, 2026 for the City of Edmonton's [Affordable Housing Investment Program](#) (AHIP). The City is offering up to \$23.5 million in grants for affordable housing providers to accelerate development in 2026. The AHIP provides grants for the construction of new developments and the repair of existing units.

The grant provides funding through two streams:

- **General stream:** covers up to 25 per cent of the total capital costs of newly constructed or rehabilitated affordable housing developments.
- **Indigenous housing stream:** Assists Indigenous organizations pursuing affordable housing development and covers up to 25 per cent of the capital costs of newly constructed or rehabilitated affordable housing developments and up to 40 per cent for developments that exceed specific affordability, energy efficiency and unit size criteria.

Find out more at edmonton.ca/AffordableHousingInvestment.

Call for 2026 Applicants to the Updated Infill Fire Protection Program (IFPP)

If your Infill Fire Protection Assessment (IFPA) has highlighted a need for a new watermain and/or hydrant and you are advancing in 2026, please make an application to EPCOR's IFPP as soon as possible. EPCOR has updated their application process to a 'first-come, first-served' basis and has updated the review criteria per the attached memo.

Safety Codes & Permit Updates

Roof Truss Engineering Requirements for New Construction Building Permits

The City of Edmonton is updating its building permit application requirements for certain new construction projects, based on recent Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA) STANDATA 23-BCI-05R1. These changes affect Part 9 Buildings, including single or semi-detached homes, 3 & 4-unit rowhouses and detached garages.

Effective March 1, 2026, applicants must provide roof truss assemblies authenticated by an Alberta-licensed engineering professional with the building permit application.

Please visit [Standata - building code interpretation: 23-BCI-015R1](#) and [Policy B23-03](#) for more information.

Streamlining Residential Applications: New Communal Waste Trigger

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In January 2026, we updated the Self-Service Portal to simplify the development permit process for residential projects of 10 units or less.

What's New?

The system now features an automated Communal Waste Trigger. During the submission stage, the portal will automatically alert you if your project requires communal waste collection instead of individual bins.

Why This Matters:

Residential projects with higher unit counts often lack the curb space for multiple individual bins. By identifying this requirement at the very beginning:

Design Accuracy: You'll know immediately if your site plan must include a concrete pad and apron.

Reduced Delays: Identifying waste requirements early prevents the need for major plan revisions later in the review process.

Clearer Expectations: This ensures submitted plans are accurate and compliant from day one.

High Volume Update for Row Housing-The Fast Track: "Right-First-Time" Submissions

High Volume Update: Helping Us Process Your Row Housing Permits Faster

We are currently seeing a significant surge in Row Housing applications. Our team is moving as quickly as possible, and you can play a key role in accelerating the approval of your project.

The Fast Track: "Right-First-Time" Submissions

The most effective way to avoid delays is to ensure your application is "right-first-time." To help us bypass lengthy back-and-forth revisions, please perform a rigorous final check to ensure consistency across the following:

- Plot Plans
- Landscape Plans
- Lot Grading Plans

Why Consistency is Key:

When these documents align perfectly at the time of submission, we can move straight to issuance rather than pausing for clarifications. This efficiency doesn't just help your project; it helps us keep the entire queue moving for everyone.

Thank you for your patience and for partnering with us to maintain momentum during this high-growth period.