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Row Housing: An Infill Permit Process Workshop

Do you want the inside scoop on how to get your Infill Row Housing permit more quickly? The Development Approvals Team and our circulation partners will guide you through the complete process of an Infill Row Housing application.

When: **Wednesday, March 5**

Time: **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Location: **Edmonton Tower**, 10111-104 Avenue, 3rd floor meeting centre rooms 310 and 320

Cost: **\$30**. Lunch included.

[Register today with Eventbrite](#)

The session will allow for discussion through an interactive approach. You will apply your learned knowledge throughout the speaker series to review applications and understand each stage of the decision-making process. This is also an opportunity for our teams to better understand some of the process challenges experienced by you.

Our team is working hard to finalize all the details. In the meantime, we're excited to share the Eventbrite invite so you can secure your seat at the table.

Infill Infrastructure Fund Eligibility Criteria Expanded

The City has made some changes to the Infill Infrastructure Fund eligibility criteria based on industry feedback and analysis of the uptake and performance of the fund since its launch in August 2024.

The location criteria for non-market housing projects have been expanded to include the entire redeveloping area (roughly within the Anthony Henday). The minimum estimated off site infrastructure cost needed to qualify for funding has been lowered from \$100,000 to \$25,000 for these projects. [Read more](#) about this funding opportunity.

Affordable Housing Grants Now Available

The City of Edmonton is offering up to \$20 million in grants for affordable housing providers to accelerate development in 2025. The next round of grants is now open until April 25 for non-profit and private sector developers interested in developing affordable housing in 2025. [Read more](#).

Electronic Funds Transfer

Just a reminder that Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments can be made only for permit fees at \$10,000 and above. Credit card payments for permit fees that are \$10,000 or less, allows the City to provide flexibility in payment options for the majority of customers, while still limiting transaction service fee charges.

SAFETY CODES AND PERMIT UPDATES

Construction Site Address Standards

Edmonton's Safety Codes, Permits and Inspection section has updated the Construction Site Address Sign standard for all new developments and renovations. To help inspectors, emergency responders, and utility providers, your construction project must display an unobstructed and clearly legible address sign until after a successful final inspection and occupancy is granted. [Read more.](#)

Revised Secondary Suite Design Guide

The [Secondary Suite Design Guide](#) has been updated to reflect references to the National Building Code 2023 (Alberta Edition) and incorporate changes from the Zoning Bylaw 20001 that came into effect on January 1, 2024. [Read more](#) about the updates.

Safety Codes Inspection Efficiency (SCIE) Expansion

The City of Edmonton uses various compliance monitoring methods under the Safety Codes Act, including automated and machine-assisted approaches. One such method is SCIE (pronounced "Sky"), an artificial intelligence (AI) model. SCIE analyzes data to predict the outcomes of discretionary inspections. The scope of SCIE has recently been expanded. [Learn more about it here.](#) Have questions? Please contact simon.wunderli@edmonton.ca

Future Gas BTU Loads - Helpful Permit Application Tips

The City of Edmonton wants to ensure any future gas outlets you install are the correct size for various appliances, especially while you're in the early planning and or early construction stage. [Read more](#) to understand the BTU (British Thermal Units) requirements for various types of appliances.

Commercial HVAC Permit Applications

To help maintain committed timelines for HVAC permit issuance, please review the NBC AE code requirements for permit application information below prior to submitting your application. This will help ensure your application is complete and accurate, reducing the need for additional information requests or revisions. [Read more.](#)

Fire Sprinkler Systems Containing Antifreeze Solutions

Alberta Municipal Affairs has released a new Information Bulletin (23-BCB-005) regarding 'Sprinkler systems with antifreeze solutions'. This bulletin is for buildings with existing or new sprinkler systems that are designed with a portion of the system with an antifreeze solution. [Read more](#).

Professional Involvement For Row House Projects

Alberta Municipal Affairs has released a new Building Code Interpretation (Standata 23-BCI-012) regarding Professional Involvement requirements for row housing buildings with five or more dwelling units. [Read more](#) here for the key changes.

Inspection Cancellation

With the recent cold weather, we have experienced an increase in inspection cancellation requests. This is a reminder to ensure those cancellation requests are submitted on time.

Cancel and reschedule inspections by visiting the project in [SelfServe](#). If necessary, you can also call 311 (if outside Edmonton call 780-442-5311).

You need to make a cancellation or rescheduling request by noon the business day before the day of the scheduled inspection. Additional fees apply to cancellation requests received later than that.

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.