



Building Blocks Session

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

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023

Time: 12 - 1 PM

Location: Online webinar via Google Meet

Register for free today! [Corrected registration form](#)

In the October session, Justin Phill from the City of Edmonton's Safety Codes Permits & Inspections team will share lessons from the "Re-envisioning Commercial Real Estate for a Net Zero Future" summit. This includes lessons on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) reporting, how to implement Net Zero goals, and the importance of data to reach net zero.

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](#).

Last Call for Engagement for District Planning

District Planning's last chapter of its multi-phase public engagement on the revised [district plans](#) and [list of geographic plans proposed to keep, change or retire](#) is scheduled from October 23 to December 1, 2023.

Public Engagement Sessions - [Sign up](#) now!

An Engaged Edmonton page goes live October 23 and will include:

1. An Interactive Mapping Tool and survey on the plans proposed to change or retire
 2. An online survey on the individual district plans and District Policy
 3. A Q&A Tool where you can ask the project team questions directly
 4. Chat with a Planner - one-on-one virtual, in-person or over the phone meetings with a planner.
- The link to arrange to chat with a planner will be on the Engaged Edmonton page.

The project is also hosting engagement sessions with parties directly affected by the additional plans proposed for change or amendment. Please share the Google Form link [Geographic Plans Engagement Registration](#) with anyone you think might be interested in attending a plan-specific session! Questions can be sent to districtplanning@edmonton.ca.

Important information about Framing Inspections

Just a reminder that as of January 1, 2024, all framing inspections must have the windows installed. This was a requirement that was relaxed during the COVID due to material shortages. Reinstating this requirement will provide a better form of consistency with our inspectors when dealing with egress issues that are not confirmed before the completion of the building envelope. This is also a Fire Code requirement that has been in place for many years to minimize the spread of fire.

RED TAPE REDUCTION AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

Capacity-based Booking Change

Effective October 2023, the City will enhance the capacity-based booking system to a First Booked First Served Capacity-based system. The new system will allow for more consistent delivery of timelines and improve our ability to maintain client service levels. The City will not be able to accommodate last minute "emergency" requests so we encourage our building partners to reverse engineer their schedules to properly engage the inspections team as needed. We recognize that every job that is booked is top priority to each of you. The City encourages building partners to be responsible when booking and not book on a placeholder basis. For more information contact [Steve Goodwin](#).

Home Improvement Permits Made Easier

Since the launch of the residential permit guide digital tool last spring, the quality of applications received by the City has improved significantly and as a result, our [service level times](#) have also improved for home improvement permits.

The [residential permit guide digital tool](#) was implemented to help homeowners and contractors determine what permits and associated requirements apply to their specific residential home improvement project. The webpages for [home improvement permits](#) were revamped to further improve access to information about permit and inspection processes as well as application requirements for each home improvement project type.

Since then, between July and September, the number of applications received that included required information was the highest recorded, 18% better than the same quarter last year. This supported the City to keep processing times low, exceeding service levels despite highest ever application volumes.

An efficient permitting, licensing and regulatory process helps reduce barriers and encourage investment in our city, which is a key goal of both [The City Plan](#) and [Edmonton's Economic Action](#)

Plan. These changes are part of the City's ongoing efforts to ensure that we have the correct regulations, processes and support services in place.

To learn about other service improvement initiatives underway, visit [Service Improvements](#).

SAFETY CODES AND PERMIT UPDATES

Temporary Heat

Revisions were made to the Temporary Heat document in November of last year. These changes encompass alterations to the permitting requirements, adjustments to the accepted fuel sources, and modifications to the eligibility criteria for obtaining this service. For more information, visit [Gas Permits - Residential](#).

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.