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Register for the City's First Building Blocks Info Session

Join us for the first session of the City's new monthly Building Blocks information and discussion series on constructing high performance buildings, industry best practices, safety codes changes and more.



Date: June 25, 2020

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Location: Online via Google Meet

Register for free today!

To reach our goal of carbon neutral new construction in Edmonton by 2030, we all need to work together. That's why the the focus of the series for 2020 will be on emissions neutral buildings, including:

- reducing the energy loads on our buildings (passive design, wall design, wall construction techniques, air barrier installation techniques, etc.),
- increasing the efficiency of building systems (HVAC, lighting, etc.), and
- adding renewable energy such as PV to offset the remaining energy.

The first session will provide an introduction to the monthly series, an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed themes for 2020, as well as suggestions for topics that will provide the greatest benefit to grow the knowledge of the design and construction community.

Sessions will be aimed at practical applications rather than theory. Speakers throughout the year will include City staff, builders, design professionals, manufacturers, and other industry experts.

the City's Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections team, at justin.phill@edmonton.ca.

Open Option Parking Goes to City Council Public Hearing



On June 23, 2020, City Administration will be bringing a report to City Council Public Hearing recommending the **implementation of Open Option Parking (item 3.22)**. Open Option Parking will remove minimum on-site parking requirements from the Zoning Bylaw, allowing

homeowners and businesses to decide how much on-site parking to provide based on their particular operations, activities or lifestyle.

The Public Hearing is an important part of the engagement process for Zoning Bylaw changes. Industry members have an opportunity to provide feedback on the move to Open Option Parking with Council by **requesting to speak** at the June 23, 2020 Public Hearing. If approved by Council, the proposed changes will take effect on July 2, 2020.

Visit edmonton.ca/makingspace to learn more.

Questions? Contact Trevor Illingworth, Senior Planner for the City's Zoning Bylaw Team, at trevor.illingworth@edmonton.ca

Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative Update & Engagement Opportunities

The City has drafted 12 discussion papers that explore various topics and zones, and provide the preliminary thinking and direction for the new Zoning Bylaw regulatory framework. These papers provide an approachable entry point into the world of zoning and all Edmontonians - from professional developers to the general public - can find a topic of interest.

The discussion papers will be posted four at a time on the **Engaged Edmonton platform**



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Permits and Licensing Improvement Project Update

The City recognizes that improving our services and processes is important to our customers and that our city-building partners and industry are vital to Edmonton's economic growth and vibrancy during this unprecedented time. We're working hard to create an environment where businesses can thrive and easily get the services they need to be successful.

The DISCOVER phase of the Permits and Licensing Improvement Project is now complete. We've collected and compiled valuable information from both staff and customers, and had many fruitful discussions with leaders of the permit and licensing services to get to a common understanding of where the gaps are. It's clear that staff care about their work and that there are opportunities to evolve our services to better align with our customers expectations.

We'll share details on the focus of the improvements later this summer.

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