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Register for the March Building Blocks Session

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



Date: March 30, 2021
Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Online via Google Meet
[Register for free today!](#)

For the March session, Sikander Singh from Oasis Engineering and Sheffie Kalat-Malho from Net Zero Developments will be co-presenting on net zero energy homes and energy efficient building principles. They will include two case studies of local net zero energy projects in Edmonton (one large estate home and the other an affordable, entry level home) including design considerations, as-built performance vs. original modelling and valuable lessons learned.

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 at justin.phill@edmonton.ca.

Permit & Licensing Improvement

Edmonton

Cutting Red Tape: Permits and Licensing Improvement Initiative

The City continues to remove needless red tape - reducing costs and saving time for Edmontonians. Too much regulation and poor process can get in the way of innovation and economic growth when not reviewed regularly and kept in check.

Our actions on red tape are critical to supporting job recovery and advancing Edmonton's economy. The [Permit and Licensing Improvement Initiative placemat](#) highlights some of the City's efforts to cut red tape in the areas of: development permits, building permits and inspections and business license services for homeowners, business owners and contractors who support them.

Through this project, significant effort is being made to move more services to online platforms and improve customer experience by making online tools and services easier to use and navigate. By providing customers with clear, easy to understand information and application requirements we will be able to improve the customer experience and free up staff time to focus on more complex applications.

Zoning Changes Fast-tracked Due to Pandemic and Unprecedented Economic Conditions



On February 5, City Council approved Zoning Bylaw changes to help support Edmonton's business community and advance The City Plan's vision.

Traditionally, the City uses omnibus bylaws to edit and update existing bylaws to improve clarity and alignment with other recent administrative changes. The Zoning Bylaw Omnibus, however, presented some more substantive changes, including removing the hardship requirement for a development officer to grant a variance.

[Learn more.](#)

Moving Forward with Focus: The City Planning Framework

For the first time ever, and guided by The City Plan's vision for the future, the City conducted a broad review of its land-use plans to determine which plans still provide direction for development and which have fulfilled their purpose.

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2021 Economic Incentive Construction Grant



The City will begin accepting applications for the 2021 Edmonton Economic Recovery Construction Grant in early March. This program incentivizes high impact residential construction projects in the Centre City area to begin construction in 2021.

[Learn more.](#)

Industrial Business Support Service Ready To Help

Are you an industrial business that is looking to expand, or looking for assistance with City of Edmonton processes? Don't know who to reach out to, how to resolve an issue, or gather information? Want to voice your concerns or feedback on how the City can better support our industrial businesses?

The City's Business Retention and Expansion Team is ready to help! [Learn more.](#)

Safety Codes & Permit Updates



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information on Development Services activity volumes, processing timelines, financial details, and trends over time. [View all quarterly reports.](#)

Electrical Hot Water Tank Load Calculations for Secondary or Garden Suites

Tank type hot water heaters calculated at 25 per cent load will be accepted so long as the structure contains no electric space heating. Where electric space heating is present, rule Rule 62-118(3)(4) is intended to be used to heat specific areas, and the electric hot water heaters shall be calculated at 100 per cent. For clarity, no permit will be issued or inspections carried out until there is a load calculation uploaded for the secondary suite permit or the parent job (tracking job).

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