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Register for the September Building Blocks Session

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



Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Location: Online via Google Meet

Register for free today!

For the September session, representatives from Entuitive will present on sustainability in public institutions. With the built environment contributing almost 40 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, it's imperative that we collectively work towards decarbonizing our buildings and infrastructure. The session will focus on what public institutions can do to address sustainability in their organizations, including public policies, existing green building frameworks, strategies for reducing embodied carbon and net zero retrofit ready lifecycle analyses.

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.



Automated Detached Garage Permit Review

Customers applying for detached garage permits online will now benefit from an improved process that uses automation to check simple, lower-risk applications for completeness and compliance with the zoning bylaw and applicable building code requirements. Permits that meet the

Making it Easier to Correct Trade Permit Deficiencies

In the spring of 2020, the City expanded the use of **Verification of Compliance (VOC)** as an option for re-inspection of corrected building or trade permit deficiencies identified from an earlier inspection. This method involves providing a self-declaration and photographic supporting evidence that verifies the deficiencies from the previous inspection have been rectified.

Electrical inspection reports already indicate when a job is VOC eligible. The City will now be expanding these eligibility notes to plumbing and gas inspection reports to help further streamline the deficiency correction process.

If a plumbing and gas inspection report contains a "VOC eligible" note, the contractor can reach out to the City's tech desk to request a VOC form to verify the noted deficiencies have been corrected. The contractor can then proceed without needing another in person inspection for that portion of the job.

VOC is not available for life safety deficiencies or initial safety code inspections of any type. Stay tuned for further VOC process updates.

Questions? Email plumbingandgastechdesk@edmonton.ca.

Safety Codes & Permit Updates



Detached Garage and Accessory Building Foundation Requirements

With the recent implementation of automated garage permits, the City would like to take the opportunity to remind builders and their contractors about the Code requirements for detached garage and accessory building foundations. Detached garages and accessory buildings that are 55 square metres or greater, or support a second storey and/or a roof-top deck, must be supported on a Code-compliant footing and frost wall or engineered foundation. For those under 55 square metres, a concrete slab may be used as a foundation/ floor combination in most instances.

[Learn more.](#)

Garage Electrical Receptacle Requirement Changes

Effective October 1, 2021, any electrical receptacles in garages that are 30 amps or greater will require a load calculation unless there is an energy management system installed with the receptacle. This requirement is being introduced due to these receptacles increasingly being used for car chargers, which can affect the demand load on the main breaker in a home. Questions? Contact Gerry Wiles at

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