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### Register for the October Building Blocks Session

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



**Date: Thursday, October 28 , 2021**

**Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm**

**Location: Online via Google Meet**

**Register for free today!**

For the October session, Yasushi Ohki from Green Violin will present on work they are doing to design high performance garden suites and skinny townhomes, including use of their innovative ThermaVue Transparent Wall System to achieve Passive House Certification.

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](mailto:justin.phill@edmonton.ca).



### Register for the Winter 2021 Builder Education Program Sessions

The winter 2021 Expedited Infill Builder Education Program (the IDEA Certification Program) courses are being offered from November 24 to 30, 2021. To register, visit the [IDEA Certification Program](#) website.

[Stream for Building Permits'](#) pilot special information session will also be available to all participants. Completion of this session guarantees a 15 day review timeline for complete and eligible infill building permit applications. [Learn more.](#)

## New Edmonton Design Committee Bylaw

City Council adopted the new [Edmonton Design Committee Bylaw 19784](#) on August 30, 2021. The new bylaw was developed in alignment with the upcoming standards and procedures, including provisions for City Administration to exempt small-scale projects in order to better focus Edmonton Design Committee (EDC) review on those projects with a high degree of urban design impact. The new Bylaw also expands Committee membership to help bring greater insight to the review of projects. For more information on the new bylaw, please visit the [EDC website](#).

## Zoning Bylaw Renewal: Progress Update + Next Steps



In June and July 2021 Edmontonians from all backgrounds took part in workshops and workbook activities, providing key insights, critiques, solutions, and approaches to a wide range of zoning topics. These perspectives were sorted into a [What We Are Hearing Report](#).

Further city-wide engagement is being planned for January to March 2022. These engagement activities will present opportunities to explore, review, and discuss the draft Zoning Bylaw and map. [Learn more.](#)



## Commercial Building Permit Checklist

Part of cutting red tape includes continuously improving our processes, making them easier to understand and more transparent for our customers and partners. Knowing what to expect and providing the right information at the right time goes a long way in reducing time and effort to process applications.

Did you know we have a [commercial building permit checklist](#) to help guide you through the minimum drawings and specifications required? This checklist was created to help our customers gather and prepare the necessary information upfront and is available in the building permit application requirements section of the City's [new commercial building webpage](#).

We recognize that going back and forth on an application can be time-consuming and frustrating for all parties involved. This checklist can reduce that red tape and frustration by helping ensure initial application submissions are as complete as possible.

If you're thinking of making changes to existing buildings, [check out our tips](#) for planning your construction project, as well as information on how to submit your application.

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## Safety Codes & Permit Updates



### Fire Resistance and Sound Transmission Class Ratings

Where a building project has minimum requirements for fire-resistance ratings and/or sound transmission class (STC), the National Building Code-Alberta Edition (NBC- AE) requires the applicant to submit the source of information for the fire-resistance rating and/or STC of the elements of construction to the City's permit office. Where assemblies deviate from the listings or calculation methods, a professional will need to be engaged to confirm minimum requirements will be achieved. For projects without professional involvement the City is not able to accept subtractions, additions or substitutions. [Learn more.](#)

### Electrical Service Repairs

In alignment with the [Epcor Customer Connection Guide](#), builders and their contractors are reminded that any time an electrical panel is replaced when doing a service repair the complete electrical service must align with current electrical code requirements. Repairs to the mast, changing out the main breaker, repairing a damaged cable, or similar maintenance type work where the electrical panel does not require replacing can observe existing service and does not need to be upgraded to current code. Please note round or small square meter sockets are no longer permitted.

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.

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