

## Collection of Landscape Securities at the Development Permit Stage Started May 1

The new regulations for the collection of landscape securities went into effect May 1, 2025 for all multi-unit, cluster housing and non-residential developments. Now, 100 per cent of the securities will be collected at the development permit application stage. Visit the [landscape security webpage](#) to estimate required securities. [Read more.](#)

## Auto Review Saves Time and Costs for Development Permit Applicants

Auto-Review, the City of Edmonton's development permit application review program, was launched in September 2024. In the first three months of 2025, almost 1000 house permit applications for single and semi-detached houses in developing areas were received. That number is 20 per cent higher than the number of applications received in the first quarter of 2024. In all, 706 applications were auto-reviewed, with the majority of those receiving a development permit within a few minutes. [Read more](#) about the success of the Auto-Review program.

## New Edmonton Elections Social Channels

The 2025 Edmonton municipal election is only a few months away! For the latest on Edmonton's local elections, follow our new Instagram and Facebook accounts.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574562364407>

<https://www.instagram.com/edmontonelections/>

## Edmonton's Solar Rebate Program Still Available

The City of Edmonton continues its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through transitioning to renewable energy. Key to this effort is the Change Homes for Climate Solar Rebate program, which continues to be available for multi-unit residential properties.

This initiative offers a rebate of 50 cents per watt for eligible properties with four or more units, up to \$4,000 per dwelling and a maximum of \$100,000 per property owner annually.

By incentivizing the adoption of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, the City aims to empower more Edmontonians to lower their utility costs, generate clean renewable energy while contributing to a future with clean air for all.

Multi-unit property owners are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Applications are being accepted until August 15, 2025, or until funds are fully allocated.

Learn more and apply at [Change for Climate Solar Rebate](#)

## Residential Clean Energy Improvement Program Reopens May 21

Edmonton homeowners will once again have access to convenient financing for energy-efficient home upgrades when the City of Edmonton's Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) reopens on May 21. [Learn more](#) about the CEIP and how to apply.

## Take the Survey to Help Shape Edmonton's Fast-Track Permit Program.

As part of the Government of Canada's Housing Accelerator Fund, the City of Edmonton is launching a fast-track permitting review process for standardized designs to support the development of missing middle housing in established neighbourhoods with RS zoning (Small Scale Residential). The program will reduce administrative wait times in the permitting process, enabling the City to meet its housing targets more efficiently. The goal is to enable gentle density, streamline permitting, and help deliver more diverse housing options across the city. To ensure this program reflects the needs and realities of the industry, we're inviting builders, designers, and other housing professionals to complete a short survey. Your input will help shape the design catalogue and ensure the final products are high-quality, practical, and responsive to market conditions. Feel free to share this survey with your colleagues. The survey will take 10-12 minutes to complete and will close at 11:59 p.m. on June 10, 2025. [Take the survey](#)

## SAFETY CODES & PERMIT UPDATES

### Extended Work Hours for Safety Codes Officers in Effect

Overtime work for City of Edmonton Safety Code Inspectors is already in effect. This extended work schedule is necessary to ensure thorough and timely inspections across the city. Our inspectors may have their working hours changed to one hour before their regular start time and one hour after their regular end time. This means their working hours may be changed from the regular 8:00 AM to 4:30 p.m. to potentially 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please ensure the sites are accessible between these times. [Read more](#) about work hours.

### Travel Limits to Exit Doors

According to Section 9.9.9.1 of the NBC (AE) 2023, dwelling units with more than one storey must ensure occupants can reach an egress door or exit within one storey of travel. This requirement aims to prevent delays in evacuation by limiting the distance occupants must travel to an exit or safe space. However, certain exceptions allow for more flexibility in design, particularly in buildings with higher window sills or stacked units, where alternative methods of egress are essential. [Read more](#) about this important information.

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.