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Register for the April Building Blocks Session

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



Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Time: 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Online webinar via Google Meet
[Register for free today!](#)

In the April session Jim Nostedt, president of SEEFAR Analytics, will present on total cost of building ownership (TCBO). One of the biggest obstacles preventing people from constructing high-performance buildings or performing deep retrofits is the perception that the additional upfront capital cost is too high. By examining all life-cycle costs or the TCBO, we show how we can achieve net zero energy consumption and save the equivalent of the initial capital cost.

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

Who's Who in Development Services: People Update

The Development Services Branch implements strategic growth and private-sector investment plans for the city through the following five sections:

- Planning Coordination (plan amendments, rezoning, road closures)
- Subdivision, Development Coordination and Inspections (subdivision, drawing review and servicing agreements)
- Development Approvals and Inspections (development permits, business licences, vehicle for hire, compliance and inspections)
- Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections (building/trade permits, inspections and compliance)
- Zoning Bylaw Renewal

We've recently had some changes on the team. [View the new Branch Leadership Team.](#)



City Approved to use Electronic Notification for Large-scale Rezoning



Edmonton's City Council passed the third reading of Charter Bylaw 19918 - Public Notification Bylaw Amendment No. 1 at the March 15 public hearing.

This amendment allows the City to:

- Provide alternative and modified advertising methods for legally required advertisements under Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and the City of Edmonton Charter, 2018 Regulation
- Provide alternative and modified notification methods for legally required notification under Section 692 of the Municipal Government Act and the City of Edmonton Charter, 2018 Regulation.

[Read more.](#)



City Work Continues to Enable Economic and Job Growth

On April 13, Council's Executive Committee met to review a number of City reports outlining administration's plans to support and grow the Edmonton business community in a post-COVID economy. The reports included:

- Economic Action Plan and Mobilization of Capital and Red Tape Reduction (EAP)
- Business Friendly Edmonton
- Permit and Licensing Improvement (PLI) Initiative

The purpose of these integrated reports was to provide a wholesome, overarching view of the current progress and future plans for the work being done to enable job and economic growth in and around Edmonton.

[Read more](#) to learn about the work the City is doing in the building and construction industry.

Permits and Licensing Improvement (PLI) Roadmap

The City has finalized its 2022/23 Permits and Licensing Improvement (PLI) Initiative roadmap. The roadmap was influenced by PLI's objectives of supporting homeowners doing renovations; contractors doing commercial or residential renovations; and business owners opening a new business or moving into a new space.

Permit process improvement opportunities identified by City staff, city building partners, Edmontonians and other key stakeholders were used to inform the prioritization of service improvement projects on the roadmap. Connections among the City's various service improvement initiatives were also taken into consideration. Over 400 improvement ideas from staff and industry partners were incorporated into the roadmap.

While the workplan priorities and actions are set, opportunities for industry partner participation and engagement will be assessed as part of the implementation planning for each improvement project stream. This approach aligns with the City's direction to use [The City Plan](#) as a guiding document, leverage previous engagement data to inform decision making and be more efficient in our operations.

To learn more about the PLI workplan and other service improvement initiatives underway, visit edmonton.ca/serviceimprovements.

Questions? Email the PLI team at permitimprovements@edmonton.ca.

Safety Codes & Permit Updates



Building and Trade Permit Inspection Summer Hours

In an ongoing effort to enhance customer service, the Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections team has established summer hours from April 28 to August 28, 2022.

- Safety Codes Officers will be conducting site inspections from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Office business hours remain 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Please continue to ensure safe access and required documents are available at construction projects. For more information, please call 311.

Building and Trade Permit Inspection Protocol Changes

As of April 4, 2022, the City has resumed in-person building and trade permit inspections for alteration and renovation projects in occupied buildings which were previously limited to remote video inspections (RVI) due to COVID provincial health restrictions. RVI will continue to be available for select alteration and renovations depending on the scale and scope of the project. The virtual inspection option will automatically appear in the inspections tab within the self-serve portal if available for your job. If booking an inspection through 311, agents will be able to advise if RVI is available for your job. In-person inspections will continue to be the primary inspection method for commercial and residential sites that have not yet been granted occupancy.

In-person Permit and Licence Inquiry Appointments Now Available

With provincial health restrictions lifted, the City is now offering in-person permit and business licence inquiry meetings at the 2nd Floor Service Centre in the Edmonton Tower Downtown, by appointment only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Virtual permit inquiry appointments also still remain available on Tuesdays through Thursdays.

The way the development industry interacts with the City is changing, and we are offering services that align with customer expectations. This, coupled with changing public health restrictions, has provided an opportunity to adapt service offerings and maximize resources. The move to appointment-only services at the Service Centre allows for our industry customers to better plan their day with a specific appointment time as well as for more efficient allocation of staff resources to serve those customers. Industry members are encouraged to consider continuing to use [online application services](#) and phone, email and virtual appointment inquiry options to meet their service needs.

To book a virtual or in-person inquiry appointment, visit the City's [Service Centre webpage](#).

Career opportunities!

Have you signed up to the job alert list to receive notifications about career opportunities at the City of Edmonton? The Safety Codes section hires plans examiners, field inspectors, administration staff and project specialists to engage with the needs of our growing industry. To stay current log into the [City's job page](#) and create your job profile to receive real-time job alerts within your industry.

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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