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Thank you, Edmonton - We heard you!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to offer feedback on the Building Edmonton newsletter through our survey. Over the next several months, we're going to try out some of your suggestions to bring you a better reading experience. A few things you can look forward to:

- Fresh look
- Shorter article teasers with a link to more content, if available
- More information related to permitting and Code changes
- Greater focus on the mobile-user experience

Let us know what you think at developmentservicesrelations@edmonton.ca.

Register for the City's March Building Blocks Session

Richard Outtrim, managing Principal of Reinbold Engineering Group's Building Performance and Sustainability team, will present results from energy modeling comparing the change in energy performance from NECB 2017 to NECB 2020 and the achievability of Tiers 2 and higher. For questions, please contact Justin Phill.

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023

Time: 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Online webinar via Google Meet

Register for free today!

Blatchford Named Canada's Best New Community!

We are excited to announce that Blatchford was recently awarded Best New Community at the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) 2023 National Awards for Housing Excellence! The Best New Community award recognizes excellence in performance by developer and home builder members who create attractive, exciting, innovative and environmentally responsible communities. Learn more about this exciting award in the latest [blog post](#).

Installing and Maintaining Landscaping on New Properties

Did you know that newly built properties are required to have trees and shrubs? Installing and maintaining landscaping is a condition of most development permits for new housing. It should be complete no later than 18 months after construction or it can lead to enforcement action by the City. [Read the landscaping guidelines.](#)

2023 Edmonton Urban Design Awards

The Edmonton Urban Design Awards are back for 2023! The Urban Design Awards, to be held on November 24, 2023, at City Hall, celebrates individuals, organizations, firms and projects that have contributed to urban design and the city's quality of life. Visit edmonton.ca/urbandesignawards for more information, or contact [Peter Spearey](#), Lead Urban Designer.

Enhancing Customer Service for Development Services

As of April 4, the Service Centre will be accepting appointments five days a week. As many applications can be complex, please be sure to [book your appointment online](#) or through 311 before you arrive to ensure that the right people are there to navigate you through your application! Appointments can be in-person, virtual, or over the phone.

Visualize the draft Zoning Bylaw's Small Scale Residential Zone!

The [draft Zoning Bylaw](#) (shared in September 2022) proposes reducing the number of residential zones in Edmonton by combining similar zones together, offering more housing opportunities and flexibility on properties. Get a glimpse of what Edmonton's future residential developments could look like by comparing [modelling examples](#) from the draft Zoning Bylaw's (RS) Small Scale Residential Zone with existing examples from the current [Zoning Bylaw 12800](#).

Red Tape Reduction and Service Improvements

Outdoor Patio Program Now a Four-Year Term

We have refreshed the program for 2023 and your business can now apply for a patio on a City sidewalk or curbside space! Exciting updates include an extended four year Licence of Occupation and the option for either a seasonal (April to October) or year-round (365 days) patio! Once again, the City will continue to waive fees for all patio permits. Please read our new Patio Program Guide and information on edmonton.ca/Patios.

Safety Codes & Permit Updates

Journey of a Permit

On February 22 the City's Safety Codes and Inspections team presented at the monthly CHBA Builder Breakfast to discuss the journey of a permit from start to finish. [View the presentation](#) or learn more about permitting at edmonton.ca/permits.

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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