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Register for the City's August Building Blocks Session

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



Date: August 25, 2020

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Location: Online webinar via Google Meet

Register for free today!

The August session will focus on high performance buildings in Edmonton. Members of industry will share case studies of some high performance buildings in Edmonton, unique techniques used in high performance construction, and lessons learned from the design and construction process.

About Building Blocks

Building Blocks is a monthly City-hosted information and discussion series for development and construction industry professionals on high performance buildings, industry best practices, code changes and more. In alignment with the work and engagement being performed with the [Energy Transition Strategy](#), the series for 2020 will be about emissions neutral buildings

Questions? Contact Justin Phill, Senior Engineer for Green Building and Energy Code on the City's Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections team, at justin.phill@edmonton.ca.



Remote Video Inspections (RVI) Now Available Through SelfServe Portal

The City is pleased to announce that permit holders can now request **remote video inspections (RVI)** for building and trade permits (HVAC, plumbing, gas and electrical) via the **Self Serve portal**. RVI is available for inspections of occupied spaces within occupied residential and commercial locations.

In-person inspections continue to be required for unoccupied residential and commercial construction sites, most utility service disruptions in occupied homes and businesses, and exterior structures (eg. decks).

For more information, please visit the City's **Safety Codes Inspection Services webpage**.

New Policy: Electric Vehicle Charging Systems

The City has issued a **new policy (E18-01 Electric Vehicle Charging System)** regarding the installation of current transformers (CTs) in residential home construction. The intent of the new policy is to help make the installation of electric vehicle chargers easier and create cost savings by not requiring a service upgrade.

Questions? Contact the Electrical Technical Advisor Desk at **ElectricalTechnicalAdvisors@edmonton.ca** or 780-496-6674.

New Policy: Firewalls in Row Houses with Secondary Suites

The Building Code requires that where a party wall separates two adjacent (but not necessarily adjoining) row house units with a secondary suite from the rest of the building, the party wall must be constructed as a firewall to create separate buildings each containing no more than two adjacent houses with a secondary suite.

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construction option of gypsum area separator wall systems with protective frame walls. The intent of the policy is to promote efficiencies in construction and inspections through consistency and error reduction.

Questions? Contact Simon Wunderli at simon.wunderli@edmonton.ca

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