



The City of Edmonton's land development process aligns with and contributes to the goals of CONNECTEDMONTON, Edmonton's Strategic Plan for 2019 - 2028. CONNECTEDMONTON's four strategic goals are:

- •Healthy City Edmonton is a neighbourly city with community and personal wellness that embodies and promotes equity for all Edmontonians
- •Urban Places Edmonton neighbourhoods are more vibrant as density increases, where people and businesses thrive and where housing and mobility options are plentiful
- •Regional Prosperity Edmonton grows prosperity for our Metro Region by driving innovation, competitiveness and relevance for our businesses at the local and global level
- •Climate Resilience Edmonton is a city transitioning to a low carbon future, has clean air and water and is adapting to a changing climate

Strategic plans, such as Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan (The Way We Grow), shape how the city will grow by guiding how land is used and new developments are built. Area Structure Plans and Neighbourhood Structure Plans establish the layout and function of neighbourhoods and identify where roads, shops, schools, homes, and parks will be.

Rezoning determines the type and scale of development permitted on a parcel of land. **Subdivisions** create new parcels, including condominium and strata parcels. **Servicing agreements** provide for the construction of necessary infrastructure such as water, roads, and power.

Approval of **development permits** determine the site use, building size, building location, and landscaping. Whereas **building permits**, mechanical and electrical permits, and inspections ensure that buildings comply with safety codes and energy regulations.

Licences are issued for business and transportation providers to make sure that requirements appropriate to the business, such as noise control, patron management and police information checks, are met.

This report is intended to highlight key activities throughout the land development process. It is not a comprehensive listing of all activities in the land development process or work completed by the Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development Department.





LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

A land development application (LDA) is required to do any of the following:

- create or amend an Area Structure Plan (ASP) or Neighbourhood Structure Plan (NSP)
- change the zoning of land (rezoning)
- · close a portion of roadway (road closure), or
- change the regulations in an existing zone (text amendment)

Plans, rezonings, road closures and text amendments are executed by bylaw, which require approval by City Council. Subdivisions are approved by the Subdivision Authority. A single LDA can contain multiple elements, such as a plan amendment (includes ASP, NSP, and Plans), rezoning, each requiring its own bylaw or approval.

Bylaws resulting from LDAs are brought to Public Hearing for City Council's consideration. The number of bylaws brought to Public Hearing represents the completion of the City's work on a given LDA.

Text amendment values include applicant initiated bylaws only, and exclude amendments requested by City Council.

1 Land Development Applications Received

				2019			20)20
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total
	Rezoning	33	38	38	38	147	33	33
1.54	Rezoning & Plan Amendment	13	15	18	19	65	11	11
LDA Applications	Road Closure	10	3	5	4	22	1	1
Applications Received	Text Amendment		1			1	1	1
Received	Others	6	3	6	2	17	2	2
	Total	62	60	67	63	252	48	48

2 Bylaws Brought to Public Hearing



LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Processing LDAs involves the review of technical information by civic agencies and external organizations (such as utilities), as well as engagement with the public. As new applications vary significantly in completeness and complexity, completion time varies.

Average timelines for completing LDAs are calculated on an annual basis, based on the difference between the date the LDA fees are paid and the date of council approval. Timelines reflect both processing time by the City and time spent by applicants updating, changing or pausing their application. The average is in calendar days.

Non-complex files conforms with the neighbourhood plan, goes from low density to low density, does not require the City to host a public event, aligns to City guidelines, and requires minimal servicing/infrastructure and technical implications.

Complex files can be accompanied by a plan amendment, involve a change of land use or scale of land use (residential to commercial, or low density to higher density).

The target is 90 calendar days for a Non-Complex Rezoning application and 160 calendar days for complex rezoning applications.

				2019			20	20
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total
	Complex						83	83
Pozoning	Non-Complex				77	77	94	94
Rezoning	Unclassified	133	176	174	159	162	337	337
	Total	133	176	174	156	161	267	267
	Complex						115	115
Rezoning and	Non-Complex						105	105
Plan Amendment	Unclassified	273	216	207	314	240	276	276
	Total	273	216	207	314	240	252	252
Deed Clearing	Unclassified	289	282	214	202	248	405	405
Road Closure	Total	289	282	214	202	248	405	405
	Complex						119	119
	Unclassified	584	638	241	129	385		
	Total	584	638	241	129	385	119	119

'Unclassified' - prior to 2019 Q4, all applications were classified the same.

*The annual average timelines for completing LDAs includes the timelines of agencies the City has no control over (ATCO, EPCOR).

As of 2019 Q4, the methodology was revised. Start and end times have been updated to ensure consistent reporting. As well, applications that fall within multiple categories appear in the "Others" category.

SUBDIVISION

The following are brief explanations for what is included in subdivision statistics:

Complex - Includes applications that are in new or developing areas of the city where new infrastructure (such as roads, underground utilities, parks) have not yet been constructed.

Non-Complex - Includes applications in greenfield and developed areas of the city, typically where infrastructure already exists. This includes applications such as boundary adjustments and title separations.

Lot splits (Residential lot splits only) - Subdivision of an existing residential lot to create additional single detached, semi-detached, or row housing lots. These subdivisions typically occur in mature residential neighbourhoods.

Conditionally Approved Applications - Subdivisions that have been reviewed and conditionally approved by the Subdivision Authority with conditions attached. Conditions must be satisified or removed before the subdivision can be registered.

Approved for Registration - Plan of Survey has been reviewed, Conditions of Approval letter have been completed, and Subdivision Authority has granted consent to register the Plan of Survey.

The target for conditional approval of complex, non-complex, and change requests is 100 days. The target for conditional approval of lot splits is 60 days. All endorsement files have a target of 18 days. These are joint targets between the City and applicants, in calendar days.



New files received does not include change requests

	•			2019			20	20
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total
	Conditionally Approved Applications	47	40	28	31	146	50	50
Complex, Non-complex, and Change Requests	Average Days from Submission to Decision	144	173	72	89	120	121	121
	% Completed Within Target (100 days)	62%	63%	86%	80%	73%	65%	65%
	Conditionally Approved Applications	50	57	32	62	201	30	30
ots Splits	Average Days from Submission to Decision	47	37	41	37	41	42	42
	% Completed Within Target (60 days)	94%	98%	84%	94%	93%	97%	97%

SUBDIVISION

Approved for Registration

				2019			20	20
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total
Complex, Non-complex,	Conditionally Approved Applications	24	21	42	22	109	25	25
and Change Requests	Average Days from Submission to Decision	22	21	21	25	22	25	25
	Conditionally Approved Applications	52	47	39	31	169	42	42
Lots Splits	Average Days from Submission to Decision	15	13	17	11	14	21	21

Lots Approved fo	r Registration							
				2019		1	20)20
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total
Single	Approved for Registration	461	256	859	294	1,870	366	366
Semi-Detached	Approved for Registration	118	91	113	34	356	86	86
Row Housing	Approved for Registration	127	0	176	158	461	36	36
Multi - Unit	Approved for Registration	2	5	8	3	18	0	0
Commercial	Approved for Registration	10	4	9	3	26	5	5
Industrial	Approved for Registration	2	1	18	2	23	4	4
	Grand Total	720	357	1,183	494	2,754	497	497

SERVICING AGREEMENTS & ENGINEERING DRAWINGS

A servicing agreement is a legal contract between the developer or property owner and the City of Edmonton which must be met and agreed upon prior to the development proceeding.

Servicing agreements provide for the construction of necessary infrastructure such as water, roads, and power. The agreement can be a requirement of a Subdivision or a development permit and often includes the review and approval of engineering drawings.

The engineering drawings include the design and construction of municipal improvements such as water mains, storm and sanitary sewers, roads, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, power, street lighting, landscaping and various other items that are necessary to service land being developed or redeveloped.

With every servicing agreement application received, there are a number of residential, multi-family, commercial and industrial lots that are proposed to be serviced. The number of applications approved indicates the volume of serviced lots that will be available in the near future. This data is displayed on an annual basis due to the seasonality of the business.

Engineering Drawings are circulated to various reviewing agencies to confirm that standards are met for their respective areas of expertise. Reviewing agencies include transportation planning, streetlights and signals, parks planning, drainage planning, and EPCOR.

Projects Circulated - Refers to the volume of projects that have been submitted by the applicant and have been circulated to the various reviewing agencies. Drawings have not yet been approved.

Projects Approved - Refers to the volume of projects that have gone through all necessary iterations between the applicant and reviewing agencies. Drawings have been approved by the City.



Engineering drawings are categorized as non-complex or complex. Non-complex drawings are identified as projects that contain elements that are standard on most drawing submissions, such as roadway cross sections and approved pipe materials. Typically, non-complex projects are the continuation of adjoining existing developments.

Complex projects are characterized as projects that contain elements that are not typical in most drawing submissions, such as stormwater management facilities, lift stations, arterial roadways or creek crossings. These projects may require additional input from specialists or experts.

The target of 100 days is a joint target between the City and applicants, in calendar days. Projects over 300 days are removed from the analysis.

Engineering [Drawings					
			20)19		2020
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
	Approved Projects	17	21	44	20	12
Non-complex	% Completed Within Target	71%	29%	57%	30%	58%
projects	Average Days with the City	69	65	66	74	55
	Average Days with the Applicant	35	24	31	45	54
	Approved Projects	1	6	7	4	2
Complex	% Completed Within Target	0%	33%	29%	25%	0%
projects	Average Days with the City	91	66	78	78	86
	Average Days with the Applicant	72	66	46	43	42
Projects circula	ted this quarter	42	54	26	32	52

Servicing Agreement Approvals

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Development permits are written approvals from the City that the location, size, and use of a building complies with the Zoning Bylaw regulations. A development permit is required for new construction, some renovations, signs, new businesses, and changes to how a building is being used.

The amount of time taken to issue a development permit varies significantly, depending on the type of development permit and application complexity. Permits for minor changes can be issued in one day, while permits for new commercial buildings typically take several weeks. Applications for developments that are listed as a discretionary use in the Zoning Bylaw require notification to neighbouring property owners and typically take longer to complete.

Other factors that influence timelines include whether circulation to other civic agencies or assessments are required.

The single most common cause of delay in processing development permits is incomplete or insufficient information, which may result in reviews of the permit prior to the approval.



Applications Received By Class of Permit for Development Permits for New Commercial, Industrial & Apartment Buildings, and Other Major Development Permits

			2019			2020		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total	
Applications Received	68	76	44	69	257	44	44	
Permits Issued	58	75	74	34	241	53	53	
Avg. Calendar Days to Issue	112	142	145	97	129	86	86	
2 Other Major Development P	ermits							
Applications Received	241	319	253	255	1,068	233	233	
Permits Issued	205	270	259	224	958	203	203	
Avg. Calendar Days to Issue	48	45	54	36	46	57	57	

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER BUILDING PERMITS

Construction Values for New Construction, and Demolitions & Other Additional Building Permits 2019 2020 Safety code permits, such as building, mechanical and electrical, confirm that buildings comply with \$355M safety codes and energy regulations. Commercial, industrial, and other permits includes various types of non-residential permits: permits for new buildings (including apartments), additions, exterior or interior alterations, parking lots, and change of use. The combination of applications received and the construction value of projects indicates the volume \$1.268M and complexity of the permits being processed. \$187M \$161M \$182M \$177M \$289M \$257M \$161M \$122M Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Demolitions and Other Additional Building Permits New Construction Building Permits **1 Building Permits for New Construction** 2019 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total	
Applications Received	71	115	105	120	411	58	58	
Permits Issued	58	71	118	67	314	88	88	
Avg. Calendar Days to Issue	101	184	142	131	142	164	164	
2 Demolitions and Other Ad	ditional Building F	Permits*						
Applications Received	514	603	595	573	2,285	527	527	
Permits Issued	489	453	545	537	2,024	558	558	
Avg. Calendar Days to Issue	70	83	81	72	76	75	75	

*Other additional building permits includes additions, exterior and interior alterations, excavations, footing and foundation, and structural frames

RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

A Multi-Family residential development includes row housing and apartment dwellings.



RESIDENTIAL SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE DEVELOPMENT & BUILDING PERMITS, AND ROWHOUSING BUILDING PERMITS

When class A applications are complete and are not contained within a mature neighbourhood overlay, the target time to issue permits is 20 calendar days. The target timelines for issuing Class B (discretionary development not within a Mature Neighbourhood Overlay) and Complex (Mature Neighbourhood Overlav) permits are longer.

Incomplete permit applications, those requiring bylaw exceptions, or those put on hold by the applicant are likely to take additional time. The actual results include times for complete and incomplete applications.

The combination of applications received and the construction value of projects indicates the volume and complexity of the permits being processed.

Applications Submitted

Applications Submitted

Semi-Detached Building

Permits - Projects up to

Rowhousing Building

Permits - Projects with 3

or more dwelling units

Permits Issued

2 dwelling units

Permits Issued

Permits Issued

Permits Issued

Permits Issued

Class A

Class B

Complex

Construction Values for Semi-Detached House and Rowhousing Building Permits



SINGLE DETACHED HOUSE PERMITS

Development and building permits are both required for the construction of a Single Detached House.

Beginning in 2018, the methodology for performance measures was revised for single detached houses to provide more predictability by measuring time within UFCSD's control. The City is now measuring and reporting time from receipt of a complete application, including fees paid, to the time a decision is made. Decisions can be threefold: approved, refused, or more information required. Circulation to other City departments, notification period, and where required, community consultation are not included in these timelines.

Applications submitted includes applications that meet the requirements to start the review process. These applications still may not have all the necessary information to approve or refuse an application.

If an application qualifies for an expedited review, the development permit can be issued by intake team.

Applications Submitted

1.2 Development Review

Development



Total

479

1.1 Application Intake for Expedited and Non-Expedited Programs

Review -								
Expedited	Avg. Calendar Days to Review	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Development Review - Non		501	597	617	690	2,405	610	610
Expedited Greenfield	Avg. Calendar Days to Review	11	12	11	14	12	10	10
Development Review - Non	Applications Submitted	122	109	97	67	395	89	89
	Avg. Calendar Days to Review	14	16	13	15	14	12	12
Tota	Applications Submitted	725	833	822	899	3,279	836	836
2 Building P	ermits							
Plans	Applications Submitted*	752	859	787	753	3,151	974	974
Examination Review	Avg. Calendar Days to Review	14	11	9	8	10	7	7

2019

Q3

108

Q4

142

* Applications submitted includes applications that meets requirements to start review process. These applications still may not have all necessary information for the decision.

Q2

127

Q1

102

2020

Total

137

Q1

137

MINOR RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

In 2018, Home Improvement Permits were launched for minor residential projects such as detached garages, decks, and interior and exterior alterations. This permit includes development and building permits; multiple projects can be issued under one permit. Home Improvement Permits replaces separate development, building, and other combined permits that were previously used for minor residential projects.

Simple residential permits, such as uncovered decks and minor accessory structures can be issued in one day at the Service Centre. Permits may take longer to issue if they are for discretionary development, require a variance, are located within a neighbourhood overlay, or the initial application submission is incomplete.

A permit is considered issued after all required documents have been received, all associated fees paid, and the plans review completed. After a permit is issued and construction is complete, at least one safety code inspection will be conducted.

The combination of applications received and the construction value of projects indicates the volume and complexity of the permits being processed.



Home Improvement Permi	ts						
			2020				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total
Applications Received	1,595	2,467	2,241	1,471	7,774	1,280	1,280
Number of Projects	1,718	2,716	2,470	1,600	8,504	1,401	1,401
Permits Issued							
Permits Issued	1,381	2,030	2,012	1,621	7,024	1,202	1,202
Avg. Calendar Days to Issue	16	18	24	25	21	21	21

The methodology to calculate volumes was changed in 2020 quarter one

SAFETY CODE INSPECTIONS

New construction or alterations to a structure must comply with the Alberta Safety Codes Act. Safety codes permits include building, HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning), Plumbing, gas, and electrical permits. Each permit requires at least one inspection after the work has been completed. Permits for new buildings require multiple inspections throughout the construction process.

Development services completes over 40,000 safety code inspections per quarter. This figure is comprised of completed inspections for building, plumbing, gas, HVAC and electrical disciplines. Other completed inspections compiled quarterly include lot grading, landscaping, development site inspections and sidewalk cafes. These numbers vary greatly thoughout the year, as they are impacted by seasonal conditions.



1 Safety Code Inspections Completed

			2019			20	20
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total
Building	9,582	11,172	10,764	9,992	41,510	9,730	9,730
Electrical	10,230	10,696	11,199	10,700	42,825	9,166	9,166
HVAC	5,865	5,753	5,602	5,556	22,776	5,870	5,870
Plumbing & Gas	11,525	11,763	10,348	11,403	45,039	10,994	10,994
Grand Total	37,202	39,384	37,913	37,651	152,150	35,760	35,760
2 Other Inspections C	ompleted*						
Lot Grading	104	4,279	5,970	3,007	13,360	99	99
Others	7	441	666	160	1,274	105	105
Grand Total	111	4,720	6,636	3,167	14,634	204	204

* "Others" include Sidewalk cafe, landscaping and development site inspections.

MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL PERMITS



COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES

2019 2020 5% 4% 6% 4% 5% 6% 6% 5% 6% 9% 16% 23% 26% 23% 18% 73% 68% 67% 65% 65% Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Revision Commercial Compliance, Express Commercial Compliance, Re-stamp and Zoning Compliance Express Residential Compliance

Residential Compliance

			2019			20	20
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total
Applications Submitted	1,553	2,125	2,286	1,682	7,646	1,344	1,344
Certificates Issued	1,389	1,985	2,263	1,718	7,355	1,249	1,249
2 Express Certificates							
Certificates issued	251	481	597	421	1,750	254	254
Avg. Calendar Days to Issue	3	4	4	3	4	3	3
3 Regular Certificates							
Certificates issued	1,138	1,504	1,666	1,297	5,605	995	995
Avg. Calendar Days to Issue	10	13	13	11	12	11	11

Compliance Certificate Applications Received by Compliance Type

* Including Zoning Confirmations and Re-Stamps

Compliance certificate is a formal response

from the City of Edmonton that states that any

development on a property, based on a Real

Surveyor, meets all regulations of the Zoning Bylaw and/or has been issued any required Development Permits. Compliance certificates

The City has two levels of compliance service -

regular and express. There are significantly higher volumes for regular service requests

Property Report from an Alberta Land

also include zoning confirmations and

and response times can vary.

re-stamps.

LICENSING

Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development manages the issuance of all City of Edmonton business and vehicle for hire licences.

There are more than 30,000 active businesses operating within the City of Edmonton. For complete applications with fees paid on time, a new business licence can usually be issued within a few days. If the application requires referral from Fire Rescue Services, it can take up to 14 calendar days. Existing businesses must renew their business licence annually.

Vehicle For Hire program ensures the safe and orderly provision of Vehicle for Hire services in the City through driver licensing, driver screening, vehicle inspections, and enforcement activities. Taxi, limousine, and shuttle businesses, vehicles, and drivers all require a licence to comply with the Vehicle For Hire Bylaw.



	2019					2020	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Total
New Licences Issued	1,422	1,542	1,269	1,508	5,741	1,708	1,708
Licences Renewed	8,152	7,358	5,834	8,941	30,285	7,709	7,709
Total Licences Issued & Renewed	9,574	8,900	7,103	10,449	36,026	9,417	9,417
1.1 New Licences (without referral)						
Issued without referral	1,087	1,183	853	1,003	4,126	1,169	1,169
1.2 New Licences (require referral)						
Licences issued	335	359	416	505	1,615	539	539
Avg. Calendar Days to Issue	52	55	52	48	51	34	34
2 Vehicle for Hire							
Dispatch Licences Issued	8	67	5	4	81	4	4
Driver Licences Issued	373	367	331	390	1,461	275	275
Vehicle Licences Issued	12	1,523	23	39	1,554	10	10

FINANCIALS

Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development provide planning and development services to the City of Edmonton through review, approval and inspections associated with the following: Area and Neighbourhood Structure Plans, Rezoning and Subdivision, Servicing Agreements, Development Permits, and Building Permits.

The Planning and Development Reserve is used to support the long term financial sustainability to stabilize service levels despite the revenue variability associated with these services by managing revenue risks, stabilizing operating and capital resources across extended periods of time, and funding initiatives that enhance service and ensure accountability to customers.

Revenue collected for the processing applications is directly and indirectly attributed to the delivery of those services. This includes corporate support costs and providing for investments in service improvement initiatives.

Quarterly Branch Revenues, Expenses, Service Enhancements, and

Reserve Balance



Development Services Expenditures YTD - 2020 Q1

19% 11%

52%

19%





Corporate Wide Support General Costs External Services Material & Equipment Personnel

EXPLANATIONS

General Explanations

This report is intended to highlight key activities throughout the land development process. It is not a comprehensive listing of all activities in the land development process or work completed by the Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development Department.

The number of submitted applications may be greater than the number of issued permits because applications that are cancelled or denied are not included.

Unless otherwise stated, Days to Issue is calculated as the number of calendar days between the date on which the application was submitted and the date on which the permit was issued. This does not include timelines for completing inspections. Average calendar days to issue is calculated based on the permits that were issued in each quarter. Processing timelines are not included for applications where reliable data is not available or where application complexity varies too significantly to provide a valuable summary measure. The weighted average is used to calculated the average days.

Permits

A development permit is a written approval from the City confirming that the location, size, and use of a structure complies with the Zoning Bylaw regulations. A development permit is required for new construction, some renovations, signs, new businesses, and changes to how a building is being used.

Safety code permits, such as building, mechanical and electrical, confirm that buildings comply with safety codes and energy regulations.

Commercial, industrial, and other permits includes various types of non-residential permits: permits for new buildings (including apartments), additions, exterior or interior alterations, parking lots, and change of use as examples.

Home Improvement Permits includes decks, exterior or interior alterations, demolitions, fences, and swimming pools as examples.

Financials

The reported revenues and expenditures are actual amounts, based on end of quarter results. Permit fees from other internal City of Edmonton projects are included as revenue.

The reported reserve balance is the cumulative balance at the end of the quarter. It is adjusted based on the difference between the quarterly revenue and operating expenditures, as well as any capital spending. The reserve balance shows capital and operating amounts.

Corporate Wide Support allocations will be monitored on an ongoing basis, and adjusted if necessary. City Planning includes technical support for plans reviews by Transportation and Parks.

Service Enhancements include both operating and capital expenses.