

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Printable Version](#) | [Send this to a friend](#)**Engineering Drawing Pre-Circulation Meetings Open to Industry**

Weekly pre-circulation meetings, chaired by Development Coordination, continue to be the starting point for the engineering drawing review process and provide a forum for reviewing departments and agencies to complete a cursory review of the drawings in advance of formal circulation.

2015 Servicing Agreement Inspection Fee Rates

In accordance with the agreement reached between UDI and the City in June 2005, the inspection fees collected through servicing agreements have been adjusted for 2015. Based on the Edmonton Consumer Price Index, the percent variation between December 2013 and December 2014 was +1.7%.

Current Planning is Improving Notification Letters for Planning Applications

Current Planning is improving the notification letters used for Land Development Applications, Public Hearings, and Development Permits. Initiated by Action 19 of Edmonton's Infill Roadmap - Better Notification Letters - this project will change both the appearance and the content of the letters to clarify the purpose and provide clarity about what is being proposed, allowed, or varied.

2015 Current Planning Fees Remain Unchanged

City Council has approved the 2015 budget for Current Planning with an overall 0% change in permit and service fees. The stabilization of user fees is a direct result of business process refinements, technology enhancements, and greater internal and external training. Overall, the Current Planning Branch operates on a full cost recovery model, whereby fees charged reflect the cost of providing services. All fees are reviewed and published on an annual basis through the budget process.

2015 Volume 1

Welcome to the 1st Edition of the Development Coordination Bulletin for 2015.

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The Development Coordination Bulletin aims to provide the most up to date information to the land development industry about our services.

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2014 Building Construction Value Sets Record

2014 was another exceptional year of construction activity growth for Edmonton. New records were set for the number of permits issued, inspections completed, and total building construction value. On an annual basis, building permit construction value reached \$4.6B in 2014, representing a 17% year-over-year change from 2013, and a 50% increase over the five-year average.

Planning Academy Infill Elective Course Now Available

Current Planning is excited to announce that Planning Academy's Infill elective course is scheduled for February 25, 2015!

This course, part of Action 9 of the Evolving Infill Roadmap, will help participants understand the planning process and provide a platform for discussion about infill in Edmonton. Learn what residential infill means in both the North American and the Edmonton context, and how infill supports the City's sustainability goals. Get connected with tools and resources to understand how to effectively implement infill in Edmonton.

City Launches "Nail Down Your Permit" Process

Renovating your home is both challenging and rewarding. To help City residents with their upcoming residential construction projects, Current Planning is promoting the permit process with the [Nail Down Your Permit](#) marketing campaign. The main objective is to ensure that residents and industry partners providing the services know when a permit is required, and how the permitting process works. Additionally, we want to encourage residents to start thinking about their summer residential construction projects early. To launch the 2015 campaign, the City was present at the Edmonton Renovation Show, answering questions about the permit process.

Introducing the Current Planning Branch Marketing & Client Relations Team

The Marketing and Client Relations Team was initially established in January 2014 with the goal of enhancing the stakeholder experience for all lines of business in the Current Planning Branch. Over the past year, the team has become fully established, executing initiatives and programs such as staff and industry communications, staff on-boarding and training, the Sustainable Development/Current Planning Business Plan, re-branding of Planning Academy, industry training, sponsorships, Nail Down Your Permit and more. Read more to meet the team!

For the Love of Winter Design Guidelines Drafted

For The Love of Winter - Design Guidelines for Transforming Edmonton into a Great Winter City have been drafted with an aim to improve our quality of winter life through planning and urban design improvements, part of the WinterCity Strategy Implementation Plan. There are five main elements to consider:

- Incorporate design strategies to block wind (prevailing winds and downdrafts)
- Maximize exposure to sunshine through orientation and design
- Use colour to enliven the winterscape
- Create visual interest with light, while being mindful of density, spread and colour
- Provide infrastructure that supports desired winter life (i.e. gas lines for fire pits, materials and furnishings that are durable and comfortable in cold weather)

Please contact Nola Kilmartin at nola.kilmartin@edmonton.ca or (780) 944-0123 for more information.

City of Edmonton Design and Construction Standards for Roadways Being Updated

Transportation is currently working on an update to Volume 2: Roadways, of the City of Edmonton Design and Construction Standards. A summary of the changes is as follows:

- Addition of the Complete Streets Example Cross Sections.
- Changes to Construction Standards relating to new Superpave Asphalt Concrete types.
- Removal of ACO, ACR, ACB and replaced with new designations 10mm-HT, 10mm-LT, and 20mm-B.
- Update names of asphalt types in all section that still reference the old asphalt types.
- Addition of concrete curing compound to Concrete used for Roadways.
- Addition of Heavy Rock Rip Rap Specification.
- Addition of Geotextile Specification.
- Changes to standard drawing details that reference old asphalt types and replaced with new designations.

The updated Volume is scheduled to be updated on the City of Edmonton Website by the end of the first quarter of 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the standards please contact Mark Pivovar of Transportation Planning at Mark.Pivovar@Edmonton.ca or 780-944-7693.

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Edmonton Neighbourhood Profiles Now Available

The Urban Planning and Environment Branch has completed 250 neighbourhood profiles for Edmonton, based on the customized 2011 census data.

The Growth Analysis Unit rolled up their sleeves and worked very hard to get the job done in record time (15 days) !

These profiles are currently being placed on [our website](#).

City Welcomes Many New Staff

Development Coordination has the following announcements:

Nancy Domijan accepted the position of Director, Development Coordination and has already begun her role as of last December. Nancy spent the last four years as part of the Development Coordination team in a supervisory role as well as leading several initiatives such as streamlining engineering drawing review processes.

Daisy Holod joined Development Coordination as an eight month engineering co-op student beginning in January. Daisy is currently enrolled in her third year of the Civil Engineering program at the University of Alberta. Her role with Development Coordination will include tracking certificates, drafting servicing agreements and reviewing engineering drawings applications.

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