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## Building Edmonton Newsletter March 2025

### Important Changes to Landscape Securities Process

On February 3, 2025 City Council approved Zoning Bylaw amendments that will change the landscape security process (refer to Council Report for cluster housing, multi-unit housing, and all non-residential development.) [Read more](#) for further information.

### New Alternative Solutions Guide for Point Access Blocks

As part of our efforts to encourage growth in housing supply and diversity, the City of Edmonton has helped create a new Guide for Alternative Solutions on Point Access Blocks. Under the Alberta Edition of the National Building Code of Canada, a single staircase building - or Point Access Block (PAB) - can be considered if the developer can demonstrate through an Alternative Solution that the design is just as safe and effective as one with two staircases. [Read more](#).

### Affordable Housing Grants - Application Period Still Open

Non-profit and private sector developers interested in developing affordable housing can still apply for [Affordable Housing Investment Program](#) grants until April 25, 2025. The grant provides funding through two streams:

General stream: covers up to 25 per cent of the total capital costs of newly constructed or rehabilitated affordable housing developments.

Indigenous housing stream: Assists Indigenous organizations pursuing affordable housing development and covers up to 25 per cent of the capital costs of newly constructed or rehabilitated affordable housing developments and up to 40 per cent for developments that exceed specific affordability, energy efficiency and unit size criteria. Find out more at [Affordable Housing Investment](#)

### Supporting Edmonton's Business Community

Starting and growing a business can be complex, but the Business Friendly Edmonton (BFE) team is here to help. Whether you need guidance on business licensing, zoning regulations, permits, or learning about available grants, customized support is available. [Read more](#) about the services provided.

## **Our Infill Workshop Was a Great Success**

Our recent Infill permit process event called *An Interactive Workshop with a Focus on Row Housing*, was held on March 5, 2025 and was a great success! It was a day filled with insightful discussions, collaborative learning, and a shared commitment to improving the development process for infill row housing. We had over 160 internal and external guests participating at the event. [Read more about it.](#)

## **SAFETY CODES AND PERMIT UPDATES**

### **Structural Commentaries Now Available**

The new Structural Commentaries ([User's Guide – NBC 2020: Part 4 of Division B](#)) is now available. This guide is designed to assist code users in understanding the design provisions provided in Part 4 of Division B of the National Building Code of Canada (NBC) 2020. The guide provides information and suggested approaches to various design questions related to structural sufficiency, including limit states design, snow, rain, and wind loads, as well as seismic effects