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Building Blocks Session

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

Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Time: 12 - 1 PM

Location: Online webinar via Google Meet

Register for free today!

In the August session, join Justin Phill from the Safety Codes Permits & Inspection team as he reviews the new letter of confirmation required for facilities that provide health care. He will discuss the background, intent, and where it may be required.

Building Blocks is a series put on by the City's Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections team to create a forum for learning, questions and discussions on high-performance buildings, code changes, industry best practices and more. Questions? Contact [Justin Phill](#).

Business Census

August is the last month to participate in person in the City of Edmonton's first business census!

The City of Edmonton is dedicated to supporting economic growth, and we are working hard to make it easier to do business. Our business census is designed to help address gaps in available business and employment information. The data collected will shape how the City supports businesses, improves services and attracts investment. This year's census is wrapping up in person on August 30, but the online survey will be open until the end of September. Make sure your business gets counted by filling out the five-minute questionnaire at [Business Census](#).

Professional Work Product Identification - AAA, APEGA and ASET

Registered professionals and permit applicants may wish to review this summary of authentication and validation standards for professional work products submitted for building permit application processing.

Read Your Revised District Plan

The District Planning project is developing two new planning tools to guide how collections of neighbourhoods (districts) will redevelop and change as Edmonton reaches its next population milestone of 1.25 million people.

The 2023 revised draft district plans and District Policy are available to read on edmonton.ca/districtplans. Visit the project website to learn how your feedback from 2022 informed the plan revisions.

Public engagement on the draft plans and list of geographic plans proposed to keep, change or retire is scheduled from October 23 to December 1, 2023. Get a head start and sign up today for a public information session happening:

- Wednesday, October 25, 2023 (6:30 - 8:00 PM) via Google Meet
- Thursday, October 26, 2023 (noon - 12:55 PM) via Google Meet
- Tuesday, November 7, 2023 (8:30 - 10:00 PM) via Google Meet
- Thursday, November 16, 2023 (7:00 - 8:30 PM) via Google Meet

You will be able to submit your feedback by taking an online survey or booking a one-on-one Chat With a Planner session.

Red Tape Reduction and Service Improvements

Encroachment Agreement Improvements

Encroachment Agreement applications are now available online through our self-serve portal. To get started, go to Encroachments - Residential & Commercial.

An Encroachment Agreement is a written confirmation between the City and an owner of a property which allows a structure extending onto City or public property to remain in place.

The new digital service provides a convenient and streamlined service with the ability to see the status of applications. The changes will reduce the time to obtain an agreement by up to two weeks. Find out more

An efficient permitting, licensing and regulatory process helps reduce barriers and encourage investment in our city, which is a key goal of both The City Plan and Edmonton's Economic Action Plan. These changes are part of the City's ongoing efforts to ensure that we have the correct regulations, processes and support services in place.

To learn about other service improvement initiatives underway visit [Service Improvements](#).

Safety Codes & Permit Updates

Construction Safety Project Implementation Plan

An updated approach to construction, demolition and excavation site safety compliance monitoring is being adopted by the Safety Codes Permits and Inspections section of Development Services, with focus on construction safety planning. Read more.

Address Requirements for Construction Sites

Please remember to have your construction sites correctly addressed to align with the attached industry publication. On larger multi-family sites or commercial construction, please ensure the project address is at the main entrance to your site, and that each individual unit has the address clearly posted. Showing a clearly posted address ensures that not only can our inspection teams find your site, but also that emergency vehicles can get there quickly in the event of an emergency. [Address visibility at construction sites](#).

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