



**BUILDING
EDMONTON**

Edmonton

Building Blocks Session

There will be no Building Blocks Session in December. Thanks for joining us throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2024. Happy Holidays!

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](#).

Lot Grading Requirements and Backyard Housing

In the new Zoning Bylaw 20001 the term Backyard Housing will replace Garden Suites. With this change comes new regulations that expand opportunities for development by eliminating the current restriction of one principal structure per title lot and increased flexibility through location, size and height requirements. [Read more](#) about these new regulations.

What's Next for District Planning?

The District Planning project has concluded the final stage of its multi-phase formal public engagement. Thank you to everyone who shared their input on the [draft district plans](#), [geographic plan changes](#) and shared ideas on what the City should work on next. We're now diving in and analyzing comments, so stay tuned for a What We Heard Report coming in March 2024! [Read more](#) about what's been happening over the last month.

New Zoning Bylaw and Map Will Be Effective January 1, 2024

The new [Zoning Bylaw](#) and [Zoning Map](#) will come into effect on January 1, 2024. We understand that with new changes come new questions. [Learn more](#). We're currently developing a comprehensive set of resources to help you understand the approved zoning changes and what they mean for your property or projects, which will be shared in the coming weeks at [Zoning Bylaw](#).

Edmonton Urban Design Awards Gala Was a Great Success

The 2023 Edmonton Urban Design Awards are now concluded! Over 150 designers and industry professionals attended the 2023 Awards Gala held Friday, November 24 at City Hall. Twenty Awards of Excellence and Merit were presented in nine categories, as well as the People's Choice Award - which went to the Roxy Theatre. The 2023 awards booklet and photos from the gala can be viewed online at Edmonton [Urban Design Awards](#).

Safety Codes & Permit Updates

Safety Codes Officer jobs!

Use your industry expertise to provide technical guidance, conduct inspections and issue permits for the City of Edmonton. It's a challenging and rewarding opportunity and it might be just what you're looking for. Check out our [Safety Codes Officer](#) positions.

Trade Permit Management

HVAC, Plumbing, Gas and Electrical permits for trades work associated with a building scope must be applied for and associated with the Building Permit. [Read more.](#)

Trench and Excavation Safety

In collaboration with our City OH&S team, SCPI is instituting a Safe Work Practice procedure that field inspection teams will consistently apply on any job site where they are required to enter or walk immediately adjacent to an excavation. This will mainly affect the Building-Footing and Foundation Inspection, but applies to all disciplines entering a site to conduct inspections. Please share this [quick reference card](#) that our field staff uses to consistently evaluate a site for acceptable access safety. Inspectors will photograph excavations deemed to be unsafe to enter, and the inspection will be recorded in our system as "unsafe access" which will generate reinspection and reinspection fees. For more information contact [Steve Goodwin](#).

Trade Permits Must Be Applied for With Building Permits

HVAC, Plumbing, Gas and Electrical permits for trades work associated with a building scope must be applied for and associated with the Building Permit. Free-standing trade permits are to be applied for only for work that is not affiliated with a building project. [Read more.](#)

- Helpful Permit Tips -

Residential Plans Examination

This month's tip relates to travel limit to exit or egress doors and revision and "More Information Required" requests. [Read the helpful tips here.](#)

Addressing for Safe Access.

[Read more](#) about the updated guidelines for posting of jobsite addresses and permit numbers.

Check the [Alberta Municipal Affairs website](#) for updates to codes and standards and [sign-up to be notified](#) when new Standata or other information is posted.

Looking for information from a previous Building Edmonton Newsletter? Read our back issues on the [Industry Communications](#) page.