

Lunchbox Series

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Lunchbox Series Session: Home Energy Efficiency

Tuesday, March 30, Noon to 1 pm

Responses to Unanswered Questions

This Lunchbox webinar generated a lot of questions that we were unable to respond to before the end of the session. Following are responses to the questions left unanswered. Thank you to all participants for joining us for this webinar.

Question	Response
<p>How much of the HERA grants have been dispersed? Do you have an idea when this fund will run dry?</p>	<p>HERA is expected to be available for 3 years from the program launch date (January 13, 2021). However, the program may be extended, shortened or modified at any time.</p> <p>As of March 26 there were 175 approved applications. Periodic updates on rebate availability will be made on the program website and in the Change for Climate email newsletter.</p> <p>Check the website often for program information: https://homes.changeforclimate.ca/hera/ Sign up to receive the Change for Climate newsletter: http://edmonton.ca/changeforclimateneews</p> <p>Available program funds will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis. To avoid disappointment, homeowners are encouraged to apply for rebates as soon as work is complete.</p>
<p>Do you have local case studies available for review which provide real examples of energy savings resulting from green retrofits?</p>	<p>Review the online materials hosted by the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA). or reach out to them or a building professional working in Edmonton for recommendations.</p> <p>Also, Built Green Canada is another great resource.</p>
<p>What can condo owners do? Are there any resources for condos or multi residential dwellings, not just</p>	<p>Multi-family dwellings, like condos, are not currently included in the City's energy efficiency rebate programs. However, rooftop solar panels and electric vehicle (EV) charger</p>

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<p>single family homes?</p>	<p>rebates* are available to multi-family buildings. As well, many actions within your home space can lead to reduced energy use. Learn more at change4climate.ca/action and change4climate.ca/programs/change-for-climate-tools</p>
<p>Energy Efficiency is a primary way to meet our climate obligations and it is important to us all. How can we make sure that council moves forward with strong energy efficiency initiatives with the energy transition?</p>	<p>In August, 2019, City Council declared a climate emergency and requested that the Community Energy Transition Strategy (2015) be updated with accelerated actions. The updated Strategy will be presented to Executive Committee of Council on April 12 for consideration and discussion. Anyone is welcome to sign up and share their perspective with Council.</p>
<p>Our current water infrastructure is designed to have a certain quantity of water running through it, in order to avoid clogs. Does the city have a plan for working with Epcor to mitigate clogs as we push for water conservation?</p>	<p>EPCOR as the utility for both the water and sewer systems in Edmonton considers this risk in the development of their sewer flushing programs to mitigate these impacts and the updates to the design standards in the community.</p>

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EV Charger Rebates

Multi-family buildings are eligible to apply for rebates to help reduce the cost of purchasing and installing an EV charger. The rebate covers up to 50% of the cost to a maximum of \$2,000 for buildings with 5 units or more and \$600 for buildings with 4 units or less. The City of Edmonton is accepting applications until May 31, 2021 or until the funds are expended. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for pre-approval prior to May 31.

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