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Share Your Thoughts About Landscaping on Private Property

Private land plays a critical role with publicly-owned land like parks and natural areas to help Edmonton adapt to our changing climate conditions and reduce the impacts of heavy rainfall, flooding, heat and drought.

The City wants to hear from you on how to increase resilient landscaping on residential, commercial and industrial land through public education and possible zoning bylaw changes. We're taking action to ensure that trees and plants on privately owned land can thrive in our changing conditions and that we are adapting our landscaping approaches, making our city livable, cool and healthy.

Resilient landscaping includes:

- growing drought-resistant and native trees and plants
- ensuring enough soil volume for plants to grow
- using landscaping to capture and slow down rainwater
- finding ways to keep existing trees

Complete the survey and join the conversation **by August 5** at edmonton.ca/ClimateResilienceActionPlan.

Register for the Part 9 Energy Performance Path Permit Insights Workshop

Development industry professionals are invited to join Juan Monterrosa, Program Manager of ENBIX at Alberta Ecotrust, as he uncovers new data showing real permit tier levels and typical design inputs for recent Part 9 performance path permits in Edmonton.

Date: August 18, 2026

Time: 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Location: 3rd Floor, Edmonton Tower 10111 104 Avenue NW

Register for Free

Where does Edmonton's residential construction permit data stand when it comes to energy performance—and how will the upcoming code tiers impact current design and construction? ENBIX is seeking to understand boots-on-the-ground experience as industry navigates the shift towards emissions-neutral buildings.

This isn't just another presentation—it's a collaborative knowledge exchange designed to unlock practical, industry-led action. Following a concise data briefing, expect a facilitated group discussion to gather feedback, challenges and insights.

Commercial and Multi-Unit Residential Online Portal Improvements

The City has enhanced the online application process for commercial, multi-residential, and mixed-use developments. These improvements provide clearer guidance and more efficient information capture, resulting in higher-quality submissions, a more streamlined experience for applicants, and reducing delays in overall processing time. [Learn more about the improvements.](#)

Permit Application Accuracy

The City would like to remind homeowners and contractors to ensure that all safety code discipline fields pertinent to their scope of work are complete when filling out permit applications. Failure to provide all necessary information or incomplete applications could result in permit issuance delays.

New Child Care Services Zoning Rules

Zoning Bylaw amendments approved by City Council at the June 23, 2026 Public Hearing to reduce pick-up and drop-off space requirements for child care services citywide and change child care services to a permitted use in 17 special area zones are now in effect (see [item 4.14](#)). The pick-up and drop-off requirement has been reduced to one (1) on-site pick-up and drop-off space for every 10 children with an opportunity for a reduction of up to 50 per cent where unrestricted on-street parking is available abutting the child care site.

Don't Miss Out! Affordable Housing Grant Funding Available Until July 31

The City of Edmonton is offering up grant funding for affordable housing providers to accelerate development in 2026. The [Affordable Housing Investment Program](#) is the City's flagship affordable housing program, providing grants for the construction of new developments and the repair of existing units. The **new round of grants is open until July 31, 2026** to non-profit and private sector developers interested in seeking funding for shovel-ready affordable housing and mixed-market projects in Edmonton.

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 edmonton.ca/AffordableHousingInvestment.

City Funding Program Helps Make Innovative Covenant Wellness Community Possible

In the heart of Mill Woods, just blocks away from the Grey Nuns, Covenant Health and Rohit Group are partnering to transform the former MacEwan campus into an innovative urban community centred on wellness. The project was funded, in part, by the City's Infill Infrastructure Fund, which helps break down barriers to building new multi-unit housing near community urban centres, main streets and transit within the Anthony Henday by covering the cost of shared public infrastructure upgrades, such as water, storm and sanitary systems, mobility infrastructure and electrical distribution. Learn more about all the City grant and funding support programs available that help our city-building partners make innovative projects like this possible.

Policy Interpretation: Unprotected Openings Near Unenclosed Exterior Stairs and Ramps

Policy Interpretation B23-05 has been formally released to clarify the application of NBC(AE) Article 9.9.4.4 regarding unprotected openings near unenclosed exterior stairs and ramps.

Moving forward, the opening protection requirements of Article 9.9.4.4 do not apply if the exterior exit stair or ramp is:

- Not more than 1.5 m above adjacent ground level.
- Not more than 600 mm below adjacent ground level.

Stairs and ramps within these thresholds are considered safe, ground-adjacent continuations of the egress path and do not present the specific entrapment or delay hazards that require protection. With the recent increase in single family houses, semi-detached houses, and rowhouses being built with secondary suites, this interpretation establishes a repeatable solution for jurisdictions across the province and will help ensure a consistent and fair approach to compliance.

Weather-Proof Your Business!

Summer presents unique challenges for business owners. With the wildfire season upon us, hot and dry conditions can quickly impact business resilience, competitiveness, and service. Is your business prepared for wildfire-related risks?

The City's interactive Climate Resilient Business online tool helps create a simple roadmap towards a climate-resilient business that is better prepared for the risks associated with the wildfire season. It takes into account your business's proximity to a wildfire risk zone, level of wind exposure, and type of landscaping, as well as the impact of any disruptions to information and communications technology. A report is tailored to your specific conditions with a recommendation of what you should consider for your business to minimize your risk.

Learn how to make climate resilience a competitive edge for your business by using Climate Resilient Business.