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RE: Item 7.2 | On Street Construction and Maintenance Program

Dear Mayor Knack and members of Urban Planning Committee:

BILD Edmonton Metro is a non-profit organization representing over 500 companies in the building and development industry. Our members are committed to shaping our region to ensure more people and businesses choose to live, invest, and thrive here.

BILD Edmonton Metro supports the City's efforts to modernize and streamline the OSCAM permit process. In particular, we appreciate Administration's recognition that the current system can create unnecessary administrative complexity and delays for residential builders and developers. The introduction of a single, predictable permit process for low-density residential construction, combined with the planned migration to a centralized digital permitting platform, represents a practical step toward improving efficiency and reducing administrative burden. **While these changes represent meaningful progress, additional opportunities remain to further simplify permitting requirements, improve coordination across City departments, and reduce administrative friction.**

- Initiatives such as real-time permit tracking, integrated mapping tools, and better coordination among City departments and utility partners can improve project delivery while minimizing impacts on residents, businesses, and the transportation network.
- Differentiating between greenfield and infill development and between lands that are pre and post-Final Acceptance Certificate (FAC) can respond to different development contexts as these project types often face different permitting, coordination, and construction realities.

Continued focus on these implementation improvements will help ensure the program delivers its intended benefits without shifting unnecessary administrative or financial burden onto housing delivery.

Edmonton continues to face significant housing demand, and all orders of government have identified increasing housing supply as a critical priority. Added costs to builders and developers are ultimately reflected in the price paid by new homebuyers and renters, with even incremental cost increases compounding across the development process and placing additional pressure on households seeking to purchase or rent a new home. As a result, regulatory systems should be designed to achieve public safety and mobility objectives while also supporting efficient project delivery and minimizing unnecessary costs.



The engagement undertaken through the OSCAM review process has been valuable, particularly Administration's recognition of concerns related to process fragmentation and permitting inefficiencies. Maintaining this collaborative approach is essential. Ongoing dialogue with industry stakeholders will help ensure the program achieves its objectives while supporting housing affordability, investment, and economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continuing to work with Council and Administration to improve the permitting process, enhance construction coordination, and support the efficient delivery of housing and infrastructure across Edmonton.

Sincerely,



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