

## City Wide

### Applying for Home Improvement Projects

The City of Calgary has made life simpler for homeowners interested in starting a home improvement project that requires a permit. A new, straightforward application process is being introduced today that consolidates 51 applications into a [single application form](#). The new approach cuts red tape and takes the guessing game out of permitting requirements. Homeowners no longer need to determine when a building, development or trade permit is required, as City staff will coordinate these needs on their behalf.

The City is also introducing checklists that will help ensure homeowners have all they need to complete their single application form. Plain language and illustrations are part of the new checklists, helping homeowners better understand safety and bylaw requirements when applying.

Planning & Development is making progress on implementing the recommendations made last year during its [Zero Based Review](#), which proposed a number of improvements for homeowners and business customers. To learn more about these service improvements visit [calgary.ca/pdimprovements](http://calgary.ca/pdimprovements).

### Provincial Cannabis Framework

The City of Calgary received the Government of Alberta Cannabis Framework and is reviewing the document to determine the specific impacts for The City.

“We are taking the time to carefully consider the framework to get a better sense of exactly what this will mean for The City and our citizens,” says Matt Zabloski, project lead for preparing The City’s regulations for the legalization of recreational cannabis. “In anticipation of the provincial framework, 15 City business areas have been working for several months doing important groundwork to ensure Calgary is prepared for legalization in 2018.”

“The City has an important role to play in implementing the legalized sale and use of recreational cannabis in Calgary while upholding federal and provincial legislation. With the framework in hand, The City will be engaging with the provincial government in the coming weeks to further clarify the municipal role in legalization,” says Zabloski.

“To help us identify and address the concerns of citizens and our many stakeholders, we will be conducting extensive research and engagement to gather information on citizens’ attitudes toward legalization and their views on regulating recreational cannabis in Calgary,” says Zabloski.

The City’s engagement will include an on-line survey that will be open for citizen participation later this fall, and its launch will be announced publicly. The City encourages all Calgarians to participate in the engagement survey at [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) when it is available.

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## Erlton

Team Ward 9 would like to thank the amazing volunteers of the Erlton Community Association. It’s been a pleasure to work with you over the years.

As part of your transition from Ward 9 to Ward 11, Gian-Carlo will handover the raw data from our Community Objectives Workshop and the 2013-2017 Strategic Report to the successful candidate. If the community chooses to use it, it may prove to be helpful in getting your new representative up to speed.

### **25 Avenue SE Grade Separation Study**

Engage has a [project page](#) for the 25 Avenue SE Grade Separation Study. [Sign-up for updates](#) at the bottom right of the page to stay informed of the Public review of the Final Recommendation coming in the Fall of 2017.

## Municipal Election



<http://www.calgary.ca/election>

The City of Calgary has launched an Election website that has information for voters, candidate profiles, and where and when to vote on October 16, 2017 or during the Advance Vote period (Oct 4-11).