

**October 13, 2023**

City Council  
City of Edmonton  
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2R7

**Canadian  
Home Builders'  
Association**



**Re: October 16, 2023 Public Hearing – 3.1 Charter Bylaw 20001 & 21001 (Zoning Bylaw & City Wide Rezoning)**

Dear City of Edmonton Council,

The Canadian Home Builders' Association-Edmonton Region (CHBA-ER) is a not-for-profit organization representing more than 400 member companies in the region including builders, renovators, land developers, trades, suppliers and more. CHBA-ER members are proud to be city building partners in Edmonton.

The purpose of this letter is to support the Zoning Bylaw and rezoning, as proposed. CHBA-ER members appreciate the numerous opportunities to provide feedback and ask questions over the last several years as the project has progressed. This bylaw will benefit our community's development, sustainability, and overall well-being. The proposed changes will result in more housing with a greater degree of flexibility for Edmontonians today and into the future. The updated zoning bylaw being considered is more relevant and responsive to the evolving social and economic demands of the City of Edmonton.

Our members are optimistic about the future of Edmonton as envisioned through the Zoning Bylaw. The new regulations will reduce red tape and streamline our members' ability to bring innovative housing products to the market more quickly. However, we remain concerned about the infrastructure capacity and funding mechanisms for redeveloping neighborhoods, particularly once priority growth areas are identified through District Plans. Our Association commits to continued work that will seek to reduce costs and create efficiencies in the construction process, noting that the proposed Zoning Bylaw demonstrates Edmonton's leadership and commitment to these priorities.

We are pleased to hear that Administration has drafted a plan to review and assess the processes and outcomes once the new zoning is in place. Our members will gladly provide feedback and work proactively with city staff to ensure bottlenecks and unintended consequences are identified quickly and future amendments continue to align with the City Plan's intended outcomes as stated in the Big City Moves.

CHBA-ER supports the Zoning Bylaw and city-wide rezoning, Charter Bylaws 20001 and 21001. The proposed bylaw reflects a thoughtful and comprehensive approach to address Edmonton's needs through past and future changes and will lead Edmonton toward a future state where new homes in new forms support vibrant neighborhoods with a high quality of life and includes re-investment in existing communities. CHBA-ER commends the efforts of the Zoning Bylaw Renewal team and all individuals and organizations involved in shaping these changes. We look forward to working with the City of Edmonton through implementation and beyond.

Sincerely,

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