Edmonton's Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative and the GBA+ and Equity Toolkit

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Treaty 8 (1899)
Treaty 6 (1876)
Treaty 7 (1877)

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OUTLINE

+ History of Zoning
+ Edmonton Zoning Bylaw 12800
+ Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative
+ GBA+ and Equity Approach
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+ Conclusion
HISTORY OF ZONING

+ Organize land uses
+ Minimize conflicts
+ Exclusionary of certain segments of the population

Edmonton’s 1933 Zoning Map
EDMONTON’S ZONING BYLAW 12800

+ All low density types housing types permissible in single detached residential zones
+ Removed parking minimums
+ Made language gender neutral
EDMONTON’S CURRENT ZONING BYLAW

+ Remove people-based regulations
+ Remove differentiation of community-supported living arrangements
+ More flexible zones and regulations
+ Address discriminatory processes
+ An accessible Zoning Bylaw

What do inclusive and compassionate zoning regulations look like?
ZONING BYLAW RENEWAL INITIATIVE

"To develop a strategic, simplified and streamlined Zoning Bylaw to enable people, places and businesses to thrive and prosper."

WHY RENEW?

- **To Align** with Evolving Strategic Policy and Directions
- **To Foster** Vibrant and Inclusive Communities
- **To Support** Economic Development and Provide Excellent Service
- **To Advance** Equity
HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO IT?

The approach includes:

1. New Layout and Interface
2. Accessible Language
3. Hybrid Bylaw
4. Fewer, More Enabling and Inclusive Zones
5. Broader Uses
6. Purposeful and Enforceable Regulations
7. A Zoning Bylaw for Everyone

→ GBA+ Pilot Project
GBA+ & EQUITY APPROACH

Project Goals

1. To affirm the City of Edmonton’s commitment in addressing discriminatory regulations and practices

2. To research and explore how planning, policies and regulations have led to intended/unintended social impacts

3. To promote equity and explicitly remove barriers in the City of Edmonton’s regulations that perpetuate inequity
A **tool** to provide **guidance** to the Zoning Bylaw Team (and others) on how best to consider concepts of **equity** and **diversity** while drafting regulations

An **opportunity** to offset the **disproportionate impacts** felt by certain segments of the population

An **opportunity** for introspection and consideration of **privilege** and **equity** in the work that Edmonton’s administration undertakes
THE ROLE OF THE TOOLKIT

‘The Art of Inclusion’
CoE GBA+ Framework

Social Inequities
Communication Barriers
Historical Negative Externalities

Identity Factors
Intersectionality

Equity Measures
Regulations that remove/prevent social inequities

GBA+ & Equity Toolkit
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CONCLUSION

+ Live out our values in an equitable way
+ Consider the unintended social impacts of our regulations
+ Take thoughtful and decisive steps to make change
+ Recognize we are on a learning journey
+ We can share findings and recommendations
Thank you! Questions?
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