



ECO Plan Framework 2020 Update Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why is there change to the ECO Plan Framework for 2020?

A. The ECO Plan Framework is annually reviewed and updated as needed. The last update was in 2017. This year, Alberta Transportation's Cut The Red Tape initiative drove the change to make the document easier for contractors to use.

Q. What applies to The City of Calgary projects?

A. There are now 2 framework documents – one to reflect the requirements of Alberta Transportation and one that reflects important requirements when working on City of Calgary and City of Edmonton projects. The documents use the same format, but the content is specific to the jurisdiction that has hired the contractor for the work. For contractors working on Alberta Transportation projects, the aim is to reduce confusion by removing references to the municipal requirements from the core framework document. To ensure contractors following the correct framework, the core framework directs contractors who have been hired by City of Calgary or City of Edmonton to use the municipal version.

The document that relates to City of Calgary projects is named Environmental Construction Operations (ECO) Plan Framework – Municipal Version 2020 Edition

Q. When does this take effect and what do I do if I am in the middle of creating an ECO plan using the 2017 framework?

A. The effective date for this change is August 1, 2020. This means that contracts awarded by The City of Calgary on or after August 1, 2020 that require an ECO plan must use the 2020 framework. If you are working on an ECO plan for a project that will be awarded after this date, simply rearrange the document to follow the new format and ensure the Care of Water is included, if applicable. Additionally, ensure the ECO Plan checklist (municipal version) is correctly filed in and attached.

Q. Will there be a companion template like the 2017 edition?

A. The template is currently in design, for release in fall 2020. The new template will have better functionality than the previous version.

Q. What are the changes for the 2020 edition?

A. The intent of the framework remains the same. Most of the changes were to streamline the framework. Extra instructions and duplications were removed, Step 1 and 2 from the 2017 framework are combined, emergency preparedness was moved in front of implementation and numbering adjusted accordingly. There is one additional requirement for Care of Water plans.

- Q. Why there is a new Care of Water section and what do I have to do?
- A. If your project is in or near waterbodies, Care of Water is required. By providing a standalone section, it helps draw attention to existing requirements to ensure that the contractor addresses and mitigates the additional risks for working in and near waterbodies. The components of a Care of Water Plan for instream works should be submitted and include:
- turbidity monitoring plans and fish rescue plans developed by the environmental consultant for the project,
 - decontamination protocol, spill contingency plan and dewatering plan for in-stream work that the contractor will follow,
 - Sedimentation and Erosion Control plans for compliance with Water Act. Note – While these plans are a separate requirement from Erosion and Sediment Control Plans indicated in Step 2.3 which mitigate impacts to municipal storm water infrastructure, all requirements (i.e. City of Calgary, provincial and federal) can be addressed in one ESC Plan.
 - For projects with work near waterbodies, only spill contingency plans are required
- Q. Where does contact information for the on-site representative and City project manager belong?
- A. Please ensure the top section of the checklist is filled in with project name, Contractor's on-site representative and City Project Manager. The project manager's name should be in the "ECO Plan submitted to" section.
- Q. Where can I find the new framework and template?
- A. The 2020 framework and template will be available from Calgary.ca/ecoplan once they are released.
- Q. Whom to contact if I have questions?
- A. Please send your questions to ecoplan@calgary.ca