



Green Buildings Priority Stream

Terms and Conditions

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Definitions

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, the following definitions apply:

“Aggregated” means information that is combined or summarized at a whole-project level and does not include individual tenant-level, occupant-specific, or customer-specific data.

“Anonymous” means an Open Data disclosure option under which project performance information may be published, but project identifiers, Applicant organization names, and associated consultant names are removed or anonymized in the published dataset.

“Applicant” means the project owner or the owner’s authorized agent who applies to the Green Buildings Priority Stream Program on behalf of a project.

“Commercially Confidential Information” means information that, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to harm the competitive or commercial interests of the Applicant or a third party, as determined by The City in accordance with applicable law.

“Full Disclosure” means an Open Data disclosure option under which the published dataset may include the project name and may publicly associate the project with the Applicant organization and any identified energy advisor, engineer, or performance modeler, where such information has been provided to the Program.

“Open Data” means a standardized, downloadable dataset published through Open Calgary that provides public access to aggregated, project-level information for informational and analytical purposes and may be updated periodically as additional data becomes available.

“Process Incentives” means non-financial, administrative measures offered through the Program to support eligible projects, such as priority file handling, coordinated review, or other procedural efficiencies, and does not include financial incentives or guarantees of approval.

“Program” means the Green Buildings Priority Stream, a City of Calgary administrative program that provides process-based incentives to support high-performance new construction projects.

“Project Information” means aggregated, non-personal, project-level information submitted to or generated through the Program, including descriptive, technical, and performance-related information, but excluding personal information as defined under applicable privacy legislation.



“Public Project Profile” means a curated narrative description of a selected project published by The City through the Green Buildings Priority Stream website and/or other City communication channels, which may include descriptive text, images, and selected project highlights.

General Terms

1. The City of Calgary (“The City”) is committed to fulfilling advertised process incentives available through the Program to the best of the organization’s abilities. However, The City cannot guarantee that a project accepted into the Program will be reviewed and approved in line with any predetermined review process timelines or materially benefit from the advertised process incentives.
2. Acceptance into the Program:
 - (a) does not constitute approval of the project, nor does it guarantee approval of any permits associated with the project; and
 - (b) does not relieve the owner or the owner's authorized agent from full compliance with the requirements of any federal, provincial or other municipal legislation, or the terms and conditions of any easement, covenant, building scheme or agreement affecting the building or land.
3. The process incentives offered are dependent on the Applicant's commitment to energy performance that exceeds regulatory requirements. The Applicant acknowledges that the approving authority may place conditions on the associated permit requiring final certification achieved or reporting on post-construction energy performance in recognition of this commitment.
4. The City may update, revise, or correct publicly disclosed Project Information where additional information becomes available or where clarification is required. The Applicant agrees to reasonably cooperate with The City, upon request, to support clarification or verification of previously submitted Project Information for the purposes of data quality, transparency, and Program learning.
5. The Applicant acknowledges that differences may occur between preliminary energy modelling results and post-construction or as-built performance. Where material variances are identified, The City may request contextual or explanatory information from the Applicant for learning and Program improvement purposes. Such requests do not constitute enforcement action and do not affect permit approvals or Program eligibility unless otherwise specified.



Collection and Use of Information

6. Any personal information that may be collected through the Green Buildings Priority Stream Program is collected under the authority of Section 5 of the Calgary Safety Codes Permit Bylaw 39M2018, as amended or replaced, as well as Section 4(c) of the Alberta Protection of Privacy Act (POPA), for the purpose of administering and managing the Green Buildings Priority Stream Program. This information may be input into an automated system to generate content or make decisions, recommendations, or predictions. Information about your project will be available to the public as authorized by the POPA. If you have any questions about this collection, please contact the Program Coordinator at GreenBuildings@calgary.ca or (403) 826-0454.

Disclosure of Information

7. Project Information disclosed through the Program is provided for informational and educational purposes only. The City makes no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy, completeness, or suitability of the disclosed information for any particular purpose.
8. All Project Information is provided “as is” and reflects the best available information at the time of publication. Data, assumptions, emissions factors, benchmarks, or methodologies may be updated periodically as new information becomes available.
9. Project Information disclosed through the Program is limited to aggregated, project level information and does not include personal information as defined under applicable privacy legislation. Individual tenant, occupant, or customer specific utility consumption data will not be collected or disclosed through this Program.

Consent to Public Disclosure of Project Information

10. An ancillary objective of the Program is to support transparency, market learning, and continuous improvement in high-performance building practices.
11. The Program may disclose Project Information through two separate formats:
 - (a) **Public Project Profiles:** A narrative project profile published on the Green Buildings Priority Stream website (and/or other City communication channels) that may include descriptive text, images, and selected project highlights. Public Project Profiles are curated and may only be published for selected projects at The City’s discretion.
 - (b) **Open Data Release:** a standardized, downloadable dataset intended for data access and analysis. Open Data is published through Open Calgary and



may be updated periodically as projects reach completion and as data quality improvements are made.

12. As a condition of participation in the Program, the Applicant agrees to provide project-level information to The City for public disclosure following project approval and/or completion. Publicly disclosed information will be limited to aggregated, non-personal, project-level data and may be published through (a) Public Project Profiles and/or (b) the Open Data dataset, as described above. The Applicant may identify information submitted to the Program that it considers commercially confidential; The City will consider such identification when determining what information is appropriate to publish, subject to applicable law.
13. The Applicant will be provided with the option on the Green Buildings Priority Stream Intake Form to select one of the following for the Open Data dataset:
 - (a) **Full disclosure:** The Open Data dataset may include the project name and may publicly associate the project with the Applicant organization and the project's identified energy advisor/engineer/performance modeler, where provided.
 - (b) **Anonymous:** The Open Data dataset may include project performance information, but project identifiers and organization/consultant names will be removed or anonymized in the published dataset. Where Anonymous is selected by the Applicant, the associated energy advisor/engineer/performance modeler will also be anonymized in the Open Data dataset.
14. The Applicant may change its Open Data disclosure selection by notifying The City in writing prior to publication of the applicable Open Data update.
15. Disclosed Project Information may include, but is not limited to:
 - (a) project name and municipal address;
 - (b) building type and size;
 - (c) selected Green Buildings Priority Stream pathway;
 - (d) modelled energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and performance metrics (including intensity-based or comparative indicators);
 - (e) High level project cost ranges or cost intensity indicators, where available; and
 - (f) other high level sustainability features or design strategies that are not personal information and are not commercially confidential.



16. No personal information, tenant-specific data, or commercially confidential operational data will be disclosed.
17. Energy, emissions, and cost information disclosed through the Program is derived from energy modelling and design-stage or post-construction submissions and does not represent measured or operational performance data.
18. Published performance metrics reflect estimated outcomes based on accepted modelling methodologies and reference buildings applicable at the time of analysis. Actual building performance may vary due to factors including occupant behaviour, operational practices, weather conditions, and changes in utility emissions factors.

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19. Your consent to these Terms will continue unless you notify us in writing that you wish to withdraw from participation in the Program. You may only withdraw from the Program prior to the approval of any permit that benefitted from the process incentives provided by the Program.
20. The City may, upon two weeks' notice in writing, terminate your participation in the Program at any time.
21. Upon your withdrawal from participation or The City's termination of your participation, you will no longer be entitled to any process incentives provided by the Program and your application will be reviewed in accordance with The City's standard procedures and all legislative requirements.

Additional Legal Terms

22. Participation in the Program is administrative in nature and does not fetter or limit the discretion of any City decision maker. All permits, approvals, and inspections are issued (or refused) in accordance with applicable legislation and City bylaws, and may be subject to conditions.
23. The City will not be liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, consequential, or punitive damages arising from or related to the Program, including any delay in review timelines, any decision on a permit or approval, or any reliance on information disclosed through the Program.
24. These Terms are governed by the laws of the Province of Alberta and the applicable federal laws of Canada.
25. The City may update these Terms from time to time. Updates will apply to your participation as of the "Last updated" date shown at the top of these Terms, unless



otherwise stated. If an update materially changes how Project Information may be used or disclosed, The City will make reasonable efforts to provide notice through the Program's public webpage or intake process.

26. If any provision of these Terms is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect.

Contact

27. All questions, feedback, comments, requests, and other communication relating to these Terms, participation in the Program, and the use of Project Information should be directed to greenbuildings@calgary.ca.