

Red Tape Reduction Initiative

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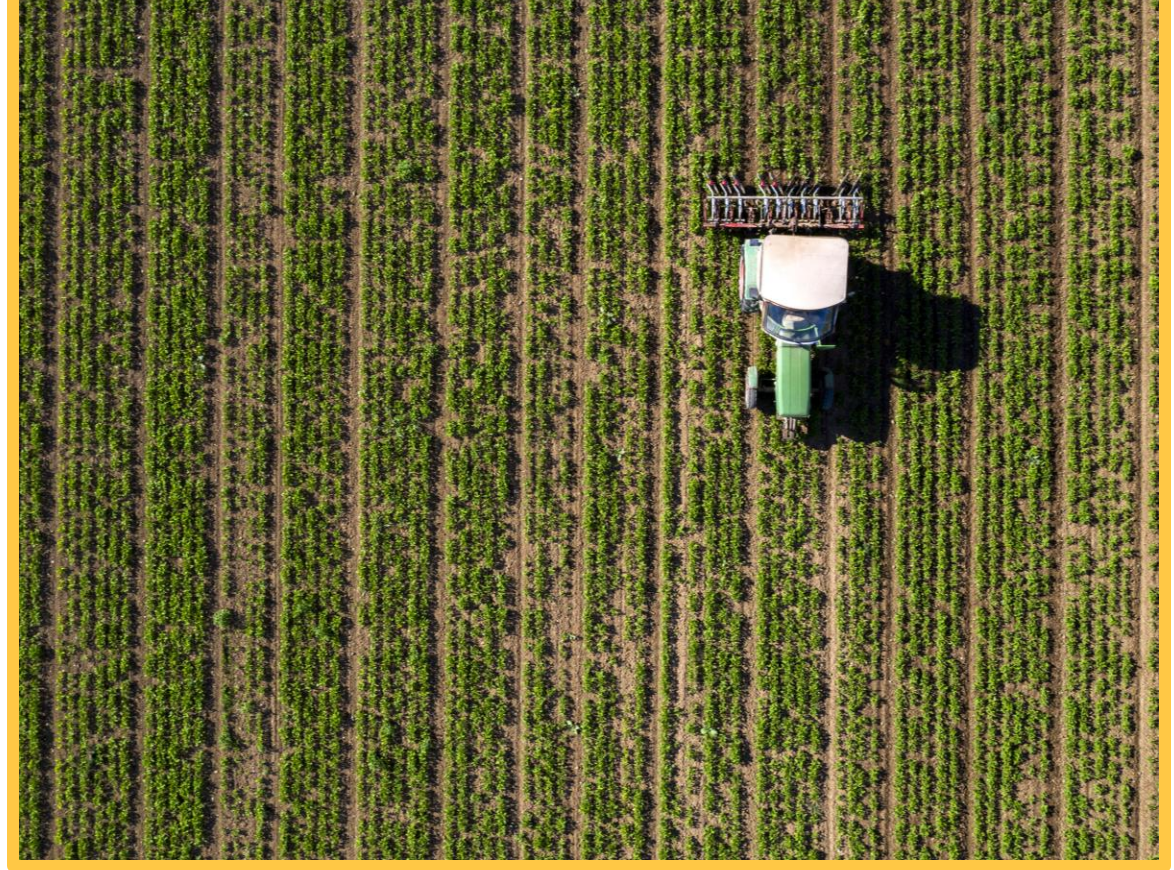
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Policy Themes



Automatic Yes Framework

- Review and expansion of the development permit exemption list
- Standardized advisements
- Types of developments to be reviewed for inclusion:
 - Agriculture buildings
 - Small scale commercial and agriculture value added uses
 - Accessory buildings and outbuildings
 - Platform structures (decks)

Lot Grading

- Comprehensive review of the Surface Drainage and Lot Grading Bylaw and Policy C-PD17
- Reduce lot grading plan requirements and circulations
- Standardized advisements

Biophysical Reports and Environmental Reserve

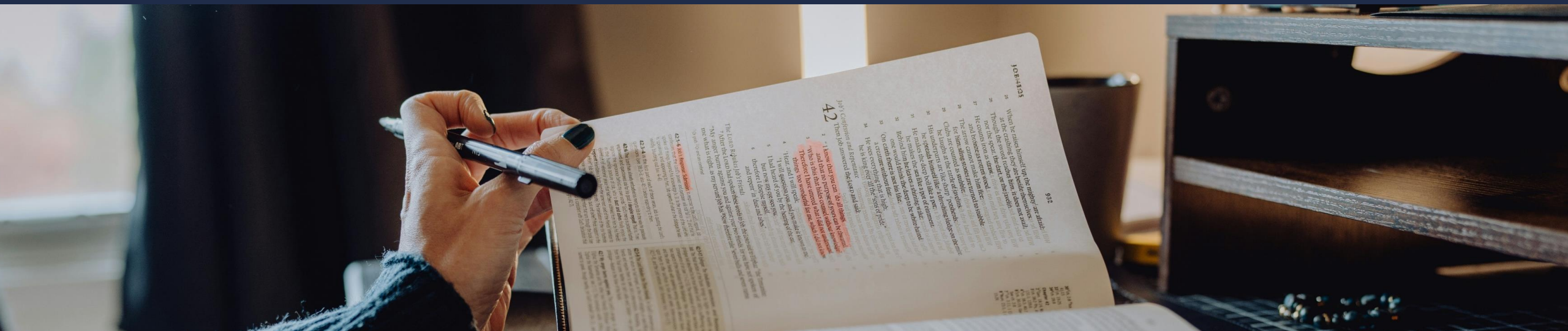
- Review of Use of Municipal Reserve, Environmental Reserve, and Environmental Reserve Easement Policy C-PD15 and the Municipal Development Plan
- Setback flexibility
- Enhanced internal environmental review
- Reduce circulations
- Additional guidance for the use of reserve or easement areas





Legislative Compliance and Clarity

- Review of Bill 28
- Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Board (EMRB) dissolution
 - Removal of EMRB references
- Spelling, mapping corrections, phrasing, grammar, clarity, etc.



Risks, Impacts, Sequencing



Risks and Potential Impacts

Reduced red tape does not come without potential risks to residents and the environment

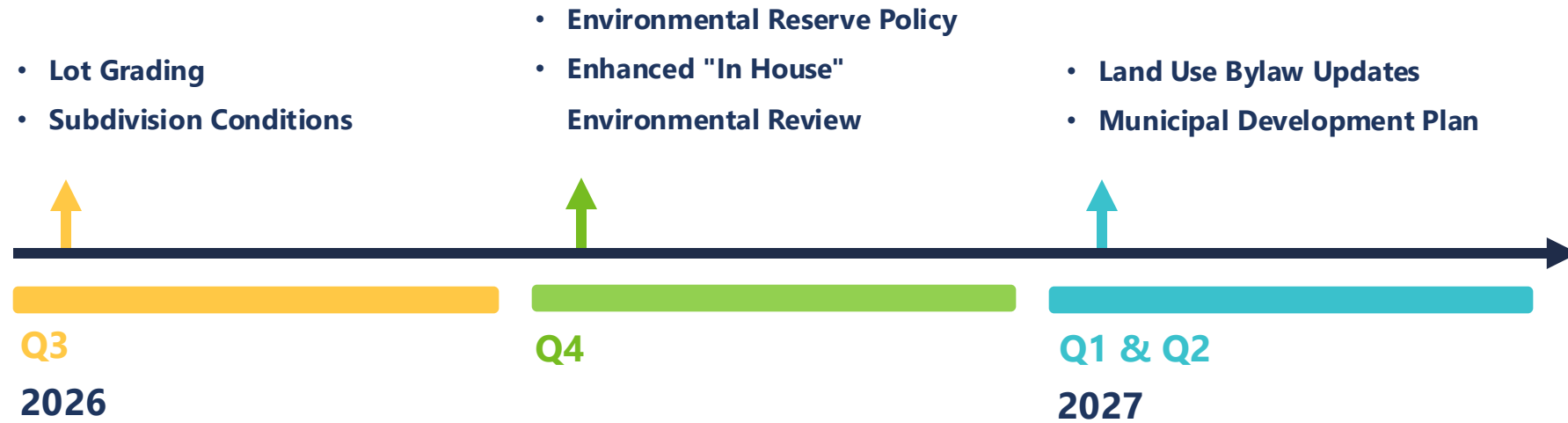
Details regarding specific risks and impacts for each of the changes identified above will be provided to Council as this work progresses

Engagement will be planned to ensure residents can share feedback and potential concerns addressed where possible





Sequencing





Proposed Motion

That Council directs Administration to undertake the Red Tape Reduction Project and return with a progress update and public engagement plan on October 26, 2026.

