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Edmonton's current council passed a "We'll fix Edmonton housing issues with one BIG Bylaw 20001," which took effective January 1, 2024. This free-for-all building bylaw monster squeezes zero-clearance, large mid-block apartments onto single city lot, with no built-in parking requirements as well as other loosened or deletions of longstanding building code restrictions on and for residential streets.

Every single once quiet street across every neighbourhood now faces a "Crestwood Situation." Featured in a CTV News story, along with an aerial photo that screams out to every homeowner: wake up and stand up to what is happening now in Edmonton. CTV News story: <https://tinyurl.com/CrestwoodSituation>

Under Bylaw 20001, there are few recourses. There is little for homeowners to stop the building of a structure with 8-units on a single mid-street residential lot. Turns out homeowners cannot even stop a 16-door, two-apartment buildings with zero clearance with no mandatory parking spots required on a single residential lot either.

Councillors talk about 8-suite apartments on a mid-block single lot, and the media quotes them as such. But what about these zero-clearance, 16-door, two buildings going up on a single lot, like on a crescent corner lot in the Crestwood neighbourhood? Clearly in the aerial photo, there are few parking spots in front of this new construction for so many new residents.

The 5 W's need to be answered: Who? What? Where? When? and Why? A 6th W has now been added: WTH? WHAT THE HELL is going on here?

If I did not see CTV's News aerial photo, I would not have believed the "situation" the Crestwood community is currently facing. In fact, every Edmonton homeowner on a quiet street is facing this "situation" now. Just cannot stop them from being built under Bylaw 20001 once a permit has been issued.

Believe it Edmonton! This news photo will now become the definition for "infill" when a councillor and candidate for mayor tells voters, "We Can't Go Backwards"—hello Andrew Knack. His July 2nd blog: <https://andrewknack.ca/blog/we-cant-go-backwards>.

Councillor and candidate for mayor, Tim Cartmell, was a yes vote for Bylaw 20001 not too long ago. And yes, his "Better Edmonton" campaign is backed by a majority of their publicly declared donations up to December 31, 2024, coming from developers, builders, owners, staff, and downstream businesses and building-connected companies, owners, and staff. Last Monday, even knowing in advance that his pending motion was likely against provincial laws, Tim dropped his amendment bomb onto council's lap, with foreseeable horrible results. I was there in the chamber; it was shocking to watch. I, along with every other frustrated homeowner, taxpayer, and voter, were sent away after hours still unheard and very frustrated.

By Thursday, tensions had risen so high that Mayor Sohi threw Tim, his once 88.7% same-voting record in council partner, under one of the still like new, ETS's out-of-service 60-parked EV buses.

By Friday, tensions boiled over badly as holiday plans had to be modified so Councillors could go into overtime council meetings this coming week. The normally calm, cool, collected, and very professionally regarded Councillor Sarah Hamilton lost it; she dropped loud and angry 3X F-bombs on a live mic. <https://tinyurl.com/CouncilFbombs>

All this turmoil has been caused by lack of planning and leadership from want-to-be mayor candidate Tim Cartmell. And all of this for a short-term bylaw modification to freeze the mid-block 8-, 16+-apartment buildings until after the election, which was advised as illegal under provincial laws. Putting the city in serious legal jeopardy if passed.

If I were mayor right now, I would make the motion to kill Bylaw 20001. Tim, it is your only move at this point. Yes, your many building and developer connected donors will not be happy with you. But Edmontonians, taxpayers, homeowners, and voters on October 20, 2025 are demanding it sir!

What are you going to do? Not show up in person again, like last Thursday, and leave the only sitting "Better Edmonton" councillor, Karen Principe to take the public and media heat for you? That is not good leadership for a want-to-be Edmonton's next mayor.

Tim, is it "Better Edmonton?" Or is it, **hello voters "Better NOT Edmonton"?**

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