



Reason for Development Appeal: 225 Maningas Bend, 223 Evergreen Square, 235 Evergreen Square

1) **Does not negatively impact neighbouring properties:**

The Landscaping at 225 Maningas Bend demonstrates the highest quality of workmanship, design and positively impacts the streetscape and neighboring properties.

2) **What makes it Unique?**

The use of rocks in hardscaping in this particular design was to share the "Prairie Theme" created by the City of Saskatoon in their design of neighbourhood parks and boulevards. See attached photos showing the alignment of the Development landscaping with the City's own park, boulevard and community landscaping.

3) **Does it defeat the intent of city zoning bylaw?** The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate development in the City of Saskatoon to provide for the amenity of the area and for the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality, in accordance with the provisions of the Official Community Plan. The use of rocks in hardscaping does not in any way defeat the intent of said bylaw, and in fact, shares the same "Prairie theme" as the boulders that were used were the same as those used by the City of Saskatoon in their landscape of the parks, boulevards and roundabouts in evergreen. Further, there is precedent to accept the use of rock as an acceptable form of hardscaping in Saskatoon and we refer you to 39-2018 Main Street that also appealed this landscape deficiency and won.

4) The landscape design implemented on this site is **environmentally friendly**, using natural boulders and plantings, as well as a drip irrigation system. In comparison to large expanses of lawn that would require water, fertilizer and weed control, this design minimizes the use of these and saves water. In addition, a large quantity of the boulders were naturally occurring on site.

5) The landscaping at this property has been completed since Spring 2016 and in the time since, not a single complaint or concern has been raised. We believe that these issues should have been brought forward prior to this time and that to expect a massive landscape change at this time is unreasonable and extremely costly.

WATER SAVING RATIONALE

Water is our most precious natural resource; without it, there is no life. Yet judging by our water use and consumption practices, many North Americans take it for granted. Despite improvements in household water conservation, Canada remains one of the largest per capita users of fresh water in the world. Urban growth, industry expansion and climate change put pressure on Canadian cities' ability to supply water to households.

Canadians rank second only to the United States in terms of highest per capita water use in the developed world. A "general lack of awareness" about the pressures placed

on Canadian water supplies, combined with a "lack of strong water conservation ethic, which is encouraged by the myth of water abundance" helps to explain this poor standing.

- To support their current lifestyle, Canadians consume about 1.5 million cubic metres (MCM) or approximately 4,400 litres-per-capita-per-day (lcd), making Canada one of the highest per capita users in the world. (Based on total withdrawals divided by population).

Managing water use helps prevent a wide variety of environmental and economic problems, including water shortages, increased concentration of pollutants in water bodies, costly expansion of water and wastewater infrastructure, and increased energy consumption to pump and treat

More and more Canadians are demonstrating their water smarts indoors by retrofitting their homes with WaterSense labeled products. But outdoors, especially in the summer, the amount of water used by a household can exceed the amount used for all other purposes in the entire year. This is especially true in hot, dry climates. Gardening and lawn care account for the majority of this seasonal increase

Our water-smart landscaping design provides eye-catching gardens and landscapes that save water and protect the environment.