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To: Web E-mail - Development Appeals Board
Subject: Appeal 19-2019; Appeal 20-2019; Appeal 21-2019



To the Development Appeals Board:

We have received your letter dated July 11, 2019, regarding the above appeals. We could not be more disappointed in the way the City of Saskatoon is handling this case. We live at [REDACTED], directly across Sequoia Square. We appreciate the landscaping which creates such a beautiful view through our picture window. We have had numerous visitors comment on how nice the landscaping is. The rocks provide a unique look that we greatly appreciate. We are sure that if you spoke to our neighbors, most would feel the same.

It is very puzzling to us that the city would not approve this. The **"non-vegetative materials such as concrete, unit pavers, brick pavers or quarry tile"** on your approval list is completely impractical for those particular sites. Have you visually inspected the sites? Exactly how these materials can be used in an area with such a steep grade makes absolutely no sense. There are beautiful trees & shrubs growing there, and the soil within which they are growing are being held in place by these rocks.

As well, this is such a practical way to have xeriscaping on such a challenging steep grade. It surprises us that the City would not be encouraging this kind of landscaping. As well, it was an excellent way for the developer to use local rocks dug up during development. Imagine the cost of fuel to transport all of these rocks out of the area when they could be used in such a practical way. Again, we are surprised that the City of Saskatoon does not consider these environmental concerns. What we find curious is that the city itself has utilized rocks to landscape, especially in the middle of the traffic circles in our area.

If the City intended to reject this landscaping, it should not have been approved when the building was first completed. This is absolutely unfair to the residents who purchased these condos not knowing that this was a problem. The city should not have waited this long to reject the permit.

We know that bylaws are bylaws, but we feel that common sense must prevail in this situation, and we trust that the City of Saskatoon will consider this. Perhaps the deficiency is in your bylaws. Please use common sense.

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