

RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES - CPS19-3
FRONT YARD PARKING - AMENDMENTS TO REGINA COMMUNITY STANDARDS
BYLAW

I am Brian Black, a resident and taxpayer of south Regina. I voluntarily serve on 2 local Community Association Boards; as Director of Community Issues for the Hillsdale Community Association and as Vice-President for the Whitmore Park Community Association. I am here tonight to provide you with our Community Associations' view of the proposed amendment to the Regina Community Standards Bylaw.

I first of all want to compliment the City of Regina for their positive efforts related to establishing more focused property maintenance standards for houses and yards. It is refreshing to see that significant results have occurred and we hope the City continues with their efforts to improve their processes.

My neighbourhood borders the University of Regina and the Polytechnic educational institutions. Unlike other areas of Regina we have more demands for parking by tenants living in rented housing that have become more common in Single Family Detached residential zones. Compounding the issue is the fact that numerous streets closer to the schools have become "NO PARKING" or restricted parking zones on the City streets to deter student and staff parking.

This has created some BIG nuisance problems for our community. The simple solution for some of the tenants has been to park across the front lawns and side yards of corner lots of the houses with these negative results;

- Ruined attractive front and corner lot yards; deep ruts due to soft ground plus erosion of soil from the parking impact onto the streets.
- Gravel, slag and crusher dust dumped on yards to provide non-durable parking areas. According to the Regina Zoning Bylaw, only durable hard surfaces are allowed.
- Vehicles driving back and forth across sidewalks, challenging the well-being and safety of pedestrians, especially the elderly and young.
- Some properties take on the look of a small apartment building with vehicles parked across the entire front yard and/or along the entire side yard of corner lots.
- Dilapidated, non-licensed vehicles parked for years without moving from driveways and yards.

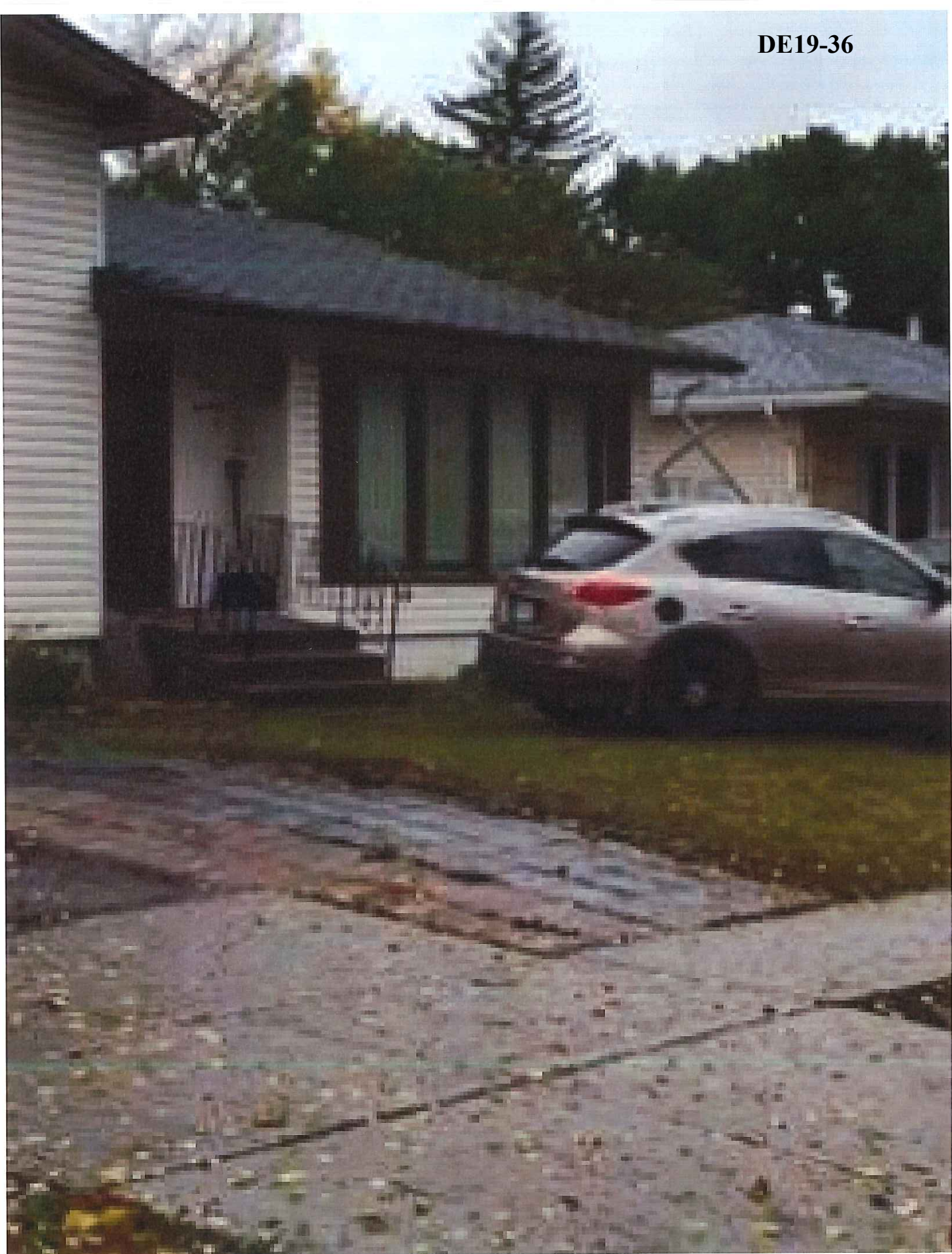
The City's Bylaw Enforcement unit does not approach this situation as effectively as we would have wanted them to over the years that it has been occurring. It seems that there has to be some frustrated citizen phoning into the City to report these infractions or they just don't get dealt with. It is also a City-wide situation and not just an issue that we are concerned about.

The City Bylaw Enforcement had quoted in its report prepared for Council in November 2017 that 20% of the front yard parking violation cases are turned over to the Current Planning Branch for follow-up because that unit is responsible for the Zoning Bylaw regulations. Having the amendments made to the Regina Community Standards Bylaw would most likely reduce that

considerably creating a more efficient and effective process that reduces the necessity for costly administration.

Our Community Associations are fully supportive of the amendments outlined in the January 17, 2019 report prepared for the Community and Protective Services Committee. We look forward to the positive results that will be forthcoming from them.

Respectfully submitted to his Worship Mayor Fougere and City Councillors at City Council Meeting, January 28, 2019.



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