

NOTICE OF MOTION

July 30, 2018

City Clerk
City Hall
Regina, Saskatchewan

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that I will submit the following NOTICE of MOTION at the meeting of City Council, July 30, 2018:

Re: Landscaping Regulations

WHEREAS some property owners in new greenfield developments are leaving their properties without landscaping for extended periods of time resulting in visually unattractive streetscapes, weed infestations, drainage issues and negatively impacting land sales in those subdivisions;

WHEREAS Section 46(1) of the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* authorizes the City to regulate the use of land in any manner that is consistent with its Official City Plan (OCP);

WHEREAS the current *Regina Zoning Bylaw No. 9250* defines “soft landscaping” as “the use of living plant materials such as trees, shrubs, hedges, grass and other ground covers plus the modification of the land form, such as by berming and terracing;” and stipulates minimum total site landscaping requirements for multi-unit development of three or more units but does not regulate landscaping requirements for one and two unit dwellings;

WHEREAS one large developer in the City is adopting soft landscaping guidelines applicable on one and two-units in its greenfield residential developments enforceable by way of monetary deposits and restrictive covenants placed on title, a practice also followed in Calgary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. City Administration prepare a report for Regina Planning Commission and subsequent consideration by City Council to be outlining regulatory options and recommendations with respect to:
 - the advisability of adopting regulations requiring “soft landscaping” on one and two unit dwellings in new Greenfield developments, such landscaping to apply to all front or side yards bordering any street or public pathway;
 - details of what the landscaping regulations might contain; and

- the options available for enforcing such a regulation, including the option of an enforcement by private industry developers and builders;
- 2. Consultation with Regina & Region Home Builders Associations (RRHBA) be undertaken in the preparation of this report; and
- 3. This report be made available for consideration by Regina Planning Commission and City Council no later than the end of December 2018 in order to permit any new landscaping regulations, should they be adopted, to be in place by the end of the second quarter of 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Hawkins", followed by a horizontal line.

Bob Hawkins,
Councillor – Ward 2