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City Clerk  
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RE: Motion for Drainage and Lot Grading Regulation

My name is Kevin Way, and I am a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor with Midwest Surveys in Regina. I head the residential department for the Regina office and as a land surveyor I serve as a public officer. As a Surveyor, I do not represent a single client in determining boundaries or whatever survey task they require on their property but rather represent society at large. Surveyors must be fair and impartial to all parties and they cannot give undue consideration to their clients' interests and disregard those of their clients' neighbors and potential adversaries. So, when it comes to issues between neighbors, hiring a land surveyor is an important aspect to being impartial.

I receive numerous calls from the public regarding drainage issues and fence line problems throughout the course of a year as these issues cause major disputes between property owners. Unfortunately, little enforcement is available to a homeowner if one of the landowners does not want to comply to what can be determined by a survey. At present, the only recourse an owner has is to take the matter to civil court which could be very costly and time consuming.

I am in favor of the City of Regina adopting a regulation where the City can help enforce such problems between neighbors. Policy and enforcement is key to avoid negatively impacting adjacent neighbors. What I have found throughout the years is a few items that are typically causing these problems are:

- 1) Blocking the flow of water laterally across the lot from either over landscaping or having a shed at the back of their lot impeding the flow of water.
- 2) When sidewalks are poured at the side of a house, these get built up often an additional 10" higher and once done the only place for water to go is to the adjacent owner causing flooding to their property.
- 3) Improper downspout placement off the house with water being directed onto an adjacent property.

If the City of Regina brought forth a regulation to help aid landowners in education and enforcement to avoid drainage and lot grading problems, I would be in favor of this. Additionally, I am available for questions or comments if approved to create such a regulation and I offer to help in any way.

Regards,



Kevin Way, SLS

