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Mayor Soever, Council, Corrina Giles, Municipal Clerk, Staff, Sustainability Advisory Committee, Fence Viewer Committee and Committee of Adjustment

I'm asking Council to consider mandating a requirement to submit detailed, as built landscape plans To be kept on file at the Town offices. I'm asking something that is not a course of action I would normally advocate for since I'm usually not in favour of increased rules and regulations. However the sad reality is that the landscape industry and the many disciplines that work within it, must meet compliance on many levels ranging from land drainage acts, Ontario building code, municipal by-laws, environmental requirements, TSSA, planning regulations and many others.

Yet rarely can anyone access specific detailed information that pertains to a landscaped property. For example, retaining walls, utilities that service items beyond the meter, easements and some very specific conditions tied to some properties.

Detailed, as built landscape plans on file at the municipal offices would capture a wide range of activities that have taken place on a property over time beyond the typical building envelope and approved grading plan and could include other legislated requirements and compliance certifications that property owners and landscape contractors should be aware of. Having this information available will increase safety, reduce overall costs, enable maintenance of grading as approved and enhance the confidence of home owners And those of neighbouring properties, trades people and those who work in the landscaping industry.

Sincerely

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