

On Sep 2, 2019, at 8:52 PM, Denise Balcaen
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CLIENT FEEDBACK
to “DRAINAGE ISSUES”
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Janice Staniec

"Unfortunately, even though there are bylaws in place to encourage proper grading, & enforcement is getting better, the onus to pursue & correct any issues falls mostly on homeowners themselves".

The above statement is not accurate, based on my experience with the city. When I contacted the city about the fact that the 'infill' house beside us was raising their lot level above ours - they are on the downhill side of us!! - they said that there was nothing in place in established neighbourhoods. They didn't care at all, and said that lot elevation is not part of the information that is submitted in order to get a building permit. We have had to put in a sump pump in our yard, as well as a couple of 'catch basins' to prevent water that flows from their property onto ours from being able to reach our house.

New areas being developed have elevation and drainage requirements.

Janice Staniec

the issue in older areas is that there is no 'drainage plan', therefore infill housing does not have to comply with the drainage plan. New areas have a drainage plan.

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Hi Janice - I wish to thank you for taking the time to bring my incorrect statement to my attention. I researched the matter thoroughly & according to Gerald Prefontaine - City of Saskatoon Drainage Inspector - you are correct that Drainage Requirements can indeed be enforced on New Residential Properties only. He also confirmed what I knew about Existing Properties - since they have no lot grading Info, it is up to the homeowners to resolve any drainage issues amongst themselves without any assistance from the City of Saskatoon. Thank you for your contribution & being a regular reader of GARDENDESIGN!

Regards,

Denise Balcaen

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