THE CITY OF Edmonton

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT **MEMORANDUM**

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TO: City of Edmonton and Land Development Industry

FROM: Grant Pearsell, Director
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Sustainable Development

SUBJECT: Updates: ***Design and Construction Standards, Volume 5, Landscaping (June 2016 edition)***

This memorandum is issued informing the City of Edmonton as well as the Land Development industry that a new *Design and Construction Standard, Volume 5, Landscaping (June 2016 edition*) has been issued.

The review and update of the Standards was a collaborative effort between various City departments as well as the external stakeholders UDI and Landscape Alberta. A sub-committee consisting of City departments, UDI and Landscape Alberta met for seven half day sessions discussing and approving proposed changes to the Standards. A stakeholder group who has an indirect interest in the Standards consisting of internal and external groups to the City also completed a review. There was a considerable amount of time spent by the sub-committee and stakeholders reviewing, discussing and approving updates. This collaborative model between industry and the City proved to be invaluable because it was an efficient use of everyone's time and led to better outcomes in a short period of time.

The review and update of the standards is an ongoing process and we look forward to working with the sub-committee and all of our stakeholders on future updates.

The new Standards will come into effect and are applicable as follows:

Developer and Other Projects

1.1.1 Design, drafting and construction requirements from the Design and Construction Standards, Volume 5: Landscaping (June 2016 edition) are applicable to all projects that are initiated into circulation as of July 1, 2016.

1.1.2 Projects initiated into circulation prior to July 1, 2016 are subject to the design and drafting requirements outlined in the Landscaping Standards that were applicable during the period the project was initiated.

1.1.3 A project is considered initiated once the “engineering drawings” (for developer project) and “tender” (for other projects) have been accepted into first circulation.

1.1.4 Anything constructed prior to July 1, 2016 shall adhere to the applicable Standard when the construction occurred.

1.1.4.1 Trees initially planted prior to July 1, 2016 that require amendment as a result of inspection by disturbing the rootball (replacement, lift, lower or straighten) must be replanted to the current depth requirements (specifically root flare 40mm above grade).

1.1.5 Clause 4.8.2 is applicable as of July 1, 2016 for Developer and Other Projects.

1.1.6 The requirement for notification of the City for Pesticide use will come into effect January 1, 2017.

Approved Drawing Implementations

1.1.7 Redlines and re-lotted or re-staged projects are to adhere to the version of the Standards the project was originally approved under.

A summary of all changes made in 2016 is attached.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Angella Vertzaya at (780) 442-1183

Thank you,



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Enclosure
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