

**MACEWAN**  
**In Heritage Valley**

**Stage 5A**



By MLC Group

**ARCHITECTURAL AND  
DESIGN GUIDELINES**

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## **1.0 OBJECTIVE**

The objective of these architectural guidelines is to ensure the very highest standard of visual appeal and image; ensuring compatibility among homes and integration of the community into the natural landscape. Outlining the opportunities and constraints of building, these guidelines will assist builders, designers and home buyers in achieving problem free construction.

## **2.0 STREETSCAPE**

Care must be taken to integrate the unique values of each home with special attention to the relationship with neighboring properties. Relative massing, siting and style will be of utmost importance in assuring each home compliments its' neighbor and the subdivision. Building massing, siting and style may be adjusted and/or alternate treatments requested to reinforce the streetscape. Entranceways will be covered at a level that encloses and protects the space. The style, width, height and detailing of entranceways will together create a sense of arrival.

## **3.0 HOUSE SIZE**

Houses are to have a consistency of mass and volume within the streetscape. As such, house widths and sizes must relate proportionately and logically to the lot width and neighboring houses.

Homes will be reviewed on their individual merits of design, massing, proportion, and compatibility.

## **4.0 SITE PLANNING AND GRADING**

Site planning and grading must accommodate the natural slope of the land with variations in grade absorbed within the building mass as much as possible. Lot grading must be in strict conformance with the approved grading plan for the subdivision.

Special attention is to be given the treatment of exposed concrete foundation walls. A maximum of 2'0" of parged concrete will be permitted on the front and corner elevations. Variation in grade and basement design may require cladding material be lowered or extended to within 2'0" of ground level accordingly.

Homes will be reviewed on their individual merits of design, massing, proportion and compatibility and, where the Architectural Consultant considers the plan to be exceptional, and, provided that the house conforms with the general trend of the neighborhood, exceptions may be considered.

## **5.0 GARAGE/DRIVEWAY/WALKWAY**

All homes must be provided with a double attached garage, constructed with the home and located in accordance with the garage location plan. Homes should be designed to integrate the garage and minimize its appearance while enhancing the mass of the house itself. Some of the architectural measures that can achieve this are proportionate development of the second floor above the garage and an emphasis on entrance treatments. Overhead doors shall be finished in the same color as the wall cladding. The height between the overhead door and eave line should be kept to 2'0". Where the design exceeds 2'0", special treatment is required.

Front driveways and walkways may be constructed of concrete, including plain, stamped and colored concrete, colored concrete pavers and exposed or washed concrete. Where colored concrete or pavers are utilized, the color must be expressly approved. The front walkway must be a minimum of poured concrete in broom finish. Individual patio blocks will not be permitted.

## **6.0 IDENTICAL ELEVATIONS**

Similar or approximately identical elevations must not be repeated within two lots or directly across the street (X0AX). To be considered different, an alternate elevation must reflect substantial modifications. Repetitive use of elevations, this includes front elevations as well as high visibility rear elevations will be monitored to ensure interesting streetscapes. Modification of elevation treatments may be required accordingly.

## **7.0 EXTERIOR COLORS**

Colors will be approved on a lot by lot basis without repetition on adjacent lots. The use of a third accent color is required.

The overhead garage door must be painted to match the wall cladding.

## **8.0 CORNER LOTS**

Corner elevations must be designed to suit the high visibility of these locations. Appropriate wall heights, window placement and detail treatments will be consistent with the front elevation. All model types will be considered on the basis of their suitability to these locations.

## **9.0 ROOFING**

Roof slopes will be a minimum 6/12. Secondary roofs and garage roofs may not be subject to this minimum requirement. Eave overhangs are to be proportionate to the design of the home. Cantilevers and boxouts on visible elevations (front, corner and perimeter lots) must include their own roofline and overhang.

All roofs are to be IKO Cathedral, 25 year asphalt shingle in the color of Shalestone or Greystone or an approved alternate.

All furnace and fireplace chimneys must be contained in a corbelled chase, the style consistent with the subdivision spec, as illustrated.

**2" x 4" over 2" x10"**

## **10.0 ARCHITECTURAL TREATMENT OF ENTRIES**

An emphasis on entrance treatments is a requirement. Such treatment may include the use of verandahs, courtyards, and covered entries. Where the design does not lend itself to this concept, the use of alternate detailing and feature windows will be considered.

## **11.0 EXTERIOR FINISHES**

The use of window and door surrounds and/or a combination of battens, trim boards, louvers and brick or stone will be a feature on all homes.

Window grills are required at the front elevation.

Permitted cladding materials include vinyl siding and wood siding in horizontal application, brick/stone in stacked application, stucco, and Stonetile.

All trim and masonry details must be returned 24" around corners.

Parging not to exceed 2'0" on front and corner elevations.

Color schemes with two tones or a contrast are acceptable. The use of a third color for accent is required. Colors will be approved on a lot by lot basis without repetition on adjacent lots. Overhead doors must be painted to match wall cladding. If the garage front is entirely brick, the overhead door may be painted to match the fascia or trim.

Where columns or posts are used on the front elevation, they are to be of substantial form and solid in appearance. Columns and posts should include suitable step details at the top and bottom.

A standard trim detail is required at the overhead door and the entry door as per the following illustrations. Entry doors including a sidelite or transom will be exempt from this requirement. As will entry doors without sufficient space to accommodate trim.

## **12.0 FENCING**

Fencing shall be consistent in design and color with the fencing style established for the subdivision, a copy of which is attached.

## **12.1 LANDSCAPING**

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to landscape the front yard. In the case of corner lots the front yard shall include the flanking sideyard to the sidewalk, curb or boulevard and to the rear corner of the house. Landscaping must be completed within one year of occupancy.

The minimum front yard landscape standard shall consist of sod, one tree and a prepared shrub bed containing at least six shrubs. Deciduous trees shall be 2" minimum caliper, coniferous trees a minimum 6' tall, and shrubs shall be a minimum of 18" in height.

To ensure the compliance with the landscaping requirements, a \$1,000.00 security deposit must be paid by the Purchaser, to be refunded by the Builder upon confirmation of satisfactory completion of the landscaping.

## **13.0 INTERPRETATION**

The enforcement, administration and interpretation of these guidelines shall be at the discretion of MLC Group or it's designated consultant. The unfettered application of these guidelines shall be without notice or precedent.

## **14.0 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS / GARDEN SHEDS**

The side wall elevations of all ancillary buildings and garden sheds shall not extend higher than adjacent fencing. Where visible from a public adjacency (i.e. all perimeter lots and corner lots), accessory buildings must be consistent in style, finish and color, with the house. Roof style and materials are to match the materials used on the roof of the house.

## **15.0 SITING**

### **15.1 Consultant**

Check with the Architectural Consultant and Surveyor for all applicable drawings, and any special conditions.

### **15.2 City Regulations**

Ensure that city regulations are met and note relevant plans regarding utilities and rights of way.

### **15.3 Plot Plans**

A designated surveyor shall prepare all plot plans and perform all stakeouts in the subdivision to facilitate establishing building elevations that are consistent and appropriate.

## **16.0 SUBDIVISION APPEARANCE**

## 16.1 Signage

In order to maintain cohesiveness for signage within the subdivision, all signage will be supplied by the Developer, i.e. all model signs, directional signs and general information signs. The only signage to be supplied by the Builders Group will be on lots owned or sold by that Builder. Excessive abuse of signage, including sandwich boards may necessitate removal of ALL Builder and Realtor signs.

## 16.2 Excavation Material

Builders must ensure that all excavation is kept within the confines of their lot. Any spillage on a road, land, sidewalk or neighboring lot must be removed immediately or the Developer will arrange for its removal and invoice for expenses.

## 16.3 Clean Up

Builders should encourage timely removal by all subtrades of litter on building sites. Failure to comply will result in a clean-up bill being charged to the lot. Supply of bins by the Builder is recommended. Any general clean-up of the subdivision implemented by the Developer can and will be charged pro-rata to all builders.

## 16.4 Construction Activity

Each Builder is responsible for inspecting the condition of curbs, sidewalks, street lights, services, etc. on his lot and must submit written notice of any damages to the Developer prior to commencing construction, otherwise costs for repairing any damages becomes the sole responsibility of the Purchaser/Builder.

## 17.0 APPROVAL PROCESS

Prior to application the Builder has inspected the lot and all services. All discrepancies or damage are to be reported in writing to the Developer.

Before applying to the City for a development permit, the applicant shall submit plans for approval of MARIAH CONSULTING LTD. Application shall include the following:

- a) One complete set of house plans; ¼" or 3/16" = 1'
- b) Two Copies of the Plot plan, prepared by Stantec Geomatics, 1:300, showing lot house grades and drainage pattern, floor and garage elevations; and
- c) Completed application form.
- d) Material and color samples, as required.

Incomplete submissions may be returned without review. MARIAH CONSULTING LTD. will review the plan and recommend approval, modification, or rejection of the application based on the adherence of the plans to these guidelines. Should disputes arise, the Developer shall make the final decision on the acceptability of plans. Once approved, MARIAH CONSULTING LTD. will send a copy of the application indicating any changes to the applicant. After approval, the plans may not be altered without prior written approval of MARIAH CONSULTING LTD. MARIAH CONSULTING LTD. will keep an

up-to-date record of plans showing house types, color, roof lines and grades, to advise the applicants of how their proposed house will best fit into the existing situation.

Approval of any and all house plans will be at the sole and unfettered discretion of the Developer.

No stake-out will be granted until architectural approval is granted.

## **18.0 DAMAGE DEPOSITS**

The Builder shall supply a damage deposit or Letter of Credit in the amount of \$5,000.00 (regardless of the number of lots) is due prior to house plan and grade approval to cover:

1. Contravention of architectural objectives.
2. Possible damage to:
  - (a) Curb stop – water valve
  - (b) Sidewalks, curbs and gutters
  - (c) Driveway aprons and asphalt
  - (d) Boulevard landscaping and trees
  - (e) Rear gutters and walkways
  - (f) Light standards
  - (g) Fire hydrants
  - (h) Cathodic Protection points
  - (i) Grading and drainage swales
  - (j) Fencing

### **18.1 Deposit Return Procedure**

Upon completion of construction, site works and landscaping, a final inspection is done to ensure compliance with the architectural guidelines and to check for any damages to municipal improvements. The following items must be completed prior to a request for final inspection:

- \* Home constructed in compliance with the Guidelines and the approved plan
- \* Construction complete including seasonal work on exterior, site cleared of all debris, sidewalks and curbs cleaned, cc marked and exposed
- \* Landscaping completed in accordance with guideline requirements
- \* Grading certificate for rough grade is provided with City approval

To initiate the final inspection, **the Builder** must forward to Mariah Consulting Limited a request form accompanied by the approved grading certificate.