



# **Architectural & Design Guidelines**

## **Stage 6**

**Includes:**

**Lots 93 to 143, Block 88  
Lots 1 to 39, Block 96**

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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 ARCHITECTURAL THEME**

The natural landscape setting and history of the valley provides the perfect setting for this collection of Heritage homes. Rather than a single architectural theme we have selected architectural elements that can be incorporated in a diverse range of styles, in a variety of applications. This framework will encourage originality and individual expression while the pattern of coordinated components and features establish the character of South Terwillegar. These architectural elements - enclosed entries, stonework and the weight of substantial detailing, together achieve a grounded streetscape - homes that are comfortable in their proportions. As the eye is drawn to street level and proportion applies to scale, the statement is 'Welcome Home!' The beauty of the natural landscape, the comforts of things familiar and the simplicity of times long past, this will be the character of South Terwillegar.

### **3.0 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, at the first level or a height proportionate to the design. The style, width, height and detailing of entranceways will together create a sense of arrival.

### **4.0 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.

The minimum house width at both the front and rear elevations must be 26' for all lots.

Homes incorporating a garage offset of more than 2' will be specifically reviewed for suitability. 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 confirms with the general trend of the neighborhood, exceptions may be considered,

### **5.0 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. For lots with a more dramatic change in terrain such as walk out basement lots, there may be a requirement for special terracing and/or retaining walls. The purchaser shall be responsible for the design and construction of such retaining structures and must ensure design grades and lot drainage are not compromised.

Natural elements such as boulders are preferred for construction of all retaining walls, to provide a blend with the natural terrain. If the retaining structure is to be more than one meter in height, it must be stepped to reduce the wall's visual mass.

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

Front entry steps are to be a maximum of three risers per set. Where the grade calls for more than three risers, the run must be split. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted in consideration of unique design, topography and lateral bracing concerns. If there are more than three risers per set, the step will be a minimum 4' wide with appropriate railing style.

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.

#### **6.0 GARAGE/DRIVEWAY**

The use of glass panels in overhead doors is required as illustrated for lots all lots in Stage 6. The style of glass panels must be as shown. Sunburst or other patterns will not be permitted.

Double attached, front drive garages are required and must be located in accordance with the garage location plan. Driveways and front walks must be concrete or paver stones.

A maximum of 18" must be maintained between overhead garage door and the eave line. Where the height exceeds 18", special detailing may be required. Gable ends will require appropriate detailing to soften the visual impact accordingly. Garage overhead doors must be compatible with house in style. The use of four Stockton glass panels will be required at the overhead door.

The garage overhead door must be the same color as the cladding or when the garage front is brick or stone, the overhead door may be the same color as the trim. Corners of overhead door must be straight or curved. Angled corners will not be permitted.

#### **7.0 IDENTICAL ELEVATIONS**

Similar or approximately identical elevations must not be repeated within two lots or directly across the street (XOAX). To be considered different, an alternate elevation must reflect substantial modifications. Repetitive use of elevations will be monitored to ensure interesting streetscape.

#### **8.0 EXTERIOR COLORS**

Colors will be approved on an individual basis. Colors will not be duplicated on adjacent lots. The use of a third accent color is strongly encouraged. In keeping with the character of the neighborhood and in consideration of blended streetscapes, pastel colors are not permitted. Darker color pallets will dominate the streetscapes. White and lighter cladding colors may be used moderately in combination with darker palettes in contrast.

### **9.0 CORNER LOTS**

Houses on corner lots require special design consideration. Flanking side elevation will have suitable front elevation treatment with principal roof planes sloping toward view. All models will be considered for corner lots based on their unique suitability to these locations. Models will require variation in wall planes, substantial roof line between floors, appropriate wall heights, window placement and detailing.

### **10.0 HIGH VISIBILITY LOTS (Lots 108 to 143, Block 88)**

High visibility rear elevations require special design consideration. These elevations must have openings of a number and size that is suited to the wall area, and incorporate detailing consistent with the front elevation and overall design. The lots affected in Stage 6 will be those backing onto the park / trail amenities.

### **11.0 ROOFING**

To provide a unifying theme throughout the subdivision, the minimum roof pitch will be 6/12, with the exception of bungalows which will require a 7/12 pitch to adjust massing. In consideration of overall massing and style, some secondary roofs may not be subject to this minimum requirement.

The roofing materials/colors may be selected from the following:

- IKO, Cambridge Series 30, in Weatherwood or Dual Black
- BP, Harmony Series 30, in Stonewood or Shadow Black
- GAF, Timberline 30, in Weatheredwood or Charcoal Blend

Roof overhangs will be proportionate to the design with suitable overhangs incorporated at cantilevers, box-outs and bays. 6" fascia is the minimum, however, a wider fascia is encouraged and may be requested as a solution to detailing on some models.

Chimneys and flues must be contained within a corbeled chase, finished in a style consistent with the home design.

### **12.0 EXTERIOR FINISHES**

To achieve the standard and caliber of visual appeal, a requirement for architectural detailing and continuity will apply to all homes.

Brick or stone, a minimum of seventy five square feet, will be required in a panel effect. For example, if brick is applied at the garage front, it must extend the height of the garage including above the overhead door to create a panel effect. Brick applied as an accent will not be permitted.

The use of window and door surrounds will be a feature on all homes. Trim will be a minimum 6".

The application of siding only, is permitted in Stage 6.

Entranceways will be covered at a level that encloses and protects the space -at the first level or a height proportionate to the design. The grand but somewhat overwhelming two story pillared entries will be discouraged. Wooden verandas and porches must be skirted to grade with closed risers.

Louvres and trim details must be consistent with the “Heritage” look.

Acceptable cladding materials include:

- double 4/5 beveled, cove or traditional vinyl siding in horizontal application
- brick, stone or shale in stacked application
- cedar siding in horizontal application of profile suited to design
- hardboard siding, prefinished (long life) horizontal application
- Fieldstone and Stone Tile will be considered on an individual basis

All trim details and masonry must be returned 2’ around corners.

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

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.

### **13.0 FENCING (July 3, 2009)**

**ALL SIDEYARD FENCING (separating two lots) INSTALLED BETWEEN HOUSES MUST BE AGREED TO BETWEEN BOTH RESIDENTS. MLC GROUP INC. and MARIAH CONSULTING LTD. WILL NOT MEDIATE FENCING MATTERS BETWEEN RESIDENTS NOR BETWEEN A BUILDER AND A RESIDENT. ALL FENCING MUST ALSO ADHERE TO THE CITY OF EDMONTON ([www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca)) BYLAWS RESPECTING FRONT YARD SETBACKS.**

Side-yard fencing may either be wood screen or chain link between houses and may be a standard height of 6 feet. The side-yard fence must be stepped down starting ten feet from the rear yard fence to match the Developer fence height of 4 feet (along walkways and on the Storm Water Management Facility). All wood screen and chain link fencing shall be consistent in design and color with the fencing style established for the community, an illustration of which is attached.

### **13.1 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 side yard to the sidewalk, curb or boulevard and to the rear corner of the house.

Lot planting plans are attached for reference and inspiration only. These plans prepared by a professional landscape architect, utilize a variety of plant materials, readily available from local greenhouses, within a reasonable budget.

The minimum landscape standard for all lots shall consist of sod, one tree and a prepared shrub bed containing at least six shrubs. The minimum deciduous tree shall be 2" caliper, measured 6" above ground. The minimum coniferous tree (spruce or pine) must be a minimum 6' tall. Shrubs shall be 2' in height or spread. A prepared bed is defined by edging (landscaping vinyl, brick, concrete, etc.)

All landscaping must be completed, in accordance with the requirements, within six months of completion of the house (subject to seasonal limitations). To ensure 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 the satisfactory completion of the landscaping.

### **13.2 Accessory Buildings**

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.

### **13.0 INTERPRETATION**

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

### **15.0 SITING**

#### **15.1 Consultant**

Check with the Architectural Consultant 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 Grading**

Check Building Grade Plans and conform to them. Do not grade to existing vacant lots or unfinished lanes, but to elevations provided.

#### **15.4 Plot Plans**

Plot plans and stakeout must be carried out by the designated surveyor only. Plot plans must include the following:

- \* Scale 1:300 metric.
- \* North arrow.
- \* Municipal address.
- \* Legal description of property.
- \* All property lines, designated and dimensioned.
- \* Size and location of proposed building(s) dimensioned to property lines, existing building and other structure where applicable.
- \* All cantilevers (including floor, bay windows, fireplaces, eaves, etc.).
- \* Abutting streets, avenues, reserves, etc. Easements and utility right-of-way labeled and dimensioned, accurately figured, explicit and complete.
- \* Spot elevations around building and drainage directions.
- \* Dimensions from property line to sidewalk and face of curbs.

## **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's and Realtor's signs.

### **16.2 Excavation Material**

All 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.

## **17.0 APPROVAL PROCESS**

Prior to building the Builder inspects the lot and all services. All discrepancies or damage to be reported in writing with the application and copy forwarded 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” to 1; scale
- b) Two Copies of the Plot plan, prepared by Stantec Geomatics, 1:300 scale
- c) Completed application form.
- d) Material and color samples, as required.

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 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 Vendor.

No stake-out will be granted until approved by MARIAH CONSULTING LTD.

### **18.0 DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

A damage deposit of 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 The Builder making a request for final inspection:

1. Exterior completed in accordance with these guidelines and as approved by the architectural consultant.
2. Landscaping satisfactorily completed as per requirements.
3. Rough grading certificate & city approval of same, from the City of Edmonton Drainage Branch.
4. Water valve exposed and marked.
5. Sidewalks, street, lane, gutters and curbs cleaned.

The written request (form attached) for final inspection must be made BY THE BUILDER.

