

Parkallen supports the Bylaw 21017 Report

## Bylaw 21017 Report does not respond to October 29, 2024, UPE 01925 motion 7.2 (1)

“That Administration engage with city building partners and prepare amendments to Zoning Bylaw 20001 to expand the landscape securities program to enable the administration of landscape securities for small scale residential developments and return to a future City Council Public Hearing.”

# Zoning Bylaw 20001 Landscape Regulations not effective

To ensure **all\_Small Scale Residential row housing, single and semi-detached Housing complies with current Landscaping Regulations**

comply with the:

- new Minimum 30% Soft Landscape Area, and
- required Minimum Trees & Shrubs to be planted.

A 2023 city survey found **only 11% compliance** with Landscaping requirements.

# Industry feedback in What We Heard Report

Raised concerns of:

“perceived inequity with how large scale development are required to provide a Landscape Security and pass landscape inspections while **small scale residential developments do not have the same scrutiny.**”

# Why is compliance with Landscaping Regulations important?

- Climate Resilience Planning & Development Action 4 – Resilient Landscaping
- Dr. Agrawal's 2023 research concludes that providing 20% tree canopy in every neighbourhood could reduce surface urban heat island intensity by 30% and providing 30% vegetation cover, or the Minimum 30% Soft Landscaping Area could reduce the urban heat island intensity by 40%.
- 2021 Urban Forest Asset Management Report states 2900 ha of private tree canopy must be added to achieve the city's 20% target by 2071.

# RS Row Housing does not comply with Landscaping



- Parking covers the entire width & depth of the rear of the property.
- RS Zone Row Housing provides only 12% Soft Landscaping Area in the front yard & none in the back.
- Does not meet Minimum 30% Soft Landscaping Area.

## **We urge Council to consider the following motion:**

That the due date for the October 29, 2024, UPE01925 Motion 7.2(1) report to expand the landscape securities program and enable the administration of landscape securities for **all 2.1 Small Scale residential developments** be provided together with the One-year Zoning Bylaw Review and one-year analysis of Landscaping regulations scheduled for a June 3, 2025, Public Hearing.