



## CITY OF CORNER BROOK

### POLICY STATEMENT

<b>Index:</b> Development and Planning	<b>Section:</b> Development	
<b>Title:</b> Retaining Walls – Private Property Policy	<b>Policy No.</b> 02-01-08	<b>Authority:</b> Council
<b>Approval Date:</b> December 20, 2010	<b>Effective Date:</b> December 20, 2010	<b>Revision Date:</b>

#### ***Purpose:***

The purpose of the City of Corner Brook retaining wall policy is to ensure a reasonable standard of safety and consistency through the enforcement of this policy's retaining wall requirements.

#### ***Policy Statement:***

Retaining walls are commonly constructed for the purpose of levelling sites, correcting grade differences within a property and stabilizing embankments between properties. Retaining walls must be constructed in a safe and courteous manner to avoid impact on neighbouring properties.

#### ***Definitions:***

**Retaining Wall** – A wall used to hold in place a mass of dirt, loose rock or the like, as at the edge of a terrace or excavation.

#### ***Reference:***

Approved: Minute 10-221 (December 20, 2010)  
Minute CC10-284 (December 6, 2010)  
Minute CS10-65 (November 2, 2010)

#### **Retaining Wall Requirements:**

An inspector reserves the right to request an engineer's design for any retaining wall deemed by the inspector to be supporting ground critical to the structural stability of building foundations regardless of height.

Retaining walls shall not be placed on any right-of-ways or easements, and where applicable, shall be equipped with a guard as required by the National Building Code of Canada.

Retaining walls shall not conflict with Site Grading requirements in new subdivisions unless approved by a City of Corner Brook Development Inspector.

Retaining walls under a height of 1.22m (4 feet):

1. Permit required.
2. Retaining walls at this height must be placed an equal distance from the boundary. (ex. A 0.8m high retaining wall is placed 0.8m from the property boundary)
3. Retaining walls shall not inhibit line of sight.

Retaining walls at 1.22m (4 feet) or higher:

1. Permit required.
2. Shall be designed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Newfoundland and Labrador. Two sets of stamped drawings shall be submitted to the City of Corner Brook for review.
3. The design engineer will specify a distance from the boundary that is sufficient for future maintenance of the retaining wall.
4. The design engineer shall provide the City of Corner Brook with written verification that the wall has been constructed as per the submitted design drawings.
5. Retaining walls shall not inhibit line of sight.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this policy is sealed with the Common Seal of the City of Corner Brook.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK