

25 February 2016

Chair and Members  
Civic Works Committee

Re: Landscape material use on Boulevard Areas

It has come to my attention that the use of mulch and hard mulch materials, (such as river rock or stone), as landscape on boulevard areas is contrary to the City of London's Streets By-law and Subdivision Agreements. The current by-law allows for sod use only, at the time of subdivision assumption.

Alternates to sod such as mulches and hard mulch landscaping materials contain sustainable qualities and maintenance is reduced with respect to mowing, watering, pest control and fertilizing. Additional options such as rain gardens, absorb storm water and can play a role in mitigating overland flooding. Many Londoners are looking for options in landscaping to be sustainable, low-maintenance and aesthetically pleasing. I respectfully request that civic administration review the guidelines which govern boulevard landscaping and consider diversifying options to include rain gardens, mulch and hard mulch materials.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Ridley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and a long, sweeping tail.

Virginia Ridley  
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