



Temporary Retaining Walls

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Purpose:

To inform owners, developers and contractors of the City of Richmond's requirements for temporary retaining wall structures.

Background:

Some temporary retaining walls exceeding 1 metre in height (such as those retaining preload material) were, in the past, being constructed without demonstrating that they were adequately designed.

Implementation:

Effective immediately, all new temporary retaining walls exceeding 1 metre in height will require the submission of the following documents:

1. Signed and sealed drawings, from a Registered Professional, of the retaining wall design.
2. Signed and sealed letters of assurance.
3. A site plan showing the location of the retaining wall in relation to property lines, right-of-ways and other neighbouring buildings.
4. A legal survey after the installation of the retaining walls.

The above documentation must be submitted prior to the construction of the temporary retaining wall.

It is the responsibility of the owner and the consultant responsible for the retaining wall to inform the City of any negative impacts to neighbouring properties or to City infrastructure.

Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions concerning this bulletin, please contact the Code Engineer, Building Approvals Department at 604-204-8515.