Thursday, June 06, 2019

To the CSRD

I would like to provide some of the details regarding the retainer wall.

After our house was built, we saw that we were looking at an unattractive weed infested dirt wall that was very unstable, considerable erosion was happening, and chunks of dirt were falling down from the old dirt wall every day.

The sensible solution appeared the construction of a concrete wall that could resist erosion and freezing. Not knowing very much about what the rules and regulations were, I started to construct a wall like the ones used in Alberta. I constructed the wall by myself due to the high cost of contractors.

Before too long, the CSRD and Engineer Mr. Watson became involved.

The 11 feet going down to the main door of the house was already there, and was likely done by early pioneers and/or loggers. Based on these principles I built the wall with only good intentions for the safety and to upgrade to the property. I had no intention to get in trouble or to cause anyone problems.

I acknowledge that in hindsight I clearly should have done things differently, and I sincerely apologize for the way things turned out, with that said, what we now have is a beautiful wall that is much an improvement over the dirt wall from before, and a big improvement for the entire community.

We very much hope that you can appreciate it the way we do, and provide your approval.

Sincerely,

Clarence & Janet de Weerd

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