

I have had the pleasure of hiring Mr. Dennis Grady (Bluerock Construction) to do several major projects on our property over the past 2 ½ to 3 years. Dennis has always been prompt in coming for estimate and his estimates have, in two cases, been substantially lower than the competition. He has always charged exactly what he quoted in his estimate, unless I made change(s) in the project, in which case, he always gave me an iron-clad update on the estimate, based on those changes.

Dennis has always arrived when promised and his time estimates for the work have been accurate.

He is a highly skilled operator of large equipment. In one case, he was able to manoeuvre his excavator around the corner of our house, staying on my property, and avoiding a fence, with only inches to spare. He has multiple pieces of large equipment at his disposal, including dump truck, large flatbed trailer, excavator, and Bobcat loader. He also has advanced laser surveying equipment, which he is able to use with great skill.

I have had Dennis do the following projects:

- 1) 57 foot long x 10 foot high retaining wall made of large concrete blocks: The bed for the wall was prepared with good drainage and the wall was surveyed at each level to ensure proper inside angle to prevent slippage.
- 2) Flat yard on top of wall, including path, fish pond, and Celtic Standing Stone.
- 3) Re-contouring of area below wall to allow for path to lower level, which I later had him upgrade with boxed-in steps, including, at his suggestion, an area at the corner of the wall with extended space to allow the passage of wheelbarrows., which I use frequently. The area below the wall was then planted with bushes which he had saved from the pre-existing hill area.
- 4) Raising and re-supporting an old deck to prevent further slippage.
- 5) Removal of old asphalt driveway material, widening, finding water shutoff valve (which had been buried during the original driveway placement 28 years previously), and contracting for the pouring of a new concrete driveway, including a concrete walk around to the side door of the garage.

In each and every case, the lawn, which had received minimal damage during work on the project, was repaired to excellent standards.

I am eagerly awaiting the end of this winter season, as I have asked Dennis to return to build a pergola in our new backyard.

Dennis, and his friend/helper were wonderful to work with on each occasion. Their humour and enthusiasm made the project go faster. The site was always clean at the end of each day and at the end of the project.

I cannot emphasize enough the skill and quality of Dennis' work. He came highly recommended to me and I am happy to pass that recommendation on to others.

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