





# Flowing Curves

*Gib-San gives this client a hot tub with a view*

**W**ith the landscape design theme based around flowing curves that move back and forth between hard and softscapes, Gib-San Pools Ltd., in Toronto, Ontario, gave their clients a backyard retreat by installing a hot tub that they could use all year round.

The home is located in Toronto in a residential neighbourhood with backyards that overlook a beautiful golf course. Gib-San was very attentive and took great care when placing the 2.1 m x 2.1 m (7 ft. x 7 ft.) Jacuzzi hot tub, making sure their client had optimum privacy, while also maintaining the incredible view down the fairways of the golf course.

For this specific placement, it wasn't just a matter of dropping the hot tub in place and designing around the installation. It meant changing the topography of the existing yard through the use of retaining walls, stone steps and boulders.

As the clients are members of the golf course, they were aware of how exposed their yard was to the surrounding fairway and wanted to make sure that some privacy was created around the hot tub. To do this, strategic planting of trees and various other greenery was utilized, while the rest of the yard features an open concept approach that is centred around a large fruit tree.

The elegant look of the hot tub's grey skirt and blue interior fits nicely into the natural landscape that encompasses the installation. Custom cedar steps were also designed to integrate the square hot tub with the meandering curves of the spa terrace.

To further incorporate the hot tub and custom steps into the overall design, a great deal of attention was paid to the choice of colours used on the walls, terrace, steps, boulders as well as the paint colour of the other structures used throughout the landscape. The deck material for the hot tub terrace was a fabricated stone by Permacon and the design called for a soldier coursing border style in the terrace to highlight the winding curve of the exterior line of the terrace.

## Special Design Elements

- Incredible view of fairway from hot tub
- Open concept design with privacy around hot tub
- Integral hardscaping elements such as retaining walls, stone steps and boulders
- Strategic placement of trees and greenery
- Custom built, curved cedar steps

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