



Memo

July 15, 2024

To: Canadian Prairie Chapter of the Irrigation Association
Landscape Alberta

From: Ryan Kidd
Deputy Director, Water Services

RE: Maintenance of irrigation systems

The City acknowledges the challenges experienced by your industry resulting from the outdoor water use restrictions declared on June 6th. We also recognize that irrigation system technology has evolved and that many irrigation systems in place today can be operated to maximize water efficiency.

The City has learnt much about the limitations of the current bylaw through our experiences with drought related restrictions in 2023 and the current situation resulting from the Bearspaw Feedermain Break. Insights are being compiled from both events and will be applied to bylaw updates coming to Council in 2025.

Given that the current Water Utility Bylaw still impacts the testing and maintenance of irrigation systems during outdoor water use restrictions we would like to provide an update that maintenance activities will be permitted under the definition of a construction activity for Stages 1, 2 and 3. This means that maintenance of irrigation systems and associated activities to conduct maintenance in both residential and commercial settings can proceed effectively immediately. This includes maintenance for both existing and newly installed systems.

It is important to note that while maintenance activities can proceed, operating irrigation systems must continue to comply Water Utility Bylaw, Schedule E.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns please reach out to directly to Nicole Newton (nicole.newton@calgary.ca). We are committed to keeping your industry informed as restrictions are eased.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Kidd".

Ryan Kidd
Deputy Director, Water Services
Operational Services