

Hydrant Flow Testing (Contractors);

This letter is to notify you of a new process for hydrant flow testing. Until recently, hydrant flow testing was completed by Fire Protective Services teams for consultants and building owners for building design and sprinkler system design purposes.

As of 2016 The City of Saskatoon (the City) has taken over this responsibility. It is the City's intent to provide the same services through registered Water & Sewer contractors. To streamline the request process, a new, online access point has been created on the City website (<https://www.saskatoon.ca/business-development/land-development>). This access point will allow pre-approved contractors/ consultants/ business owners the ability to request Hydrant Flow Testing inspection online. This access point can also be used to book private, short service connection inspections (currently available by phone request only). By having this online access point, requests will now have 24/7 availability.

Traditional requests can still be made by calling connections desk at 306 975 1475.

City inspectors will be required to monitor the safe operation of City fire hydrants during hydrant flow testing. It is therefore the contractors (or consultant/building owner's) responsibility to book hydrant flow testing inspection services with the City prior to conducting hydrant flow testing. This must be done in addition to arranging established procedures (such as booking for traffic controls).

Consultants and building owners will be responsible for hiring the services of City approved W&S contractors endorsed for hydrant flow testing. As this is a new requirement, the City will provide the opportunity to all registered W&S contractors interested in becoming endorsed for hydrant flow testing, a one day certification course. Certification can be obtained by completing a one day "Hydrant Flow Testing Course" offered by ATAP. Optionally, contractors may submit OCB (Operator Certification Board) level-I certificates (minimum) for individuals performing the test by April 29th, 2016. Once required documentation is submitted to the City, a list of certified contractors will be maintained on the City website for client's reference.

The Hydrant Inspection Program is similar in nature to the private short service connection inspection program and follows the same fee structure. The only difference being hydrant flow testing inspection fee (\$160) will be charged as flat hourly rate rather than a two hour initial call out.

Application package including guidelines for dry barrel hydrants developed by the City of Saskatoon to establish expectations is available on City of Saskatoon website <https://www.saskatoon.ca/business-development/land-development>

Hydrant flow testing will only be conducted between May and October, weather permitting.