

Re: Utility Locates on Construction Projects

As the construction season proceeds, the City of Saskatoon (City) would like to remind Contractors of the importance of ensuring proper underground utility locates prior to initiating construction activities. There have been updates to the process of requesting locates for certain City utilities (see below in italics).

Many utility companies in Saskatchewan subscribe to the Sask 1st Call service provider for anyone planning to 'dig or excavate'. As per the Sask 1st Call website, 'The Sask 1st Call service provides underground screening and notification for safe excavation'.

Currently, Saskatoon Light and Power is the only City utility subscribed to Sask 1st Call. All other City utility operators must be contacted separately. Contact info from City Water and Sewer, Traffic Signals, Parks Irrigation, and Facilities are listed below:

City Water and Sewer

- Contact info: wslocates@saskatoon.ca or 306-975-2476
- Minimum notice required for locates: 2 business days
- Information required in locate request:
 - Contractor contact info (site contact, email address, phone number)
 - Location of service request (street number, street name, street type)
 - Type of construction (concrete work, paving work, water and sewer work, etc.)

Note: If a curb stop height adjustment is required, please call 306-975-2476 for assistance.

City Traffic Signal Shop

- Contact info: trafficlocates@saskatoon.ca
Traffic Signal Foreman: 306-221-6463
- Minimum notice required for locates: 2 business days
- Information required in locate request:
 - Contractor contact info (site contact, email address, phone number)
 - Location of service request (street number, street name, street type)
 - Type of construction (concrete work, paving work, water and sewer work, etc.)

City Parks Irrigation (no longer a Sask 1st Call subscriber as of 2018)

- Contact info (online form): <https://www.saskatoon.ca/webform/irrigation-locate-requests>
 - Online form can be found under the 'request online services' page on the City website
- Minimum notice required for locates: 2 business days
- Information required in locate request:
 - See online form for requirements

City Facilities Utilities

- Contact info: AFRecreationalFacilities@Saskatoon.ca or 306-986-3098
- *Facilities utilities may include but are not limited to: pathway light electrical conductor in parks, electrical conductors supplying power to paddling pools and bathrooms in parks, water lines supplying public drinking fountains, etc.*
- Minimum notice required for locates: 2 business days

- *Information required in locate request:*
 - *Contractor contact info (site contact, email address, phone number)*
 - *Location of service request (street number, street name, street type if applicable). Please provide maps when possible.*
 - *Type of construction (concrete work, paving work, water and sewer work, etc)*

This list above is not exhaustive, and the Sask 1st Call subscriber list may change. It is ultimately the responsibility of the Contractor to follow Occupational Health and Safety regulations regarding locates related to ground disturbance/excavation activities.

Information contained in this letter (and any future changes) will soon be available on the City website.

The beginning of the construction season is a busy time for everyone. The City appreciates your cooperation in completing work in a safe manner.