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Engineering Bulletin #007 updated**Hydrant Use Permit**

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We would like to remind Consultants Developers and Contractors that within the City of Beaumont a Hydrant Use Permit is required to retrieve water. All contractors must apply and be approved before water can be used. In the last few years, we have noticed increased incidents of water theft and damage to infrastructure related to hydrant use.

Beaumont is committed to encouraging the responsible use of drinking water and maintaining the water system infrastructure to support potable water demands and fire protection needs. With the implementation of the Hydrant Use Permit system, bylaw amendments and your help, together we are striving to ensure a safe drinking water supply to all customers. The Hydrant Use Permit System is flexible to meet different needs of hydrant uses. All interested hydrant users must apply and receive approval.

Weather restrictions do exist for hydrant use. The **weather must be above zero degrees Celsius to access a hydrant**. If unseasonably cold, Permits may not be granted and may be revoked.

During water restriction and water shortage events, hydrant permits may be temporarily suspended.

In the following link below you'll find brochures, forms and information explaining the whole processes: <https://www.beaumont.ab.ca/582/Hydrant-Use-Permit-System>

Please ensure all contractors are aware that retrieving water from hydrants without a permit will incur fines and possibly criminal charges.

Contractors that will need to retrieve water from hydrants in areas that have not yet received Final Acceptance Certificate (FAC) need to get prior approval in writing from the Developer and the approval must be sent to the City. Besides the approval from Developer, an application for Hydrant Use Permit is also still required.

Conditions for Permit issuance:

- A damage deposit of \$5000, by cheque only, payable to "City of Beaumont" and submitted to the City Hall (5600 49 Street, Beaumont).
- Water Consumption, Rental and Hydrant Inspection Fees will be charged to the contractor at rates described in the Utility Service Fees, Schedule VI.
- All units loading water will require inspection and must have an approved air gap.
- Permit sticker must be placed on inside of windshield and be visible at all times.
- A copy of the permit must be kept in water loading unit at all times.
- Hydrant use is restricted to the fire hydrant(s) and projects indicated on the permit only.



- One (1) permit is required for each unit.
- Permit is only valid during dates shown on permit. Permits will only be issued between May 1st to October 1st.
- A hydrant wrench designed for fire hydrants is required. Pipe Wrenches are NOT allowed.
- Fire Hydrants must be operated according to the Hydrant Operating Procedure provided.
- Fire hydrant to be inspected prior and once work is complete.
- The Contractor is responsible for following the procedures and will be held liable for damage or repairs to the hydrant, attached infrastructure, and surrounding landscaping.
- Failure to comply with the conditions will result in the cancellation of the Permit.

Please contact the Water team at waterandwastewater@beaumont.ab.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

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