



## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

**TITLE:**

**2026 UNDERGROUND UTILITIES DIG RESTORATION UPDATE - START OF SEASON**

**PRESENTER:**

Todd Burton

**DEPARTMENT:**

Utility Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**DATE:**

5/25/2026

**CLEARANCE / APPROVALS:**

Todd Burton          General Manager

Dave Wardrop        City Manager

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the spring 2026 update on Underground Utilities dig restorations be received.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2024, Council provided additional funding for 2025 to focus on the backlog of Underground Utilities dig restorations.

For 2025 the following dig restorations were completed:

- 117 asphalt restoration jobs
- 114 concrete restoration jobs
- 103 landscaping restoration jobs, including approximately 2,550 pieces of sod (25,500 sq. ft.)

This was a very successful campaign with the completion of all but a couple of pre-2025 dig restoration jobs being complete.

For 2026, Council continued with providing additional funding to focus on the backlog of Underground Utilities digs.

**ANALYSIS:**

Underground Utilities has been working diligently to catch up on restoration work. Our team made a big push in 2025 to reduce the time it takes to restore Underground Utilities Dig sites.

Restoration work for 2026 began on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. At the start of the season, the City is managing a backlog of approximately:

- 87 asphalt restorations
- 88 concrete restorations
- 39 landscaping restorations

It is important to note that utility digs occur year-round, including during winter months, while restoration work is limited to the May-to-October construction season, depending on weather conditions.

**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:**

Aligned with council's mandate to improve timelines for Underground Utilities dig restorations.

**CONCLUSION:**

Based on last year's progress and the current volume of work, we believe that it is realistic to be caught up by the end of the 2026 construction season, with restorations then completed within one to three months of an original summertime dig.