



# **The Harvest Golf Club**

## **Irrigation Installation Update:**

### **July 8th, 2024**

### **June Work Recap:**

Since our last newsletter edition back on June 6th the AP irrigation team drilled in-between #16 green and #17 tee box downwards to hole #17 and #8 fairway.

The drilling process continued alongside #15 and #14 before concluding alongside #13 tee box. Additionally, while work was in progress behind #16 green, they also drilled to the corner of #7. Please see the drone footage in Video #1 demonstrating the work completed over the last 6 weeks.

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## Video #1

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It is worth noting that the drilling process thus far has proven to be slightly more challenging than initially anticipated. Our courses' soil composition is extremely dry, compacted clay making the overall process more intricate. AP Irrigation has had to be careful in preventing possible damage from fracking caused when water rises to the surface breaking through the grass resulting in repair work that can be disruptive when occurring around tees, fairways, or greens. It is still, our ultimate goal to complete main line/ wiring installation by early October, that would allow for the beginning of installation of lateral lines/ sprinkler heads on pre-selected holes.

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## Scope Of Work In July:

Drilling work resumed on July 3rd. Currently, the team is situated near the tee box of Hole #13.

The next of scope of work will progress in the direction of #12 teebox. Before remobilizing the equipment alongside #7 fairway. Once completed, equipment will be remobilized alongside the 7th fairway moving towards the 3rd & 2nd hole and then ultimately behind the 1st green and practise facility surrounds in order to connect to the maintenance building; The control center for the entire irrigation system once fully installed.

As we are now in the heat of the Okanagan summer, the next four to six weeks will dictate whether it is realistic to complete the first stage of phase 3 of lateral lines/ sprinkler head on specific holes by the end of the 2024 golf season.

Given the extremely dry conditions daily irrigation continues to be through the original system which is operating with limited water reach. Therefore, hand watering will be required to prevent increased discoloration on the golf course which does not affect playability but instead is primarily done for esthetic value, inline with North American's lush golf conditions at all times mindset, which may not be always realistic in our ever changing climate.

## **Video #2**



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire membership for their patience and cooperation since the beginning of the drilling process that started back in April. I am proud to say that thus far we have not received any adverse comments from our membership and guests alike, something we are highly appreciative for considering this is construction type work while play is in progress. Additionally, we would like to thank you once more for your cooperation in keeping the AP Irrigation team safe during this tedious process.

As always, If you have any questions about this project please do not hesitate to contact me or stop by my office and I would be extremely happy to discuss with you in greater detail.

kindest Regards,  
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