

Blue Jays introduce Atkins

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The Canadian Press

TORONTO
Blue Jays president Mark Shapiro was the Cleveland Indians' farm director when he first met Ross Atkins about 20 years ago. He was quite impressed by the young pitcher, who took a keen interest in what was happening on and off the field. Atkins moved into the Indians' player development department in 2000 and both he and Shapiro would rise up the ranks of the team's front office. On Friday, the two men were reunited as Shapiro proudly introduced Atkins — his longtime colleague and good friend — as the seventh general manager in Blue Jays history. "Ross is the best person to not just be general manager of the Toronto Blue Jays, he's the best person to lead this organization and build the organization," Shapiro said.

Tony LaCava, who was also considered for the job and filled in as interim GM after the departure of Alex Anthopoulos, will return to his previous role as assistant general manager. He was also named senior vice-president of baseball operations when the Blue Jays announced the Atkins hiring on Thursday evening.

LaCava will lead the front office through the upcoming winter meetings and the off-season while Atkins settles into his new job and gets a feel for the inner workings of the organization. "I am really appreciative of this opportunity," Atkins said. "I understand that it's a big one."

It's the first GM job for the 42-year-old native of Greensboro, N.C., who spent three years as the Indians' director of Latin American operations before running the franchise's

farm system from 2007-14. He inherits a Blue Jays team that's coming off a 93-69 season and an appearance in the American League Championship Series.

"I see this team as a very, very good one that people will fear," Atkins said. "They're going to be competitive."



Toronto's offensive core remains strong and most of the position players will be back in 2016. However, there are holes in the bullpen and the starting rotation with ace David Price leaving as a free agent and Mark Buehrle likely set for retirement or joining a team closer to home.

"I think we'll look to fortify the depth of pitching," Atkins said. "And I think in addition to that there are some complementary pieces that we'll need to think about improving upon. But this is, as it stands today, a very good team."

Marlins hire Barry Bonds as hitting coach

STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

MIAMI
If Barry Bonds thinks a full-time return to baseball will help his Hall of Fame chances, he could be disappointed. Maybe he'll at least help the Miami Marlins.

Bonds is joining the staff of new Marlins manager Don Mattingly as hitting coach. The media-shy, steroids-tainted home run king made a rare conference call appearance Friday to discuss his hiring, which raised his profile just as balloting is under way for 2016 Hall of Fame voting.



Barry Bonds

"I'm a Hall of Fame baseball player with no doubt in my mind, no doubt in my heart," said Bonds, 51. "God knows that. That's all that matters to me. I'll leave the voting process up to you guys."

Another slugger whose career was tarnished by steroids, Mark McGwire, was hired this week as bench coach of the San Diego Padres. Hall of Fame support for McGwire has actually declined since he began coaching in 2010, and last year he received his lowest vote total yet.



PUBLIC NOTICES

8 AM - 4 PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages 403.529.8260
Gas Emergency 403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency 403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services 403.526.2828

Stay informed go to www.medicinehat.ca

PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines.

1. Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
2. Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, include crawl spaces.
3. For sinks located against a non-insulated outside wall:
 - Open the vanity door to allow warm air to reach the water pipes.
 - A light bulb placed near the water pipe may generate enough heat to keep the water flowing.
 - Heat tape wrapped around the pipe may keep the pipe from freezing.
4. For Residents of mobile homes
 - check the condition of the heat tape on their water service and meter
 - protect unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box
 - water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape
 - Outside water taps and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the tap
 - Sprinkler lines and taps should be drained/blown out
5. A thin stream of water (as thick as a pencil lead) running continuously from at least one tap will help prevent a frozen water service.
6. If you plan to be away from home over the winter period, close the main water isolation valve in your home. This is located next to your water meter.

A frozen water service, or a burst water pipe, is an inconvenience and expense that most people would like to avoid. Please take precautions to prevent this happening in your home or business.

PROPOSED CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CCDA) BUDGET

TAKE NOTICE that City Council will consider adoption of the City Centre Development Agency Budget on Monday, December 21st, 2015.

A Public Hearing in consideration of the proposed CCDA Budget will be held in Council Chambers at 580 First Street SE in Medicine Hat, Alberta on Monday, December 21st, 2015, beginning at approximately 6:30 pm.

Any person in the Business Revitalization zone who claims to be affected by the proposed CCDA budget may make representation to City Council at the Public Hearing. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed budget placed before the City Council must submit it to the City Clerk Department by 12:00 o'clock noon, Wednesday, December 16th, 2015 either by:

- mail: 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 8E6, or
- email: clerk@medicinehat.ca.

Any such written submission will become a public document.

A copy of the CCDA budget may be inspected during normal office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) at the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 5th day of December, 2015.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk
Phone 403-529-8234
Fax 403-529-8182
E-mail: angcru@medicinehat.ca

SPECIAL EVENTS /COMPETITION ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS

The City of Medicine Hat has funding available to groups, organizations or individuals involved in sports, recreation or leisure activities, if they have been invited to attend an event at a provincial, national or international level.

The City may also grant support to host a local sport or leisure event/project that is demonstrated to achieve a major contribution to the community in terms of citizen involvement, tourism generation, economic benefit, positive recognition and celebrating the joy of living in Medicine Hat.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
January 31, May 31 and September 30 of each year.

Application forms are available at all recreation facilities, Parks and Recreation (Kipling Street) and on-line at www.medicinehat.ca

For more information, please call 529-8333.

GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR DECEMBER

Medicine Hat, AB – The City of Medicine Hat has set its December energy commodity rates.

Natural Gas
The December natural gas commodity rate of \$2.31 per gigajoule (GJ), down from \$2.48 in November, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners and Gas Alberta Inc.

(per gigajoule)	December 2015
AltaGas Utilities	\$2.472
Direct Energy Regulated Services North	\$2.200
Direct Energy Regulated Services South	\$2.200
Gas Alberta Inc.	\$2.350
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$2.310

Electricity
The December electricity rate of \$0.0523 per kilowatt hour, up from \$0.0505 per kilowatt hour in November, for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting, is based on the average of the monthly electric energy charges set by Alberta electric distribution (wires) owners as established in accordance with the provisions of the Alberta Regulated Rate Option (RRO) Regulation (AR 262/2005) with the following exceptions:

- RRO electric energy charges set by Rural Electrification Associations (REAs) that own electric distribution systems in rural Alberta; and
- RRO electric energy charges set for customer classes described as anything other than "Residential" or "Commercial"

December 2015 (per kilowatt hour)	Residential	Commercial (Small/Medium)
Direct Energy Regulated – Atco Electric Area	\$0.05208	\$0.05187
Enmax – Calgary	\$0.05192	\$0.05192
Enmax – Cardston	\$0.05172	\$0.05172
Enmax – Crowsnest Pass	\$0.05172	\$0.05172
Enmax – Fort MacLeod	\$0.05172	\$0.05172
Enmax – Ponoka	\$0.05277	\$0.05277
Enmax – Red Deer	\$0.05309	\$0.05309
Epcor – Edmonton	\$0.05489	\$0.05490
Epcor – FortisAlberta	\$0.05364	\$0.05437
City of Lethbridge	\$0.04849	\$0.04849
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.0523	

The December default electricity rate for Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting customers is based on the monthly average Alberta Power Pool price as established and published by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plus \$0.02 per kilowatt hour. The rate for November was \$0.0412 per kilowatt hour.

The Electric Utility also offers a fixed electric commodity price for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial customers. The fixed rate for 2015 is \$0.0968 per kilowatt hour.

The Gas Utility offers a fixed natural gas commodity price for all rate class customers. The fixed price for 2015 is \$5.37 per gigajoule (GJ).

Going Green Charge
Customers also have a "Going Green" surcharge on their bill. This surcharge is for renewable energy purchased for residential, farm, small and medium commercial customers.

The Going Green surcharge is calculated monthly to recover costs incurred to purchase renewable energy.

The Going Green surcharge for December is \$0.0030 per kilowatt hour.

Media inquiries:
David J. Panabaker
Acting Utilities Division Commissioner
City of Medicine Hat
403-502-8756

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO THE SPECIAL CULTURAL EVENTS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

The program offers support for cultural events or projects filling a cultural need in the City, or for individuals, groups or organizations receiving recognition at international competitions, exhibitions, performances or events related to arts and culture.

Next Application Deadline: January 15, 2016
Applications and Guidelines are available at www.medicinehat.ca/grants or at the Esplanade (401 First Street SE, Medicine Hat).

For further information contact the Cultural Grant Administrator at 403-502-8798 or culturalgrants@medicinehat.ca.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED NOVEMBER 26 TO DECEMBER 2, 2015 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL
606 Somerside View SE (Lot 113, Block 4, Plan 1411496) Permit No. DP13004. Single Detached House Including Front Yard Setback Variance.

COMMERCIAL
1854 Southview Drive SE (Lot 26, Block 51, Plan 8910248) Permit No. DP12997. Parking Facilities (Parking Lot Extension).
302 Maple Avenue SE (Lot 25-32, Block 24, Plan 1491) Permit No. DP12998. One Fascia Sign.

HOME OCCUPATION
48 Ranchlands Avenue NE (Lot 13, Block 10, Plan 0714516) Permit No. DP12987. Customers to Attend Site. Consultant.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 529-8374).

2015 CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AREA (CCDA) SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the City Centre Development Area Supplementary Assessment Roll for the City of Medicine Hat for the year 2015, has been prepared and the Assessment and Tax notices will be mailed on **December 11, 2015**. The Assessment Roll will be open on the mail date for inspection in the Assessment Department, City Hall, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on every day of the week except Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays. Any tax payer who desires to object to the assessment must complete and submit the Assessment Review Board Complaint form on or before **February 10, 2016**. An agent may file a complaint on your behalf if you, the assessed person, complete the Assessment Complaint Agent Authorization form.

Submit completed forms to the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board at the following address:

**CITY OF MEDICINE HAT
CITY HALL, 580 1 STREET SE
MEDICINE HAT, AB T1A 8E6
ATTENTION: CLERK OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD**

- Your complaint must include the following:
- indicate what information shown on an assessment notice or tax notice is incorrect,
 - explain in what respect that information is incorrect,
 - indicate what the correct information is, and
 - identify the requested assessed value, if the complaint relates to an assessment.
 - include the appropriate complaint registration fee.

Please ensure your complaint form includes all reasons for appealing. The Assessment Review Board cannot consider matters not included on your form.

Forms are available at the Assessment Department, Main Floor, City Hall or at www.medicinehat.ca

Dated the 5th day of December 2015,

John Allan, AMAA, RI
City Assessor

***Note: Prior to filing a complaint, business owners are encouraged to contact the Assessment Department, Main Floor, City Hall, or phone 403-529-8114, to resolve any concerns and possibly avoid a formal complaint to the Assessment Review Board.**