

Duhamel, Radford settle for silver

The Canadian Press

BARCELONA, Spain
Canadian figure skaters Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford saw their impressive winning streak come to an end Friday as they settled for a silver medal in pairs competition at the ISU Grand Prix Final.

Ksenia Stolbova and Fedor Klimov of Russia avenged last year's Grand Prix Final loss to Duhamel and Radford by beating the world champions by scoring 229.44 points with a flawless free skate.

Duhamel of Lively, Ont., and Radford of Balmertown, Ont., had strung together nine straight international victories going back to the fall of 2014.

The Canadians climbed from third after the short to the silver with a season's best 216.67. Yuko Kavaguti and Alexander Smirnov of Russia were third at 206.59.

"We were really proud, we came back fighting after struggling in the short program," said Duhamel. "It wasn't perfect today but it was a step in the right direction. We plan to come back strong in the second half of the season."

First year seniors Julianne Seguin of Longueuil, Que., and Charlie Bilodeau of Trois-Pistoles, Que., were fourth with a personal best 200.98 and showed they will be a force to reckon with in the future.



AP PHOTO / MANU FERNANDEZ
Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford of Canada perform during the Pairs Free Skating Final of the Grand Prix Final figure skating competition in Barcelona, Spain, Friday.

Canada's Del Bosco wins ski cross World Cup

The Associated Press

VAL THORENS, France
Christopher Del Bosco of Canada stayed perfect this season when he won the second ski cross World Cup on Friday.

Del Bosco, who also won the World Cup opening race, beat world champion Filip Flisar of Slovenia in the men's final in the French Alps to secure a ninth career win.

Canadian Brady Leman, who finished runner-up to Del Bosco last week in

Austria, placed third.

On a good day for Sweden, Olympic bronze medallist Anna Holmlund won the women's race ahead of teammate Sandra Naeslund.

Olympic champion Marielle Thompson, who injured her knee at the world championships in Austria in January, followed up her victory last week with a fourth-place finish behind Ophelie David of France.

Holmlund won the discipline title last season.

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BYLAW #4327 TO AMEND BYLAW #2489 THE GAS UTILITY BYLAW

On Monday, December 7, 2015 City Council gave first reading to Bylaw #4327 to amend Bylaw #2489 the Gas Utility Bylaw.

Council considers it advisable to amend the fees, rates and charges in Bylaw #2489, the Gas Utility Bylaw.

This Bylaw will come into force on January 1, 2016.

A Non-Statutory Public Hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of the Second/Third Readings of proposed Bylaw #4327, will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at the address below on Monday, December 21, 2015 beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Copies of the above Bylaws and related documents may be inspected during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the City Clerk Department or accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Any person who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaws may make representation to City Council at the Non-Statutory Public Hearings. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to the City Clerk Department by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 12 day of December, 2015.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk
Phone 403-529-8234
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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.

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.

DON'T MISS OUT!

The last day to complete the survey is Sunday, December 13, 2015. By completing the survey, residents can also enter for a chance to win one year of free curbside recycling pickup courtesy of CareFree Recycling!

Residents can access the survey in the following ways:

- Download and use the My-waste app and follow the link in the 'News' section
- Visit www.medicinehat.ca/swsurvey
- Printed copies of the survey are available at the Environmental Utilities Department or Customer Service, City Hall.

For additional information about the survey and the City's Solid Waste Management Plan please visit www.medicinehat.ca/eu, or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

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.

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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.

2016 TAX DISCOUNT & INTEREST RATES

The 2016 tax discounts and tax interest will be applied monthly at an annual rate of 0.50% based on the minimum balance in the account during the month. The credit will be applied to the tax account on the first business day of the following month.

Discount / Interest Rates	
*January	0.05 % per month
*February – April	0.05 % per month
July – December	0.05 % per month

(* The rates for January to April are a Discount Rate, which is not taxable by Revenue Canada.)

Payments and discounts will appear as a credit on the 2016 Tax Statement when issued. Payments may be made in any amount not exceeding the amount of the 2015 Tax Levy.

To ensure payments are applied to the correct accounts, please specify your address and tax account number.

For further information please contact the Customer Service Department, Main Floor, City Hall at 529-8111.

ATTENTION: UTILITIES CUSTOMERS NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGES

On Monday, December 7, 2015 City Council gave first reading to Bylaw #4327 which, if passed, would amend Bylaw #1805 the Waste Bylaw.

The proposed rate adjustments would be effective January 1, 2016.

Copies of the above Bylaws and related documents may be inspected during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the City Clerk Department or accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 12 day of December, 2015.

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ATTENTION: UTILITIES CUSTOMERS NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGES

On Monday, December 7, 2015 City Council gave first reading to Bylaw #4326 which, if passed, would amend Bylaw #2244 the Electric Utility Bylaw by adjusting certain non-commodity rates charged for electric energy distribution service to residential, commercial and industrial customers of the City's Electric Utility.

The proposed rate adjustments would be effective January 1, 2016.

A Non-Statutory Public Hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of the Second/Third Readings of proposed Bylaw #4326 will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at the address below on Monday, December 21, 2015 beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Copies of the above Bylaws and related documents may be inspected during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the City Clerk Department or accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Any person who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaws may make representation to City Council at the Public Hearings. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to the City Clerk Department by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

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2016 DOWNTOWN ANNUAL PARKING PASSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

PARKING LOT	LOCATION	NUMBER OF STALLS PER LOT	MONTHLY & DAILY RATES (GST included)	ANNUAL RATE (GST included) Valid January 1 thru December 31
Chokecherry	Corner of 2 Street SE & 4 Avenue SE	52 surface stalls	\$45/month	\$495
Cottonwood	Corner of 1 Street SE & 5 Avenue SE	49 surface stalls		
Linden	Across from City Hall on 1 Street SE	25 surface stalls	Monthly, daily and hourly passes not available.	
Transit Terminal Parkade	Corner of 4 Street SE & 6 Avenue SE	23 stalls 2nd Level Covered w/ Plug-ins	\$60/month	\$660
		42 stalls 2nd Level Covered No Plug-ins	\$50/month	\$550
		32 stalls 3rd Level Uncovered	\$40/month \$5/day \$1/hour	\$440

Parking Lot information line 403.529.8318