

# Flynn pleads guilty, is co-operating in Trump-Russia probe

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WASHINGTON  
Michael Flynn, the retired general who campaigned at Donald Trump's side and then served as his first national security adviser, pleaded guilty Friday to lying to the FBI about reaching out to the Russians on Trump's behalf and said members of the president's inner circle were intimately involved with — and at times directing — his contacts.

Flynn's plea to a single felony count of false statements made him the first official of the Trump White House to admit guilt so far in a wide-ranging criminal investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller.

It also establishes Flynn as a key co-operator and likely witness in the federal investigation into whether Russia and associates of the president collaborated to influence the 2016 U.S.

presidential election in Trump's favour.

Friday's developments don't resolve that paramount question, but they do show that Flynn lied to the FBI about multiple conversations last December with the Russian ambassador to the United States. Court papers make clear that Flynn knows the identities of members of Trump's transition team who were fully aware of his outreach to Russian officials in the weeks before the inauguration. Mueller's prosecutors indicated the officials were senior and within Trump's inner circle.

That revelation moves the Russia investigation, which has shadowed Trump throughout the year, deeper into the White House and raises questions about the accuracy of repeated assertions by the administration that Flynn had misled Vice-

President Mike Pence and other officials about the content of his calls with the ambassador, Sergey Kislyak.

Trump son-in-law Jared

Kushner had led a transition team effort to defeat a United Nations vote referenced in the court papers, according to former U.S. officials and foreign diplomats.

Though prosecutors also had investigated Flynn lobbying work on behalf of the Turkish government, the fact that he pleaded guilty to just one count, and faces a guideline range of zero to 6 months in prison, suggest that prosecutors see him as a valuable tool in their investigation and are granting a degree of leniency in exchange for co-operation.

White House lawyer Ty Cobb sought to distance the plea

from Trump himself, saying: "Nothing about the guilty plea or the charge implicates anyone other than Mr. Flynn."

Flynn, the longtime soldier, stood quietly during his plea hearing except to answer brief questions from the judge. He accepted responsibility for his actions in a written statement, though he said he had also been subjected to false accusations. He said, "My guilty plea and agreement to co-operate with the Special Counsel's Office reflect a decision I made in the best interests of my family and of our country."

The Russia investigation has persistently followed Trump the first year of his presidency, angering the president and repeatedly distracting from his agenda. Flynn's plea came as Republican senators laboured to pass a far-reaching tax bill, which would be a significant

victory for Trump.

On Friday, the president ignored reporters' shouted questions as he welcomed the Libyan prime minister to the White House, and aides cancelled media access to a later meeting between the two. He did appear briefly at an afternoon White House holiday reception for the media, where he offered seasonal greetings and departed without addressing the Mueller investigation.

Early on in his administration, Trump had taken a particular interest in the status of the Flynn investigation. Former FBI Director James Comey, whose firing in May precipitated the appointment of Mueller as special counsel, has said Trump asked him in a private Oval Office meeting to consider ending the investigation into Flynn. Comey has said he found the encounter so shocking that he prepared an internal memo about it.



Michael Flynn



Donald Trump

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### 8AM - 4PM 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



### DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED NOVEMBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 29, 2017 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### RESIDENTIAL

**323 STERLING CRESCENT SE** (Lot 56, Block 12, Plan 1412603) DP14176. Single Detached House.

**105 - 4000 13 AVENUE SE** (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1711357) DP14180. Single Detached House (Manufactured Home).

#### COMMERCIAL

**3215 DUNMORE ROAD SE** (Lot 7, Block 2, Plan 8910652) DP14179. One Portable Sign.

#### HOME OCCUPATION

**343 STRATTON ROAD SE** (LOT 10, BLOCK 12, PLAN 0715426) DP14170. Customers to Attend Site. Reflexology, Aesthetics.

**418 12 STREET SE** (LOT 26, BLOCK 22, PLAN 1132M) DP14171. Office Use With Storage on Site. Mobile Foot Care.

**96 CYPRESS WAY SE** (LOT 18, BLOCK 7, PLAN 731504) DP14174. Office Use Only. Consultant (Safety).

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, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://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 403-529-8374).

### PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

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

- Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
- Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, including crawl spaces.
- 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.
- Residents of mobile homes should check the condition of the heat tape on their water service and water meter.
- Protect unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box and 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.
- 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.
- If you plan to be away from home over the winter period, close the main water isolation valve located next to the water meter in your home. You should leave the heat on in your home and have someone check inside your home daily while you're away.

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

For more information, refer to [www.medicinehat.ca/eu](http://www.medicinehat.ca/eu) or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

### GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR DECEMBER

Medicine Hat - The City of Medicine Hat has set its December energy commodity rates.

#### Natural Gas

The December natural gas commodity rate of \$2.27 per gigajoule (GJ), up from \$1.87 per gigajoule (GJ) 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 2017
AltaGas Utilities	\$2.214
Direct Energy Regulated Services	\$2.303
Gas Alberta Inc.	\$2.300
<b>City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)</b>	<b>\$2.270</b>

#### Electricity

The December electricity rate of \$0.0394 per kilowatt hour, up from \$0.0355 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 2017 (per kilowatt hour)	Residential	Commercial (Small/Medium)
Enmax - Calgary	\$0.03996	\$0.03996
Enmax - Cardston	\$0.04067	\$0.04067
Enmax - Fort MacLeod	\$0.04067	\$0.04067
Enmax - Ponoka	\$0.0418	\$0.0418
Enmax - Red Deer	\$0.04188	\$0.04188
Epcor - Crowsnest Pass	\$0.03732	\$0.03781
Epcor - Edmonton	\$0.03774	\$0.03774
Epcor - FortisAlberta	\$0.03732	\$0.03781
Direct Energy Regulated - Atco Electric Area	\$0.04027	\$0.04023
City of Lethbridge	\$0.03543	\$0.03543
<b>City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)</b>	<b>\$0.0394</b>	

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 \$0.0450 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 2017 is \$0.0680 per kilowatt hour.

The Gas Utility offers a fixed natural gas commodity price for all rate class customers. The fixed rate for 2017 is \$5.80 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 \$0.0055 per kilowatt hour.

#### For further information, please contact:

Cal Lenz  
Utilities Division Commissioner  
City of Medicine Hat  
403.502.8756

### 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 18, 2017.

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 18, 2017, beginning at approximately 6:30 pm.

Any person in the Business Improvement Area 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 noon, Wednesday, December 13, 2017 either by:

- mail: 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 8E6, or
- email: [clerk@medicinehat.ca](mailto: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, Third Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 2nd day of December, 2017.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk  
Phone 403.529.8234 • Fax 403.529.8324  
E-mail: [clerk@medicinehat.ca](mailto:clerk@medicinehat.ca)

### 2018 DOWNTOWN PARKING PASSES

PARKING LOT	LOCATION	NUMBER OF STALLS PER LOT	MONTHLY & DAILY RATES (GST included)	ANNUAL RATE (GST included) Passes valid January 1 thru December 31
Chokecherry	Corner of 2 Street SE & 4 Avenue SE	52 surface stalls	\$50/month	\$544
Cottonwood	Corner of 1 Street SE & 5 Avenue SE	49 surface stalls		
Linden	Across from City Hall on 1 Street SE	25 surface stalls	Linden 2018 monthly passes, if available, will go on sale January 29 for \$50/month.	
Transit Terminal Parkade	Corner of 4 Street SE & 6 Avenue SE	23 stalls 2nd Level Covered w/Plug-ins	\$66/month	\$726
		42 stalls 2nd Level Covered No Plug-ins	\$55/month	\$605
		32 stalls 3rd Level Uncovered	\$50/month \$5/day \$1/hour	\$544

Purchase your pass from the Cashiers on the main floor of City Hall, 580 - 1 Street SE.

Parking Lot information line 403.529.8318