

CFL, players' union at odds regarding payment of off-season bonuses

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TORONTO
The CFL has drawn the ire of the CFL Players' Association by directing its teams to stop paying players off-season bonuses until a new collective bargaining agreement is reached next year, a tactic the union says has driven a wedge between the two sides before contract

talks have even begun.
Many CFL players now receive up-front money, in the form of either a signing or roster bonus, as part of their contracts. But the league has directed clubs to refrain from doing so this off-season until after a new agreement is ratified.

The current deal expires May 15, 2019. Players can sign contracts this off-season but won't receive any signing

bonuses until after a new CBA is reached.

"I think everyone agrees we're looking for a fair agreement at the next bargaining session for everybody but this widens that gap prior to even sitting down," said Brian Ramsay, executive director of the CFLPA. "If the thought process is it's meant to speed up or assist bargaining, we vehemently disagree with that."

Former commissioner Jeffrey Orridge issued the directive in early 2017 and it's since been supported by his successor Randy Ambrosie. A former CFL player and CFLPA secretary, Ambrosie has worked closely with the union since his appointment last summer and in September the two sides agreed to eliminate in-season full contact padded practices and move to a longer, 21-week schedule to enhance player safety.

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 JANUARY 18 TO JANUARY 24, 2018 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

222 SOMERSIDE ROAD SE (Lot 29, Block 10, Plan 1012845) DP14235. Single Detached House Including Front Setback Variance.



COMMERCIAL

1751 STRACHAN ROAD SE (Lot 10, 11, Block 1, 2, 3, 4, Plan 1711518, 1711628, 1712050) DP14238. One Freestanding Sign Including Separation Distance Variance.

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 twenty-one (21) 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.

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 or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

NOTICE OF FIRST READING DEBENTURE BORROWING BYLAWS

TAKE NOTICE that the municipal council of the City of Medicine Hat gave first reading on Monday, January 22, 2018 to Borrowing Bylaws #4460, #4461, #4463, #4466 and #4468. In order to complete the projects (the "Project") listed below, the City has elected to borrow monies from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA) or another authorized financial institution by the issuance of debenture, pursuant to Section 258 of the Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 Chapter M-26.

Bylaw #	Purpose of Borrowing	Estimated Total Cost	Amount to be Borrowed
4460	13 KV Overhead Distribution System Upgrades (2018)	\$765,000	\$765,000
4461	13 KV Underground Distribution System Upgrades (2018)	\$749,000	\$749,000
4463	New Distributed Services (2018)	\$455,000	\$455,000
4466	Pole Testing and Replacement (2018)	\$440,000	\$440,000
4468	Substations Upgrades (2018)	\$621,000	\$621,000

The Municipality shall repay the indebtedness of Bylaw #4460, #4461, #4463, #4466 and #4468 according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual or annual equal payments of combined principal and interest installments for a period not to exceed twenty five (25) years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing and not to exceed ten percent (10%).

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that, unless a sufficient petition demanding a poll of the electors is received within 15 days following the date of the last publication of this Notice, the Council may pass the said borrowing bylaws as described in the Municipal Government Act, Sections 219 to 226.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that copies of the aforesaid proposed Bylaws may be accessed via the "Proposed Bylaws" section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca or inspected during office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) at the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

DATED at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 27th day of January, 2018.

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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your real Christmas Tree anytime between **December 27, 2017 - January 31, 2018** by dropping it off at one of the following convenient drop off locations:

- 240 Kipling Street SE - Kipling Street Recycling Depot
- 172 Altawana Drive NE - Shamrock Recycling Depot
- 3292 Dunmore Rd SE - Southwest corner of the Medicine Hat Mall parking lot

Please remove all plastic bags, stands, tinsel and decorations. Download the MyWaste App, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/eu, or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.

Butler lashes out at Argos for not allowing him to pursue NFL opportunities

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The Canadian Press

TORONTO
Another member of the Grey Cup-champion Toronto Argonauts has criticized the CFL team for not allowing him to pursue NFL opportunities this off-season.

On Friday, defensive lineman Victor Butler wrote in a bylined story to 3DownNation, a website covering all Canadian football, the Argos are going back on a gentleman's agreement to let him out of his CFL deal to return to the NFL. The story's headline is: The Argonauts are holding me hostage.

Earlier this week, running back James Wilder Jr. announced he was sitting out the '18 season after Toronto wouldn't allow him to pursue opportunities south of the border. Wilder has one year remaining on his CFL contract.

Butler said he signed a one-year deal, plus a team option, with Toronto last February but with the understanding following the '17 season he'd be allowed to pursue NFL opportunities. If unsuccessful, then he'd return to rejoin the Argos.

But shortly after Butler signed, Toronto hired Jim Popp as its GM and Marc Trestman as head coach. According to Butler, Popp has given him two choices: Play for the Argos or retire.

"Because to them, I am not a person, my family doesn't matter and our happiness and well-being are the furthest thing from their mind," Butler said. "I am a pawn in their game, one where I am expected to shut my mouth know my role and be grateful for whatever scraps they throw me."



Brady returns to practice, Gronk not ready yet

The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass.

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady returned to full practice nine days before the Super Bowl, but tight end Rob Gronkowski is still recovering from a concussion.

In the injury report issued on Friday, the team said neither Gronkowski nor defensive lineman Deatrich Wise would play if the game were this Sunday. With the extra week off before the Super Bowl against the Philadelphia Eagles, however, there is still time.

Brady required stitches in his right hand and thumb after an injury in practice last week. After missing parts of practice leading up to the AFC championship, he started in the game against the Jacksonville Jaguars and led New England to a 24-20 victory.

Defensive lineman Malcom Brown (foot) also missed practice on Friday for the second straight day. Offensive lineman LaAdrian Waddle and running back Mike Gillislee missed part of practice for the third day in a row.



Canada's Anderson wins gold in parallel giant slalom at snowboard World Cup

The Canadian Press

BANSKO, Bulgaria

Canadian snowboarder Jasey-Jay Anderson won a gold medal in parallel giant slalom on Friday, becoming the oldest rider to win a World Cup.

The 42-year-old, who was named to Canada's Olympic team on Thursday, edged World Cup leader Nevin Galmarini of Switzerland for his 28th career win in his 257th start on the World Cup circuit.

Italy's Edwin Coratti won the small final for bronze.

"I didn't know that I still have the legs for this but I guess I still do," Anderson said in a release. "Now, with the boards finally getting better, I'm looking forward to the Olympics and something big."

Anderson, a four-time world champion from Mont-Tremblant, Que., will be competing in his sixth Olympic Games next month. He's the only rider to compete in every Olympics since snowboarding made its debut in 1998.

Anderson won gold in parallel giant slalom at the Vancouver Games in 2010.

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

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