

Andreescu gets another upset

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Canadian tennis player Bianca Andreescu made two key decisions last year that have helped her kick off the 2019 campaign in style.

After recovering from a back injury last summer, she decided to focus on the lower-level Challenger series and quickly returned to form. Andreescu also moved her off-season training location from Boca Raton to the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., which allowed her to practise against tougher opponents.

Those calls helped Andreescu start this season feeling strong and assured. The players she has eliminated at the ASB Classic — including

former world No. 1's Caroline Wozniacki and Venus Williams — can attest to that.

A day after stunning Wozniacki in straight sets, Andreescu pulled off another big upset Friday by dispatching Williams — a seven-time Grand Slam champion — 6-7 (1), 6-1, 6-3 in quarterfinal play.

"I believe that anything is possible and tonight I think I did the impossible," Andreescu said in an on-court interview after the match. "I don't even know what to say. It's just such an amazing feeling."

Not bad for a teenaged qualifier who started the week ranked No. 152 in the world.

After losing the first set and dropping the opening game of the second set, Andreescu won 11 straight games against the

sixth-seeded Williams.

"I was like, 'What is going on? I just broke her five times in a row,'" Andreescu said. "She's one of the best servers in the game. Today she didn't serve as well as other matches I've seen her play. But I took control of that. It was honestly a gift, maybe like a late Christmas present."

The 37-year-old Williams, who turned pro six years before Andreescu was born, is ranked 39th in the world. Wozniacki, meanwhile, is the world No. 3 and the reigning Australian Open champion.

"It feels like a double dream," Andreescu said.

Next up for the Canadian is a semifinal matchup against third seed and 28th-ranked Hsieh Su-Wei of Chinese



AP PHOTO/CHRIS SYMES

Canada's Bianca Andreescu celebrates after defeating United States' Venus Williams during the quarterfinals of the ASB Women's Classic tennis tournament in Auckland, New Zealand, Friday.

Taipei. Unseeded Viktoria Kuzmova of Slovakia faces No. 2 seed Julia Goerges in the other semifinal after the German downed Canadian Eugenie Bouchard 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (6).

Bouchard, from Westmount, Que., did post a doubles semifinal win Friday with American Sofia Kenin. They beat the fourth-seeded duo of China's Xinyun Han and Croatia's Darija Jurak 6-7 (5), 6-4, 10-8.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Electric Outages.....	403.529.8260
Gas Emergency.....	403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency.....	403.502.8042
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DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED DECEMBER 27 TO JANUARY 2, 2019 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

2057 7 AVENUE NE (Lot 9, Block 5, Plan 7410918) DP14777.
Single Detached House (Driveway) Including Driveway Width 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).

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD

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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, 2019

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 403-529-8316 or culturalgrants@medicinehat.ca.

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.

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GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR JANUARY

Medicine Hat – The City of Medicine Hat has set its January energy commodity rates.

Natural Gas

The January natural gas commodity rate of \$1.347 per gigajoule (GJ), down from \$1.969 per gigajoule (GJ) in December, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners.

(per gigajoule)	January 2019
Direct Energy Regulated Services (North and South)	\$1.515
AltaGas Utilities Inc.	\$1.179
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$1.347

The City of Medicine Hat calculates the Monthly Reference Price based on the average of the rates approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

Electricity

The January electricity rate of \$0.06800 per kilowatt hour, equal to the \$0.06800 per kilowatt hour in December, for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting, is based on the average of the rates for owners whose regulated rate tariffs are approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission under section 103(2) of the Electric Utilities Act for that calendar month as posted by the Alberta Utilities Commission on its internet page under *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*.

January 2019 (per kilowatt hour)	Rate per kWh
Direct Energy Regulated Services	\$0.07655
ENMAX Energy Corporation	\$0.07727
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (Edmonton)	\$0.07733
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (outside Edmonton)	\$0.07626
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.07685
City of Medicine Hat Rate Cap Regulation Order	\$0.06800

In November 2016 the Government of Alberta announced a plan to cap the Regulated Rate Option at 6.8 cents per kilowatt hour. City of Medicine Hat electric utility customers are protected under Ministerial Order 149/2017. During the period of January 1, 2018 – May 31, 2021 Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting customers will pay the lower of the Market Reference Price or the rate ceiling of 6.8 cents per kilowatt hour. The rate will automatically be applied to consumer's bills that are on the regulated rate.

The City of Medicine Hat calculates the Monthly Reference Price based on the average of the rates using the four Regulated Rate Option providers approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission under section 103(2) of the Electric Utilities Act. This calculation aligns with the Regulated Rate Cap Regulation.

The January 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 December was \$0.06399 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 2019 is \$0.06800 per kilowatt hour.

The Gas Utility offers a fixed natural gas commodity price for all rate class customers. The fixed rate for 2019 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 January is \$0.00050 per kilowatt hour.

For further information, please contact:
Cal Lenz, Utilities Division Commissioner
City of Medicine Hat • 403.502.8756

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your real Christmas Tree anytime between December 27, 2018 – January 31, 2019 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.

Ex-NFLers try curling

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Defensive lineman Jared Allen retired from the NFL in 2015 and wasn't ready to give up on the competition he'd come to enjoy as a five-time All-Pro.

His solution: The Olympics.

The problem: He didn't compete in any Olympic sports.

Less than a year later, Allen and three other former NFL stars — none with any prior experience — are attempting to qualify for the U.S. national curling championships against players who have been throwing stones for most of their lives.

It would be the first step toward competing in the 2022 Winter Games in Beijing.

"Every team in the NFL — whether you're hot garbage or the defending Super Bowl champions — every coach come August says the same thing: 'We're trying to win the Super Bowl,'" Allen said. "We come from that mentality, where we set lofty goals."

"Our short term goals are continually to get better: fundamentals, strategy, sweeping. We know if we master these little things, it will take us a long way."

A 12-year NFL veteran who spent most of his career with the Chiefs and Vikings, Allen was lamenting the end of his playing days when a friend dared him to try to try an Olympic sport. Allen toyed with the idea of badminton but rejected it as too taxing.

"We thought about curling: It was chill, and the winners have to buy the losers beer," he said. "We thought it was a win-win."

He rounded up former Rams quarterback Marc Bulger and Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck and tackle Michael Roos to form a team; all were Pro Bowl selections during their NFL career, and living in the Nashville, Tennessee, area.

Sliding on the ice was an adjustment, but the biggest challenge has been the strategy.

When he first started watching, Bulger said, he would see curlers setting up protective stones called guards and thought they were missing their shots.

"We just assumed that you throw to the button every time, and we learned that is not the game," he said. "It's like a novice chess player going against" a grandmaster.

Adopting the name All-Pro Curling Team, they started from scratch in March.

They're in Minnesota this weekend, competing for one of four remaining spots in next month's national championships.

Four Chiefs make All-Pro Team

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From a breakthrough quarterback to a unanimous choice. From two brothers to four rookies for the first time — two from the same club, no less. The Associated Press 2018 All-Pro Team has something for everyone.

Patrick Mahomes and three other Kansas City Chiefs players made the squad Friday. They were joined by the first rookie teammates since 1965 — Colts guard left Quenton Nelson and linebacker Darius Leonard. The last time that occurred it was two future Hall of Famers, the Bears' Dick Butkus and Gale Sayers.

Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald was the only unanimous choice in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league.

"That's surreal," Donald said. "It's a blessing. Wow! You see the hard work pay off."

"A lot of credit to my teammates and my coaches for pushing me and helping me."

Mahomes, Kansas City's second-year sensation, drew 45 votes at quarterback and was joined by teammates Travis Kelce at tight end, Tyreek Hill as the flex player and Mitchell Schwartz at right tackle.

Kelce's brother, Eagles centre Jason, also made the team.

Two players made All-Pro for the fifth time: Houston edge rusher J.J. Watt and Carolina linebacker Luke Kuechly.