

# Canadian students urged to study in China despite Kovrig, Spavor arrests

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**OTTAWA**  
Eight days after Chinese authorities imprisoned Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor, a senior Canadian foreign ministry official urged Canadian students to apply for a program to study in China.

Sarah Taylor, the director-general of the north-Asia bureau at Global Affairs Canada, made the pitch for the 45-year-old Canada-China Scholarship Exchange Program during a Dec. 18 event at the Chinese Embassy in

Ottawa.

"My department is proud to support the CCSEP and is eager to see a broader representation of Canadians from across the country, at the university and college level," Taylor said in prepared remarks released under Canada's access-to-information law.

The government continues to promote the lucrative exchange program, which has a final application deadline of next Friday, even though it has elevated its travel advisory to China with a warning that Canadians are at

"risk of arbitrary enforcement of local laws."

David Mulrone, a former Canadian ambassador to China, said Taylor's remarks might have been well-intended but Canada simply can't continue to conduct business as usual with China.

"It sends the message to the Chinese that, no matter what we say, we want the relationship to continue as if nothing had happened. I simply can't see us holding such an event with any other country if they were holding two of our citizens hostage," said

Mulrone, who served as Canadian ambassador to China from 2009 and 2012.

Adam Austen, a spokesman for Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland, said Canada continues to call for the release of Kovrig and Spavor after their arbitrary detentions, but the exchange program is good for relations.

"These exchanges provide international academic experience to both Canadian and Chinese students and researchers - and foster

co-operation between our two countries," he said.

Kovrig and Spavor were detained nine days after the RCMP arrested Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou in Vancouver on Dec. 1 at the request of the United States, which is seeking her extradition on fraud charges.

Nine days later, China detained former diplomat Kovrig and entrepreneur Spavor on allegations that they were endangering the country's national security. China denies the arrests are retaliation for Meng's detention.

## 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



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### DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED FEBRUARY 14 TO FEBRUARY 20, 2019 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### RESIDENTIAL

##### 12 SOUTHVIEW PLACE SE

(Lot 11, Block 50, Plan 8910248) DP14818. Single Detached House (Covered Deck).



##### 11 SUNDANCE MEWS SW

(Lot 50, Block 30, Plan 0412811) DP14821. Garage.

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](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).

### BYLAW #4503 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE BYLAW #4168 201 2 STREET NW (FORMER RIVERSIDE SCHOOL SITE) AND RIVERSIDE AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERLAY

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 to Bylaw #4503, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend the Land Use Bylaw #4168. The purpose of Bylaw #4503 is to implement policies from the Riverside Area Redevelopment Plan. This includes two components: the rezoning of the former Riverside School site to Direct Control (DC) and the adoption of a Riverside Area Redevelopment Plan Overlay.

A 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 #4503 will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at the address below on Monday, March 18, 2019, beginning at approximately 6:30 pm. Any person who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw may make representation to City Council at the Public Hearing. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

For further information, or to view copy of proposed Bylaw #4503 and related documents, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403.529.8374. Bylaw #4503 may also be accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca).

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to:

City Clerk Department, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6

by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

All submissions are treated as public documents.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 23rd day of February, 2019.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk  
Phone 403.529.8234 • Fax 403.529.8324  
E-mail: [clerk@medicinehat.ca](mailto:clerk@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](http://www.medicinehat.ca/eu)  
or contact Environmental Utilities at  
**403.529.8176.**

## Families of those shot in Toronto attack seek ban on handguns, assault rifles

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TORONTO

Seven months after a gunman went on a shooting rampage in Toronto's Greektown, survivors and victims' loved ones called on Ottawa to ban private ownership of handguns and assault rifles across the country.

The group that gathered Friday at a concert venue just blocks away from where last summer's violence took place read an open letter sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, urging him to change gun laws to help prevent similar attacks in the future.

"What happened to us was a tragedy, and we think we could have had better odds had attitudes towards handgun ownership been different before that night," said Noor Samiei, who was celebrating her 18th birthday with friends on the city's bustling Danforth Avenue when the attack took place.

"What we are asking for is part of a solution to a complex problem, but that does not excuse us from acting."

Samiei's friend, 18-year-old Reese Fallon, and 10-year-old Julianna Kozis were killed in the shooting. Thirteen others were wounded.

"We miss Reese and we miss Julianna. We have to live with that," Samiei said. "But we don't have to live with the laws that could be changed to help prevent this from happening again."

Fallon's 15-year-old sister, who was among those who signed the letter to Trudeau, said her life was forever changed on the night of the shooting.

"No family should ever have to go through what my family and the Kozises do: finding out your 18-year-old sister is lying dead on the Danforth while she was innocently minding her own business out for her best friend's birthday dinner, or rushing your 10-year-old child to Sick Kids with bullet wounds and finding out she's not going to make it," Quinn Fallon said.

The shooter, 29-year-old Faisal Hussain, was found dead nearby shortly after the rampage with what authorities said was a self-inflicted gunshot wound. His parents issued a statement a day after the shooting outlining their son's battle with depression and psychosis and denouncing his "horrific" actions.

The letter sent to Trudeau on Friday calls on the federal government to take concrete action on gun control.

"Having taken some seven months to grieve and consider what we should do to make a difference, we are urging that Canada follow the lead of other like-minded countries such as the UK, Japan and Australia and impose a ban on the private ownership of handguns and military style assault rifles," it reads.

"We acknowledge that this action is not the only step that needs to be taken to stem gun violence; however, we believe it will be impactful and effective as the results in other countries have shown."

The father of a young woman injured in the Greektown Shooting urged politicians to heed the group's call.

"We want our politicians, our elected officials at all levels of government to support what we're asking for today," said Ken Price. "We're reaching out to other Canadians to borrow our grief, if that's the right word to say. This could be you, we don't want this to be you."

A gun control law, Bill C-71, is making its way through the Senate.

It includes changes to the Firearms Act and Criminal Code. Among its amendments are considering events more than five years in the past when judging applicants' eligibility for gun licences and requiring a buyer's licence be verified in the sale of non-restricted firearms.

It does not include an outright ban on private ownership, and Organized Crime Reduction Minister Bill Blair is expected to make further recommendations on gun control in the coming weeks after holding consultations across the country.

"We are committed to reducing gun and gang violence and keeping our communities safe," Blair said Friday in a written statement. "To that effect, we are currently leading a collaborative and comprehensive review of rising gun violence across Canada and are considering all options, including a ban on handguns and assault-style rifles, while not impeding the lawful use of firearms by Canadians."

### ENHANCE YOUR RESUME, EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY

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- ✓ Review the opportunities below, and pick up or download a handbook and application form on our city website: [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca) and click on 'I want to apply'. Feel free to contact the key people listed below if you have additional questions.
- ✓ Ensure you are the right fit: you are a resident of Medicine Hat (except the Public Library Board and the Youth Advisory Board). Police Commission applicants are subject to a records check. All terms are three years except where indicated.
- ✓ Fill out an application form, and submit it to the City Clerk Department by 4:30 pm, February 27, 2019. Drop off: Third Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street SE or apply online & email your application to: [clerk@medicinehat.ca](mailto:clerk@medicinehat.ca)

ENTITY	VACANCIES	ACTIVITIES	MEETING DETAILS	MORE INFORMATION?
ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD	1	Advise Committee & Council on Esplanade & arts/heritage matters	Last Monday of month 5:30 pm	Carrie Wall (403.502.8798)
CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	2	Champion the Downtown, propose policy change, advocate	2nd Tuesday of month 5:45 pm plus activities	CCDA Office (403.529.5997)
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD	1	Management, regulation & control of Library	1st Wednesday of month 7:00 pm ± 2 hours plus minimum of 1 monthly sub-committee meeting ± 2 hours	Ken Feser (403.502.8528)
URBAN ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD	2	Advise Committee and Council on parks/urban environment/recreation	3rd Wednesday of month 5 pm ± 2 hours	James Will (403.529.8312)
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD	2 (Must be aged 15-21)	Advise Committee and Council on youth issues/needs	4th Wednesday of month - 4:30 pm (subject to change)	Leslie Jerry (403.502.8086)

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