

# Cash incentives for parties could help get more women in politics: MPs

The Canadian Press

A House of Commons committee is making a cross-party call for the federal government to offer financial incentives to political parties that nominate more women candidates to run for election.

The recommendation is one of 14 recommendations the status of women committee made in a new report about the ongoing under-representation of women in politics, titled "Elect her: A roadmap for improving the representation of women in Canadian politics."

"Despite their growing political participation, women represent just 35 per cent of all legislators in Canada and remain under-represented at all levels of government," the report said.

"Increasing women's participation in electoral politics is essential for achieving greater gender equality. Having more women in elected office is about more than achieving equality in a traditionally male-dominated field - it could also have significant effects on public policy."

The committee zeroed in on the role that political parties play, saying they should work harder to get more women to run by eliminating sexism and biases that might be built into their recruitment efforts.

One potential fix, the committee says, would be to offer cash incentives, such as subsidies, to encourage parties to help more women get nominated and then elected.

Witnesses and experts who spoke to the committee cited New Brunswick's example of changing the formula for the per-vote subsidy to favour female candidates in provincial elections. Votes received by female candidates are weighted 1.5 times greater than votes received by male candidates in the province, which encourages parties to run women in competitive ridings where they are more likely to win.

The federal per-vote subsidy was eliminated in 2015.

The government must now respond to the report. Gender Equality Minister Maryam Monsef's office has yet to respond to a request for comment.

Studies looking at the issue have found that when party members are given the option to vote for female nominees, they often do. In addition, early and long nomination campaigns are more likely to attract female contestants, the committee heard.

But the rules and processes associated with nomination and election campaigns can be complicated, and decision-making within parties was described by some as "opaque."

"Women may benefit from increased transparency and accountability in nomination and election campaign processes, as this would confirm that all candidates are subject to the same rules," the report says.

The committee said Ottawa should also consider encouraging parties to set voluntary quotas for how many female candidates they plan to field and publicly report on efforts to recruit female candidates after every general election.

Other recommendations include a call for publicly funded education campaigns and training to counter the negative effects of gender-based harassment of female politicians, both in traditional and social media. The committee also said Statistic Canada should get more funding to expand its data collection on the participation and engagement of diverse groups of women in political activities.

## 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 APRIL 4 TO APRIL 10, 2019 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL	
<b>5201 SOUTHLANDS DRIVE SE</b>	(Lot 1, Block 3, Plan 1012845) DP14867. Multiple Unit Residential Development Including Maximum Density, Southerly Side Setback and Northerly Side Setback Variances.
<b>2040 UPLAND DRIVE SE</b>	(Lot 4, Block 4, Plan 6160JK) DP14894. Single Detached House.
HOME OCCUPATION	
<b>41 RUNDLE CRESCENT SE</b>	(Lot 10, Block 40, Plan 8610678) DP14884. Customers to Attend Site. Sewing/Alteration/Dressmaking.
<b>69 TWEED AVENUE NW</b>	(Lot 1, Block 12, Plan 703HE) DP14889. Office Use With Storage on Site. Service - Cleaning Commercial Kitchen Exhausts & Grease Traps.
<b>13 SUNDANCE BAY SW</b>	(Lot 15, Block 30, Plan 0312198) DP14892. Office Use With Storage on Site. Mobile Food Vendor.
<b>48 GRAY CRESCENT NW</b>	(Lot 33, Block 2, Plan 6641JK) DP14895. Office Use Only. General Contractor/Project Manager.

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).**

### YARD WASTE COLLECTION STARTS

Regular collection of yard waste material starts **Monday, April 15, 2019.**

Download the MyWaste App to your smartphone or refer to [medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule](http://medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule) to determine your first scheduled yard waste collection day. Yard Waste collection remains on the same day as household waste collection.

To ensure successful collection of yard waste materials, please remember the following tips:

- Place grass clippings and other yard materials loosely in the yard waste cart
- Cut branches and trimmings to less than 3ft (1m) in length and 2in (5cm) in diameter to fit inside the cart
- Do not over pack or overfill the cart
- Do not place yard waste or garbage outside of carts as it cannot be collected
- Do not contaminate yard waste with plastic bags, garbage or food waste.
- Be sure to set yard waste and household garbage carts 3ft (1m) apart.

If you do not have a yard waste cart or would like more information, contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 or by email to [eu@medicinehat.ca](mailto:eu@medicinehat.ca).

### PARKS AND RECREATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GAS CITY CAMPGROUND

**Reserve Online Now**  
Opening Weekend May 3rd  
Free WIFI is back for entire campground  
**Reserve Online today**  
<http://www.medicinehat.ca/campground>

#### EVENTS IN OUR PARKS & TRAILS

*Please be aware of the following events taking place in City Parks*

**April 27th** - Rattler Run - Kin Coulee Park and Trails  
**May 4th** - Mental Health Walk/Run - Kin Coulee Park and Trails  
**May 5th** - MS Walk - Kin Coulee Park and Trails  
**May 11** - Walk to Cure Diabetes - Echo Dale Regional Park Trails  
**May 25th** - Conquer the Coulee  
 Kin Coulee Park will be closed to vehicular traffic  
**May 26th** - Medicine Hat Kidney Walk - Strathcona Trails / YMCA  
**June 1st & 2nd** - Spectrum - Kin Coulee Park  
**June 2** - Gusto Walk - Central Park  
**June 8** - Color Run - Hues for Humanity - Echo Dale Regional Park Trails

#### OUTDOOR WASHROOMS AND PARK BUILDINGS

We are anticipating all washroom facilities open for the third weekend in April  
*Here is a list of Outdoor Washrooms available from May until September 2018*

Strathcona Island Park  
 Kin Coulee (Toboggan Hill; band shell; west ball diamond)  
 Kin Coulee Kinette Kitchen - closed during renovations  
 Saamis Rotary Park  
 Ross Glen Towne Centre  
 Kiwanis Central Park  
 Police Point Nature Centre  
 Lions Park Ball Diamond  
 Echo Dale Regional Park Washrooms

#### SAAMIS ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

Did you know that the Saamis Archeological Site west of the Trans Canada overpass through Kin Coulee is one of the largest and most significant First Nation camps in Southeastern Alberta; and was designated a Provincial History Site in the 1980's by the Province.

#### BYLAW REMINDER PARK HOURS #2527

Reminder to residents that all Parks have been designated to close at 11:00 pm each night. All fires should be extinguished before you leave the Park. All Environmental Reserve and Park areas are off limits to a motor vehicle, trailers, or any other personal property items unless a permit is issued from the department.

### PARKS MAINTENANCE

Trail sweeping has commenced, there may be areas in which trail crews are still cleaning please watch for crews and keep distance when equipment is running.  
 Robertson Park is receiving some trail maintenance. The flag stone in the park is being removed and replaced with a crushed aggregate, the stone is starting to break causing trip and fall hazards.

### 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: May 15, 2019**

Applications and Guidelines are available at [www.medicinehat.ca/grants](http://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](mailto:culturalgrants@medicinehat.ca).

### WATER MAIN FLUSHING & FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS

Environmental Utilities performs regular, routine maintenance to uphold the water quality and system infrastructure by annually flushing water mains and inspecting fire hydrants.

During these operations, there may be some discoloration in the water which is not harmful to consume and will disappear when flushing is complete. Please note that discoloured water should not be used for laundry and that fluctuating water pressure may also be noticed.

Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, turn on your cold water tap or an outside sprinkler and let the water run for several minutes until the water runs clear.

For additional information or to confirm whether crews are working in your zone, refer to the Water Flushing Programs page on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca/eu](http://www.medicinehat.ca/eu) or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

### RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION

**COLLECTION DAY CHANGES**

There will be no residential waste collection on Friday April 19, 2019 due to the Good Friday statutory holiday. Waste collection zones will advance as follows:

DATE	CITY ZONE
Friday, April 19	No Collection
Monday, April 22	Zone 4
Tuesday, April 23	Zone 5
Wednesday, April 24	Zone 1
Thursday, April 25	Zone 2
Friday, April 26	Zone 3

Download the MyWaste App, refer to [medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule](http://medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule) or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.

- #### CART COLLECTION TIPS
- Carts must be out by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
  - Waste carts are collected separately with collection times that vary throughout the day.
  - Make sure carts are accessible with 3ft (1m) clearance on all sides.
  - Ensure cart lids are closed to avoid litter or collection problems.
  - Contaminated blue recycling carts will not be collected.

To prevent theft or damage to your cart; remove carts off roadways, sidewalks, back lanes etc. and return to private property within 24 hours of collection.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Residents are reminded that the City of Medicine Hat Waste Management Facility will **remain open on Friday April 19, 2019** and currently operates on regular hours from April 1 to October 31 as follows:

- Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Refer to [medicinehat.ca/eu](http://medicinehat.ca/eu), download the MyWaste App, or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Community Development Department offers grants to non-profit groups for innovative projects meeting social needs in the community. Grant monies of up to \$15,000 may be available. Sponsoring groups must provide at least 20% of project costs.

**Application Deadline: 3 pm, May 1, 2019**

Applications and guidelines are available online at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca)

For further information, please call 403-529-8316.