

Tories call on government to compensate dairy farmers 'left behind' in new NAFTA

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The Conservative opposition says the government must compensate dairy farmers within 90 days of the new North American trade deal becoming law, saying the sector is the biggest loser in the renegotiated continental trade pact.

The recommendation comes in a letter to Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland from Conservative MPs, a copy of which was obtained by The Canadian Press.

Dairy was one of the most contentious sectors under discussion during the acrimonious renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement that U.S. President Donald Trump foisted on Canada and Mexico in 2017.

The sector also has major domestic political considerations in all trade negotiations, and Canada and the U.S. are no exceptions.

Trump vilified Canadian farmers for putting American farmers out of work with what he deemed to be unfair practices in Canada. Trump pledged to fight for American farmers, and whether

or not he is seen to have delivered will affect his re-election chances, especially in key midwestern states such as Wisconsin.

Quebec and Ontario — Canada's two most vote-rich provinces — are the main homes of the country's dairy farmers.

The Canadian dairy industry has raised concerns about how trade deals were eroding its share of the Canadian market not only during the renegotiation of NAFTA, but in the previous trade talks that led to Canada's comprehensive pact with the European Union.

"The largest group left behind by your government during the CUSMA negotiations is Canada's dairy sector," says the letter, which cites a 3.6 per cent loss of market share in Canada due to the deal.

That and the elimination of classifications of milk protein concentrates, skim milk powder and infant formula "all combine to make the dairy sector the biggest loser of this deal," says the letter.

The Conservatives also ask the government to delay implementation of the new deal for the auto industry to January 2021 "to allow them to adjust to the new climate

of the deal."

The impasse around autos was one of the biggest hurdles during the renegotiation of NAFTA because the United States insisted on new rules to increase the North American content automobiles.

The government's own economic impact assessment of the new deal, released this week, predicted that Canadian auto exports to the U.S. would decline by US\$1.5 billion, the Conservative letter notes.

But the government's analysis said the deal was better for Canada overall and was better than no trade deal at all.

The Conservatives also raise concerns about the impact of the new deal on the ability of Canadian firms to bid on U.S. infrastructure projects, on digital trade, culture and forestry.

The U.S. and Mexico have formally ratified the new deal, but it is still before Canada's Parliament.

Canadian business groups have urged politicians to set aside political differences and the get the new Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement — as it is called in Canada — to passed into law as quickly as possible to end the economic uncertainty that



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threatens trade and investment.

The Liberals have negotiated separate deals with the NDP and Bloc Quebecois to win their approval for a quick ratification of the deal in the current minority Parliament.

The Conservatives say they support the deal too, but say it is crucial to more closely examine its winners and losers so that the pact remains strong in the future.

The letter also shoots back at

past criticism by Freeland that the Conservatives are stalling the ratification of CUSMA.

"This is patently false. In fact, we have offered repeatedly to expedite our study of the legislation to ensure swift ratification, but at every stage your government has chosen to play politics," the letter says.

"Conservatives have always been clear that we will support CUSMA's swift passage."

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 20 TO FEBRUARY 26, 2020 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

45 1 STREET SW

(Lot 6, Block B, Plan 23560) DP15266.
Garage Including Gross Floor Area Variance.



352 SOMERSIDE CRESCENT SE

(Lot 11, Block 10, Plan 1012845) DP15317. Single Detached House Including Front Setback Variance.

COMMERCIAL

7 STOBBER BAY SE

(Lot 1, Block 3, Plan 1711379) DP15224.
One Free Standing Sign.

622 16 STREET SW

(Lot 26, Block 7, Plan 3420AH) DP15280. One Projecting Sign Including Sign Area and Sign Projection Variance.

109 - 3215 DUNMORE ROAD SE

(Lot 7, Block 2, Plan 8910652) DP15328.
One Fascia Sign.

HOME OCCUPATION

35 TERRACE CIRCLE NE

(Lot 48, Block 8, Plan 0513294) DP15331. Office With Storage On Site. Consultant (Dog Training).

2150 HAWKE CRESCENT NE

(Lot 39, Block 1, Plan 7410918) DP15333. Office With Storage On Site. Janitorial Service.

85 STRATTON CLOSE SE

(Lot 4, Block 6, Plan 0311185) DP15336.
Office Use Only. Computer Services.

61 CRAVEN PLACE SE

(Lot 30, Block 3, Plan 7510142) DP15337. Office Use With Storage On Site. Online Sales (Women's Clothing).

337 4 STREET NW

(Lot 31, Block 14, Plan 726M) DP15338.
Office Use With Storage On Site. Automotive Detailing.

46 SUNWOOD PLACE SW

(Lot 23, Block 33, Plan 0510654) DP15339. 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

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).

2020 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Assessment Roll for the City of Medicine Hat has been prepared for Single Family Residential and Farmland properties and the Assessment Notices will be mailed on February 28, 2020. Non-Residential and Multi-Family property Assessment Notices will be mailed a month later on April 9, 2020.

The Assessment Roll is open for inspection for Single Family Residential and Farmland property as of February 28, 2020, in the Assessment Department, City Hall, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on every day of the week except Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays. If you wish to object to the entry or omission of your name, or that of any other person, or to the assessment of your property or any other property upon the said roll, on or before May 8, 2020, you must complete and submit the Assessment Review Board Complaint form together with the applicable complaint registration fee. An agent may file a complaint on your behalf if you, the assessed owner, complete an Assessment Complaint Agent Authorization form. Submit completed forms to the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board at the following address:

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT
CITY HALL, 580 1 STREET SE
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA
T1A 8E6
ATTENTION: CLERK OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

Your complaint must include the following:

- indicate what information shown on an assessment notice or tax notice is incorrect,
- explain in what respect that information is incorrect,
- indicate what the correct information is, and
- identify the requested assessed value, if the complaint relates to an assessment.
- include the appropriate complaint registration fee.

Please ensure your complaint form includes all reasons for appealing. The Assessment Review Board cannot consider matters not included on your form.

Forms are available at the Assessment Department, Main floor, City Hall or at www.medicinehat.ca.

Dated this 22nd day of February 2020.

Sue Sterkenburg, AMAA
City Assessor

***Note: Prior to filing a complaint, property owners are encouraged to contact the Assessment Department, Main Floor, City Hall, or phone (403) 529-8114, to resolve any concerns and possibly avoid a formal complaint to the Assessment Review Board.**

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, April 1, 2020

Applications and guidelines are available online at www.medicinehat.ca

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

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 pen) 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.

TO ADOPT THE TRI-AREA INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BYLAW #4605

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Monday, February 3, 2020 to Bylaw #4605, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to adopt the Tri-Area Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Whereas the requirements of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 requires two or more councils of municipalities that have common boundaries must, by each passing a bylaw, adopt an Intermunicipal development plan to include those areas of land lying within the boundaries of the municipalities as they consider necessary,

And whereas the City of Medicine Hat, the Town of Redcliff and Cypress County have prepared a Tri-Area Intermunicipal Development Plan,

And whereas a joint public hearing was held by the council of the City of Medicine Hat, Town of Redcliff, and Cypress County on February 27, 2020; as provided for in the Municipal Government Act RSA 2000, Chapter M-26.

In general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of the Second/Third Readings of proposed Bylaw #4605 will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at the address below on Monday, March 16, 2020 beginning at approximately 6:30 pm.

For further information, or to view copy of proposed Bylaw #4605 and related documents, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403.529.8374. Bylaw #4605 may also be accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 29th day of February, 2020.

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