

Bottcher oozing confidence

GREGORY STRONG
The Canadian Press

KINGSTON, Ont.
After close losses in the last two Tim Hortons Brier finals, Brendan Bottcher's Alberta team is well aware of the importance of having the hammer in the championship game.

They moved a big step closer to that goal Friday by locking up first place in the championship pool and securing a berth in the 1-2 Page playoff game.

Bottcher dumped Ontario's John Epping 10-3 in the afternoon draw for his ninth victory.

"If we keep playing like we've played up to now, I think our team is capable of winning the Brier," Bottcher said. "If we play anything less than that, I think we're going to have our work cut out for us."

Bottcher improved to 10-1 in the evening with a 4-2 win over Team Wild Card's Mike McEwen.

Saskatchewan's Matt Dunstone (8-3) moved up to the No. 2 seed after a 6-5 win over Brad Gushue (8-3), a result that knocked the veteran Newfoundland and Labrador skip down to the 3-4 Page game.

Dunstone, who has delivered a variety of game-winning shots this week, came through again with a double-takeout for the victory.

"I'm a man of many words often and I actually don't know what to say," said Saskatchewan

coach Adam Kingsbury.

Ontario beat Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs 10-6 to leave both teams at 7-4 along with McEwen and Canada's Kevin Koe. Those four teams will play tiebreakers to determine the fourth seed.

"We knew what we had to do out there and we needed a little help from the other teams on the ice," Epping said. "It all worked out well for us."

Tiebreakers will start Saturday morning and the winners will meet in the afternoon.

Epping ended Northern Ontario's six-game winning streak by taking control after Jacobs tried a tap for three in the ninth end. Northern Ontario settled for one and Ontario had hammer coming home up one.

Earlier, Canada lead Ben Hebert looked resigned to the fact the 2019 champs seemed unlikely to defend their title.

"We're able to beat anyone when we play good," he said. "But it's just consistently we haven't been able to crank it up and stay there."

The Koe rink closed the championship round with a 7-3 win over Manitoba's Jason Gunnlaugson and then the dominoes fell their way.

Hebert was one of several players who stuck around at ice level to watch the remaining games Friday night. It turned out that 5-6 Manitoba was the only team that would be eliminated.



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Team Alberta skip Brendan Bottcher looks on as second Brad Thiessen, left, and lead Karrick Martin sweep as they take on Team Wild Card during the championship round at the Brier in Kingston, Ont., on Friday.

CBC commits to equal coverage

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From Brooke Henderson to Bianca Andreescu to Kia Nurse, the Canadian sporting landscape is jam-packed with female stars.

But women's stories are often secondary behind the virtual blanket coverage of men's sports.

Chris Wilson, the executive director of CBC Sports and Olympics, knows as a father of three daughters, female sports role models seldom take centre stage.

"(My daughters) don't relate to female athletes on TV except for maybe during the Olympics when a Penny Oleksiak shows up out of nowhere and you're like 'Wow!' She's a star for a certain period of time," Wilson said. "By us trying to build some momentum and some volume where people can start seeing and hearing from and listening to women's sporting heroes, of which Canada is loaded with some right now — loaded! — we can play a good social role for young girls."

CBC Sports announced Friday a commitment to providing gender equal coverage in its original content, which Wilson knows won't

be an easy task, but will be a huge improvement.

According to Canadian Women & Sport (formerly CAAWS), only four per cent of sports programming on Canada's national networks feature women's sport.

"And we're going to make sure that when you look across our entire CBC sports ecosystem over the course of a year, that we're covering as much women's sport as we're covering men," Wilson said.

CBC made the announcement two days before International Women's Day.

Wilson said while CBC's commitment to balanced coverage is the "right thing" to do, there's also a bigger appetite for women's sports coverage than ever before, and would position Canada's public broadcaster as a leader in women's sports.

In celebration of International Women's Day, Sportsnet is featuring an all-female broadcast — play-by-play announcer Leah Hextall, game analyst Cassie Campbell-Pascall, and reporter Christine Simpson — for Sunday's NHL game between the Calgary Flames and Vegas Golden Knights.

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 FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 4, 2020 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

19 TERRACE BEND NE (Lot , Block 2, Plan 1810605) DP15330. Single Detached House Including Rear Setback and Left Side Setback Variance.

5302 SOUTHLANDS DRIVE SE (Lot 80, Block 4, Plan 1411496) DP15334. Single Detached House.

5306 SOUTHLANDS DRIVE SE (Lot 81, Block 4, Plan 1411496) DP15335. Single Detached House.

HOME OCCUPATION

402 85 TERRACE DRIVE NE (Lot , Block 39, Plan 0713096) DP15340. Office Use Only. Bricklaying And Masonry.

541 E ALLOWANCE AVENUE SE (Lot 2, Block J, Plan 59388) DP14341. Office Use with Storage On Site. Mobile Food Vendor.

503 ROSS GLEN DRIVE SE (Lot 54, Block 10, Plan 7810695) DP15343. Customers To Attend Site. Bookkeeping.

175 10 STREET SW (Lot 19, Block 22, Plan 2177M) DP15344. Office Use With Storage On Site. General Contractor/Project Manager.

2114 24 STREET SE (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1171LK) DP15345. Customers To Attend Site. Beauty Salon.

6 SCHULER PLACE SE (Lot 7, Block 25, Plan 9011219) DP15349. Office Use Only. Moving And Storage Company.

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).

GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR MARCH

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

Natural Gas

The March natural gas commodity rate of \$1.5730 per gigajoule (GJ), down from the previous month of \$2.2215 per GJ, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners.

March 2020 (per GJ)	Rate per GJ
Direct Energy Regulated Services (North and South)	\$1.6600
AltaGas Utilities Inc.	\$1.4860
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$1.5730

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 March electricity rate of \$0.06865 per kilowatt hour, down from the previous month of \$0.08315 per kilowatt hour, 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*.

March 2020 (per kilowatt hour)	Rate per kWh
Direct Energy Regulated Services	\$0.06793
ENMAX Energy Corporation	\$0.06570
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (Edmonton)	\$0.07104
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (outside Edmonton)	\$0.06991
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.06865

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*.

The March 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 February was \$0.05633 per kilowatt hour.

The City of Medicine Hat also offers a fixed electric commodity price for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial customers. The fixed rate for 2020 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 2020 is \$3.50 per 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 March is \$0.0030 per kilowatt hour.

For further information, please contact:

Brad Maynes, Commissioner Energy & Utilities Division
City of Medicine Hat • 403.502.8756

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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