

# Russia denial of Navalny poisoning taken with grain of salt: Champagne

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OTTAWA  
Canada and its G7 allies are taking Russia's denials of the poisoning of Alexei Navalny with a skepticism, Foreign Affairs Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne said Friday.

Navalny is in a Berlin hospital after being placed in an induced coma and Germany has accused Russia of poisoning him with a chemical nerve agent. The Kremlin has denied it had anything to do with poisoning Navalny on an Aug. 20 trip from Siberia.

"I think everyone is looking at that with a grain of salt," Champagne told *The Canadian Press*.

Canada is working with Germany and G7 partners on a co-ordinated response to Russia's attack on a leading political opposition figure.

Champagne wouldn't say whether sanctions or more diplomatic expulsions may be in store, saying the focus is on bringing the perpetrators of the attack to justice.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg also said Friday that there was "proof beyond doubt" that Navalny was poisoned by a military-grade agent from the Novichok group, a set of toxins developed by the Soviet Union.

Earlier this week, Champagne took part in a virtual meeting of foreign ministers from the G20, a group that

includes Russia, Saudi Arabia and China.

But Canada chose the smaller G7 - which is made up leading democratic countries - to have a more robust discussion about dealing with what Champagne called an outrageous move by the government of Russian President Vladimir Putin to stifle dissent.

"I cannot conceive a world under which Novichok or a poisoning substance of the group of the Novichok would have been used in Russia without any state directly or indirectly being involved. I think everyone is looking at that with, I would say,

a certain element of doubt," he said.

Champagne's German and French counterparts, Heiko Maas and Jean-Yves Le Drian, issued a joint statement on Friday calling for the perpetrators on the attack on Navalny to be tried for what they called a "despicable act."

Britain has identified Novichok as the agent that was used to poison ex-Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the English city of Salisbury in March 2018. The Skripal affair led to round of retaliatory diplomatic expulsions between Russia and Western countries.

Michael Bociurkiw, a Canadian-born analyst who has worked for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, said Canada and its allies have a number of "harsher measures" they could impose on Russia.

"More sanctions but in a co-ordinated way, which includes expulsion of diplomats and closure of diplomatic posts — even suspending landing rights for Russian registered aircraft," said Bociurkiw. He also called for swift measures to "block private or commercial property purchases by Russians or those suspected of being associated with Russian buyers with money which cannot be substantiated or traced."



Francois-Philippe Champagne

## 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 AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### RESIDENTIAL

- 80 SOUTH RIDGE CRESCENT SW** (Lot 22, Block 2, Plan 7910368) PLDP20201017. Single Detached House (Above Ground Pool). 
- 45 HAMPTONS GATE SE** (Lot 48, Block 8, Plan 1812178) PLDP20201059. Single Detached House (In Ground Pool).
- 26 7 AVENUE SW** (Lot 28, Block 1, Plan 8210696) PLDP202011167. Garage (Addition).
- 188 RANCHVIEW WAY NE** (Lot 26, Block 16, Plan 0910426) PLDP20201182. Single Detached House.
- 49 DE HAVILLAND BLVD SW** (Lot 11, Block 4, Plan 8010927) PLDP20201190. Single Detached House (Above Ground Pool).
- 520 A 2 AVE SE** (Lot 10, Block 9, Plan 636M) PLDP20201191. Single Detached House (Addition).
- 424 DUNDEE STREET SE** (Lot 13, Block 93, Plan 636M) PLDP20201207. Garage.
- 115 SIERRA DRIVE SW** (Lot 22, Block 25, Plan 0313388) PLDP20201219. Garage.
- 188 RANCHVIEW WAY NE** (Lot 26, Block 16, Plan 0910426) PLDP20201221. Single Detached House (Garage).

#### COMMERCIAL

- 2500 BOX SPRINGS BOULEVARD NW** (Lot , Block 1, Plan 1311217) PLDP20201032. Excavation For BSBP Storm Extension.
- 299 COLLEGE DRIVE SE** (Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1410729) PLDP20201108. Education Institution (Addition).
- 760 3 STREET SE** (Lot 22, Block 25, Plan 0313388) PLDP20201155. One LED Sign.
- 2948 DUNMORE ROAD SE** (Lot 25, Block 46, Plan 8111546) PLDP20201209. Garage.
- 1870 A 6 AVENUE SW** (Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 9011188) PLDP20201266. Discretionary Change of Use (Retail and Consumer Services).

#### HOME OCCUPATION

- 549 12 STREET SW** (Lots 18-24, Block 13, Plan 1491) PLDP20201110. Employee To Attend Site. Housekeeping.
- 153 5 STREET SE** (Lot 20, Block 82, Plan 636M) PLDP20201142. Office With Storage On Site. General Contractor/Project Manager.
- 229 SEVEN PERSONS DRIVE SW** (Lot 21, Block 8, Plan 7711294) PLDP20201197. Customers To Attend Site. Automotive Detailing.

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).

### 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.

### NOTICE OF FIRST READING DEBENTURE BORROWING BYLAW #4627

TAKE NOTICE that the municipal council of the City of Medicine Hat gave first reading on Monday, April 20, 2020 to Borrowing Bylaw #4627. In order to complete the project (the "Project") listed below, the City has elected to borrow monies from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA) or another authorized financial institution by the issuance of debenture, pursuant to Section 258 of the Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 Chapter M-26.

Bylaw #	Purpose of Borrowing	Estimated Total Cost	Amount to Be Borrowed
4627	2020 NGPR Abandonment & Reclamation Program	\$125,000,000	\$80,000,000

The Municipality shall repay the indebtedness of Bylaw #4627 according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual or annual equal payments of interest only or combined principal and interest installments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing and not to exceed ten percent (10%).

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that, unless a sufficient petition demanding a poll of the electors is received within 15 days following the date of the last publication of this Notice, the Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw as described in the Municipal Government Act, Sections 219 to 226.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a copy of the aforesaid proposed Bylaw may be accessed via the "Proposed Bylaws" section on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca).

DATED at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 5th day of September, 2020.

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### RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION

#### COLLECTION DAY CHANGES

There will be **no residential waste collection on Monday, September 7, 2020** due to the Labour Day Statutory Holiday. Waste collection zones will advance as follows:

DATE	CITY ZONE
Monday, September 7	No Collection
Tuesday, September 8	Zone 5
Wednesday, September 9	Zone 1
Thursday, September 10	Zone 2
Friday, September 11	Zone 3
Monday, September 14	Zone 4

Download the Recycle Coach 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 as well as yard waste material in plastic bags will not be collected.

Prevent theft or damage to your carts! 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 be closed on Monday September 7, 2020**, re-opening the following business day.

Hours of Operation are as follows:

- Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Closed on Sunday

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### GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR SEPTEMBER

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

#### Natural Gas

The September natural gas commodity rate of \$2.5885 per gigajoule (GJ), up from the previous month of \$1.7550 per GJ, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners.

September 2020 (per GJ)	Rate per GJ
Direct Energy Regulated Services (North and South)	\$2.4920
AltaGas Utilities Inc.	\$2.6850
<b>City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)</b>	<b>\$2.5885</b>

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 September electricity rate of \$0.07498 per kilowatt hour, up from the previous month of \$0.06462 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*.

September 2020 (per kilowatt hour)	Rate per kWh
Direct Energy Regulated Services	\$0.07312
ENMAX Energy Corporation	\$0.07167
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (Edmonton)	\$0.07684
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (outside Edmonton)	\$0.07556
<b>City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)</b>	<b>\$0.07498</b>

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 September 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 August was \$0.06105 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 September is \$0.0060 per kilowatt hour.

#### For further information, please contact:

Brad Maynes, Commissioner Energy & Utilities Division  
City of Medicine Hat • 403.525.8614.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH COVID-19 PRACTICES IN PLACE – ESPLANADE STUDIO THEATRE

Medicine Hat City Council will meet as scheduled on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be open to the public and is being held at the Esplanade Studio Theatre, 401 First Street SE. Adjustments are in place to ensure alignment with current Alberta Health requirements related to COVID-19. Please note seating for the public will be limited.

Members of the public can view City Council meetings online at the City's YouTube account at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityMedicineHat>

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 #4634 and Bylaw #4635 will be held at the Esplanade Studio Theatre on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 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 #4634 and Bylaw #4635, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403.529.8374. These bylaws may also be accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca).

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 4th day of September, 2020.

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