

Johnson looks to finally get going

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AVONDALE, Ariz. Jimmie Johnson's car failed inspection before the Daytona 500 and he didn't last long in the race, collected in a wreck on the second lap. His crew chief was suspended six races and fined \$100,000, and his car chief will have to watch for six races, too. Johnson also was docked 25 points and

heads into this weekend's race at Phoenix International Raceway last in the Sprint Cup standings. He's hoping to have a good race just so he can get out of the red in points. Coming off his worst year in NASCAR, this isn't how the five-time champion wanted to get his season started. "It's certainly not a position we want to be in," Johnson said

Friday. "But there's a lot of racing between now and September." Johnson wasn't much of a factor last season in his bid to win six straight Sprint Cup championships. He made the Chase after winning just one race and finished sixth in the final standings, 99 points behind champion Tony Stewart. Johnson vowed to turn it around in 2012.



AP PHOTO/JOHN RAOUX
Crew members work on the car of driver Jimmie Johnson after a crash during the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Monday.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
SPECIAL SERVICES
Electric Outages 403.529.8260
Gas Emergency 403.529.8191
Water and Sewer Emergency 403.502.8042
** After Hours Special Services
403-526-2828

YOUR GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY IS CHANGING

There will be no solid waste collection on Friday, March 9th, 2012 due to staff training. All residential garbage zone collection days will advance by one day starting as outlined in the schedule below and in the Annual Collection Calendar.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 5 – Zone 5	March 6 – Zone 1	March 7 – Zone 2	March 8 – Zone 3	March 9 – No Collection

If you are unsure of your garbage collection zone and annual schedule for your residence, please visit the Environmental Utilities Department website at www.medicinehat.ca and refer to the garbage collection zone map and schedule or call 403-529-8176 for a paper copy of the Annual Collection Calendar.

To ensure that your garbage is collected, please make sure that it is set out by 7:00 a.m. according to the set out standards on the morning of your collection day.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED FEB. 23 TO FEB. 29, 2012, PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL	
28 Somerset Point SE	(Lot 31, Block 1, Plan 0612243) Permit No. DP9472. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling with Attached and Rear Detached Garages.
3 Red Oak Place SE	(Lot 31, Block 28, Plan 8010679) Permit No. DP9460. With Conditions. Covered Patio.
7 Stratton Place SE	(Lot 45, Block 13, Plan 1111043) Permit No. DP9484. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
40 Somerset Cres SE	(Lot 33, Block 1, Plan 0612243) Permit No. DP10510. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
54 Sterling Link SE	(Lot 7, Block 14, Plan 1111043) Permit No. DP9535. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
COMMERCIAL	
103-505 1 Street SE	(Lot 1 to 7, Block 5, Plan 1491) Permit No. DP9468. With Conditions. Fascia Sign.
70 Brier Park Bay NW	(Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 8410187) Permit No. DP9475. With Conditions. 4 Sand Storage Bins.
79 Carry Drive SE	(Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 7910431) Permit No. DP9552. With Conditions. Interior Renovations and Change of Use to Retail/Pet Store.
HOME OCCUPATION	
32 Cameron Road SE	(Lot 22, Block 2, Plan 7510668) Permit No. DP9586. Office Use Only. Mobile Furnace & Duct Cleaning – 3 Year Renewal.
245 1 Street SW	(Lot 12, 13, 43, 44, Block 1, G, Plan 1807M, 833M) Permit No. DP9587. Office Use Only. Oilfield Consulting and Steam Company – 3 Year Renewal.
408 Sissons Crescent SE	(Lot 20, Block 5, Plan 7711294) Permit No. DP9589. Office Use Only. Sprinkler Installation and Repairs – 3 Year Renewal.
1657 31 Street SE	(Lot 8, Block 51, Plan 8910248) Permit No. DP9590. Office Use Only. Language Assessments – 3 Year Renewal.
501 Connaught Drive SW	(Lot 30, Block 4, Plan 252HD) Permit No. DP9591. Office Use Only. Concrete Installer – 3 Year Renewal.
3 - 76 Crockett Way SE	(Lot 21, Block 1, Plan 731504) Permit No. DP9594. Office Use Only. Electrician – 3 Year Renewal.
40 Taylor Ave SE	(Lot 5, Block 54, Plan 9511255) Permit No. DP9595. Office Use Only. Tailoring – 3 Year Renewal.
33 8 Street SE	(Lot 8, Block 10, Plan 1132M) Permit No. DP9596. Office Use Only. General Contractor – 3 Year Renewal.
166 6 Avenue NW	(Lot 6, Block 1, Plan 6296HN) Permit No. DP9597. Office Use Only. Oilfield Consultant – 3 Year Renewal.
33 2 Street NW	(Lot 31, 32, 33, Block 1, Plan 726M) Permit No. DP9598. Office Use Only. Environmental/Oilfield Consulting – 3 Year Renewal.
46 Pioneer Crescent NE	(Lot 5, Block 11, Plan 9311380) Permit No. DP9599. Office Use Only. Housekeeping – 3 Year Renewal.
57 Cameron Road SE	(Lot 18, Block 9, Plan 7410538) Permit No. DP9600. Office Use Only. Bookkeeping – 3 Year Renewal.
1274 Crockford Crescent NW	(Lot 15, Block 2, Plan 6641JK) Permit No. DP9602. Office Use Only. Physiotherapy – 3 Year Renewal.
1901 23 Street SE	(Lot 1, Block 36, Plan 1655HS) Permit No. DP9603. Office Use Only. Electrical Installation – 3 Year Renewal.
61 8 Street NE	(Lot 8, Block 5, Plan 4440AH) Permit No. DP9604. Office Use Only. Drain Cleaning – 3 Year Renewal.
8 Rice Bay SE	(Lot 20, Block 33, Plan 8311431) Permit No. DP9606. Office Use Only. Transcription – 3 Year Renewal.
20 Rossdale Street SE	(Lot 5, Block 7, Plan 7611036) Permit No. DP9609. Office Use Only. Home Inspections – 3 Year Renewal.

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 fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca

Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning, Building & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 529-8374).

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 per project may be available. Sponsoring group must provide at least 20% of project costs.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 4:30 PM FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012

Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 3rd Floor, Community Development or on-line at www.medicinehat.ca under "Grants"

For further information, please contact Social Development at 529-8316.

NON-BINDING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR BUSINESS SPACE Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre, a Facility of the City of Medicine Hat

The Cultural Development Department has a unique business opportunity to provide valued service to our Esplanade visitors. The Department extends an invitation to submit a Non-Binding Expression of Interest (EOI) to lease space within the Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre. This opportunity is open to innovative and creative proponents who have a desire to take advantage of premier space in the Esplanade. The City will review the applications and determine whom the City may enter into negotiations with based on the information provided. The City of Medicine Hat reserves the right to reject any or all expressions of interest.

SPACE: The Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre attracts over 80,000 visitors per year. It is a modern building that projects a professional and aesthetically pleasing appearance. The two spaces relative to this EOI are accessed from the large, public main floor lobby which also includes the entrances into the Theatres, Museum and Art Gallery.

The available spaces include:

- Area approx. 37 square metres
- Area approx. 62 square metres
 - Cupboards/cabinets with 2 sinks, counter approx. 4.23 metres
 - Counter approx. 3.77 metres
- Storage room of approx. 11 square metres
- Storage room of approx. 7.5 square metres

VIEWING:

- There will be an Open House for anyone interested in viewing the spaces on **Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM** at the Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre, 401 First Street S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta.

SUBMISSIONS TO INCLUDE:

- A letter of introduction;
- confirming the party's complete name, address, telephone, facsimile, email address
- briefly stating why you are interested in this opportunity along with a description of relevant experience;
- A full and detailed description of the intended product and/or services;
- Lease hold improvements;
- and plan of compensation to City of Medicine Hat (lease costs)

All costs incurred in the preparation and presentation of responses to this EOI, are the sole responsibility of the responder and will not be chargeable in any way to the City of Medicine Hat.

SUBMIT TO:
The City of Medicine Hat will receive submissions **no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012** clearly stated as "Esplanade Expression of Interest" and delivered to:

Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre
Attention: Carrie Wall, Administrative Services Supervisor
401 First St. S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8W2

Confidential submissions may be delivered by mail, courier, electronically or hand delivered.

For additional information contact Carol Beatty, Cultural Development Manager, Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre at 403.502.8785 or carbea@medicinehat.ca.

LEADERS OF TOMORROW

The public is invited to nominate young people up to the age of 22 years who are exceptional members of their community through volunteerism. Nominations will be accepted from individuals, schools, non-profit organizations, church groups, clubs and coaches until March 16, 2012.

Recipients will be presented to City Council at the May 7, 2012, meeting with a reception to follow at the Helen Beny Gibson Lounge.

Nomination forms are available at all school and sponsor locations, City Hall, and on-line at www.medicinehat.ca

PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

To protect your water lines against the possibility of freezing this winter, consider the following actions:

- Repair broken windows and ensure windows and vents are closed during the winter.
- Insulate water pipes in unheated areas of your home or business, including crawl spaces.
- If a sink is located against an uninsulated outside wall, consider opening 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. Similarly a 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. An unheated indoor water meter should be protected with an insulated box and water pipes should be wrapped in insulation and heat tape.

Outside water taps and underground sprinkler systems should have their water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the tap and sprinkler line. Lines should be drained/blown out.

- A very 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 in your home. This is located next to your water meter.

A frozen water service, or a burst water pipe, is an inconvenience and expense that most people would like to avoid. Please take precautions to prevent this inconvenience in your home or business.

GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR MARCH

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

Natural Gas
The March natural gas commodity rate of \$2.13 per gigajoule (GJ), down from \$2.14 in February, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners and Gas Alberta Inc. as established and posted on the Alberta Consumers Advocate and the Gas Alberta Inc. websites.

(per gigajoule)	March 2012
AltaGas Utilities	\$2.238
Direct Energy Regulated Services North	\$2.094
Direct Energy Regulated Services South	\$2.099
Gas Alberta Inc.	\$2.100
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$2.13

Electricity
The March electricity rate of \$0.0807 per kilowatt hour, down from \$0.1364 per kilowatt hour in February, for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting is based on the average of the monthly electric energy charges set by Alberta electric distribution (wires) owners as established in accordance with the provisions of the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) Regulation (AR 262/2005) and published on the Alberta Consumers Advocate website with the following exceptions:

- RRO electric energy charges set by Rural Electrification Associations (REAs) that own electric distribution systems in rural Alberta; and
- RRO electric energy charges set for customer classes described as anything other than "Residential" or "Commercial"

March 2012 (per kilowatt hour)	Residential	Commercial (Small / Medium)
Direct Energy Regulated – Atco Electric Area	\$0.08508	\$0.08450
Enmax – Calgary	\$0.08218	\$0.08218
Enmax – Red Deer	\$0.07946	\$0.07946
Enmax – Cardston	\$0.08183	\$0.08183
Enmax – Fort MacLeod	\$0.08183	\$0.08183
Enmax – Crowsnest Pass	\$0.08183	\$0.08183
Enmax – Ponoka	\$0.08256	\$0.08256
Epcor – Edmonton	\$0.07983	\$0.07983
Epcor – FortisAlberta	\$0.07787	\$0.07897
City of Lethbridge	\$0.07438	\$0.07438
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.0807	

The March 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). The rate for February was \$0.0437 per kilowatt hour.

Wind Energy - Going Green
Customers also have a "Going Green" surcharge on their bill. This surcharge is for the annual purchase of 15,000,000 kilowatts of wind energy which represents three per cent of the annual kilowatts consumption for residential, farm, small and medium commercial customers.

The Going Green surcharge is calculated from the difference between the average monthly Alberta Pool Price as established and published by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) and the contracted wind energy price of \$0.095 per kilowatt hour.

The Going Green surcharge for March is \$0.0016 per kilowatt hour.

Media inquiries:
Gerry Labas, Chief Operating Officer, Energy Services
City of Medicine Hat • 403-502-8756

PUBLIC SKATING SCHEDULE
SKATING HOTLINE: 403.502.8570
Free Public Skating is sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Medicine Hat

Arena: 155 Ash Ave
Family Leisure Centre - Encana Arena:
2000 Division Ave NW
Hockey Hounds: 39 10th St NE
Kinxplex: 2055 21 Ave SE
Moose Rec Centre: Div Ave & 6 St SW

SATURDAY MAR 3	SUNDAY MAR 4	MONDAY MAR 5	TUESDAY MAR 6	WEDNESDAY MAR 7	THURSDAY MAR 8	FRIDAY MAR 9	SATURDAY MAR 10
PUBLIC SKATING 4:30 – 6:30 PM Kinxplex I	PUBLIC SKATING 2:00 – 3:00 PM Family Leisure Centre	ADULT SKATING 9:00 – 10:15 AM ARENA	FAMILY SKATING 9:30 – 10:30 AM Family Leisure Centre	PUBLIC SKATING Noon – 1:00 PM Family Leisure Centre	FAMILY SKATING 10:00 – 11:00 AM Family Leisure Centre	ADULT SKATING 9:00 – 10:15 AM Family Leisure Centre	PUBLIC SKATING 1:00 – 2:00 PM Family Leisure Centre
	FAMILY SKATING 5:00 – 6:15 PM Kinxplex I	PUBLIC SKATING Noon – 1:00 PM Family Leisure Centre	SHINNY HOCKEY Noon – 1:00 PM Family Leisure Centre (\$5 drop-in)	PUBLIC SKATING 7:00 – 8:00 PM Family Leisure Centre	SHINNY HOCKEY Noon – 1:00 PM Family Leisure Centre (\$5 drop-in)	PUBLIC SKATING Noon – 1:00 PM Kinxplex II	
	ADULT SKATING 8:00 – 9:00 PM Moose	PUBLIC SKATING 7:00 – 8:00 PM Family Leisure Centre	PUBLIC SKATING 7:00 – 8:15 PM Hounds			SHINNY HOCKEY Noon – 1:00 PM Family Leisure Centre (\$5 drop-in)	
						PUBLIC SKATING 3:30 – 5:00 PM Family Leisure Centre	
						PUBLIC SKATING 6:45 – 7:45 PM Kinxplex I	