

# GM offering lump sum pension payments and shifting to annuity

The Associated Press

**DETROIT**  
General Motors Co. will change the way it makes pension payments to white-collar retirees, shoring up its finances by offering buyouts and shifting liabilities to an annuity.  
The Detroit company announced on Friday that it will offer 42,000 retirees a lump-sum of cash if they agree to stop taking monthly benefits. For the rest of the 118,000 U.S. salaried retirees and spouses, GM will buy a group annuity that will make monthly payments starting in 2013.  
The Prudential Insurance Co. will handle the annuity and pay the benefits. The amounts of the monthly pension payments will not change.

The moves will cut GM's total U.S. salaried pension obligation by \$26 billion, from \$36 billion to around \$10 billion. But to pay for the annuity, GM will pump about \$4 billion in cash into the pension plan and then pay \$29 billion to Prudential.  
Even though the deal will cost GM about \$3 billion more than it will save over the lives of the retirees, Chief Financial Officer Dan Ammann said the change helps the company by avoiding the long-term risk of paying benefits to the white-collar retirees. Crosstown rival Ford Motor Co. made a similar lump-sum buyout offer to 90,000 retirees back in April as it also tried to cut its pension risk.  
Investors at first embraced the change, driving up GM's stock by 3 per cent shortly after

the announcement. But the shares quickly fell back with the broader market and were down 2 per cent to \$21.77 in late-day trading.  
At GM, the company's huge pension burden has been one of several factors holding down its stock price.  
Ammann said GM has had to contribute \$7 billion to its salaried pension plans since 1999. Generally, companies have to sink cash into their pensions when investment returns don't generate enough money to cover the growing obligations.  
Across the globe at the end of last year, GM had pension obligations of \$107 billion but only \$94 billion available to pay them, a \$13 billion shortfall.

# Panel slams report saying Norway killer sane

The Associated Press

**OSLO, Norway**  
Forensic scientists have criticized a report that says confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik was sane when he massacred 77 people last year in a bomb attack and shooting spree.  
In a letter published Friday, the Norwegian Board of Forensic Medicine questioned why that report had not taken into account "important information" provided by the killer's mother, who said that her son's behaviour changed dramatically a year before the July 22 attacks.  
Meanwhile, experts testifying in court threw doubt on Breivik's claim that his lethal rampage was a planned suicide attack.  
Breivik's mental state is the key issue of his ongoing trial and will determine his sentencing.  
If found guilty and criminally sane, he would face 21 years in prison, though he could be held longer if deemed dangerous to society. If declared insane, he would be committed to compulsory psychiatric care.  
Two psychological examina-

tions carried out before Breivik's terror and murder trial started in mid-April reached opposite conclusions on the 33-year-old's sanity.  
Information provided by the mother was central to the first report, which found Breivik psychotic at the time of his rampage. The second report declared him sane, but said he suffers from personality disturbances.  
Judges had given the forensic board until June 1 to take a stand on the validity of the second psychiatrist's report. After receiving the letter, Judge Wenche Elizabeth Arntzen said Friday the court would focus on the concerns raised in the reports when questioning psychiatrists later in the trial.  
In the attacks, Breivik set off a car bomb outside government buildings in central Oslo, killing eight people, and then went on a shooting rampage at a Labor Party youth retreat on Utøya island that left 69 dead.  
He has admitted to the killings, but denies criminal guilt, saying the victims had betrayed their country by embracing immigration. He also insists he is sane.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

Stay informed go to [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca)

**Everybody Counts!**  
City Census workers are going door to door from June 1 to June 22.

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### FIRE HYDRANT & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Environmental Utilities Department will test and flush fire hydrants plus water mains until October 2012. This is an annual maintenance activity that maintains water quality and system infrastructure. Residents may notice some discoloring of water, which is not harmful and will disappear when flushing is complete. Fluctuating pressure may also be noticed. Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, you may wish to flush the water from your home for a few minutes by watering your lawn or running your tap. Please note that the flushing in your home will not correct private plumbing/corrosion problems. Thank you for your understanding.

**The City of Medicine Hat and you partners in safe drinking water**

### 2012 SOUTHERN ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES JULY 4-7, 2012 IN RAYMOND/WARNER COUNTY

The Medicine Hat and Cypress County Summer Games Office is NOW OPEN!  
Monday - Friday → 8:30am-11:30am, 12:30pm-4:30pm  
Medicine Hat Arena, 155 Ash Avenue, SE  
Cypress County office 816-2nd Avenue

**Contact:**  
**Jesse Zimmer,**  
Regional Director  
(403) 502-8570 or  
[jeszim@medicinehat.ca](mailto:jeszim@medicinehat.ca)

**Derek Hood**  
Cypress Regional Director  
(403) 525-2315  
[derhoo@cypress.ab.ca](mailto:derhoo@cypress.ab.ca)

### Last weekend to sign up!

Choose from several different events such as:

Athletics	Badminton	Ball Hockey
Baseball	3 vs. 3 Basketball	Beach Volleyball
Cribbage	Cycling	Equestrian
Flag Football	Golf	Hand gun
Mini Soccer	Photography	Rugby
Slo-Pitch	Small bore	Soccer
5/10 km Run	Swimming	Tennis
Trapshooting		

**Registration Deadline is June 4th, 2012.**

Watch for updates involving the games by visiting, [www.medicinehat.ca/sasg](http://www.medicinehat.ca/sasg) or by contacting Jesse <http://www.cypress.ab.ca> or by contacting Derek

### EVERYBODY COUNTS

**2012 CENSUS**  
From June 1 to 22, The City of Medicine Hat is undertaking a city census that includes every home, apartment or other lodging place within the City Limits.  
**WHY A CENSUS?**  
The purpose of the Municipal Census is to determine the population of Medicine Hat and obtain information for municipal planning such as recreation or transportation services. In addition, many Provincial/Federal Grants are determined on a per capita basis.  
**CONFIDENTIAL**  
The information received will be held in strict confidence.  
**IDENTIFICATION**  
The census takers will be suitably identified and will produce an official identification form if requested.  
**QUESTIONS?**  
[www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca) or call the City Clerk Dept. at (403)529-8115

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### SureGrow

multi-purpose compost

The Solid Waste Utility currently has bags of finished yard waste compost (SureGrow) for sale, while quantities last.

SureGrow is a class A compost that greatly enhances overall soil structure and improves movement of air and water within the soil - essential to healthy plant growth. Plants grown in soil amended with compost tend to be healthier, require less watering and are more disease and pest resistant.

Bagged compost can be purchased at the Landfill Scalehouse. The summer hours are:

**8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday**  
**8 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday**

For more information call **403.529.8176** or visit [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca)

### PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY OF MEDICINE HAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

In accordance with the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, City of Medicine Hat has applied to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development for:

**Application No. 001-310897**  
• An approval to apply colorant (Surface Water Treatment)

**Application No. 006-18031**  
• A renewal of an approval to apply herbicides under specific conditions within open bodies of water in the City of Medicine Hat.

The purposes of the herbicide and colorant applications are to control submerged aquatic weeds in Southridge Park Lake, Strathcona Island Park Lake, Lienweber Lake and Echodale Regional Park Fishing Lake.

Pursuant to section 73 of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, any person who is directly affected by this operation may submit a written statement of concern regarding this application. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board. Such a statement of concern must be submitted to:

Director of Southern Region  
Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development  
Regulatory Approvals Center  
Main Floor, 9820 - 1 06 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6  
Fax: (780) 422-0154

within 30 days of the date of this notice. Please quote Application No. 001-310897 for approval to apply colorant and 006-18031 for the renewal to apply herbicides when submitting a statement of concern in regards to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act applications.

**NOTE: Any statement filed regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public.**

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

City of Medicine Hat, Park Department  
Attention: Sandra Lofgren  
580 - 1 STREET SE  
MEDICINE HAT AB T1A 8E6  
Telephone: (403) 529-8339  
Fax: (403) 527-4798

### DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED MAY 23 TO MAY 30, 2012, PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**RESIDENTIAL**

**64 Chartwell PI SE** (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP9860. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.

**4926 Southlands Dr SE** (Lot 3, Block 7, Plan 0612243) Permit No. DP9884. With Conditions. Detached Garage

**14 Cook Cr SE** (Lot 5, Block 16, Plan 8610817) Permit No. DP9893. With Conditions. Roof Over Existing Deck.

**1983 20 Street SE** (Lot 8, Block 3, Plan 2662JK) Permit No. DP9907. With Conditions. With Conditions.

**88 Wheatland Dr SE** (Lot 5, Block 2, Plan 1013871) Permit No. DP9912. With Conditions. Manufactured Home with Detached Garage.

**19 Cook Cr SE** (Lot 17, Block 16, Plan 8610817) Permit No. DP9919. With Conditions. Covered Deck.

**464 Somerside PI SE** (Lot 19, Block 12, Plan 1012845) Permit No. DP9928. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.

**351 Somerside Cres SE** (Lot 10, Block 11, Plan 1012845) Permit No. DP9931. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.

**53 Simpson Cres SE** (Lot 9, Block 6, Plan 7911023) Permit No. DP9932. With Conditions. Waiver For Shed.

**COMMERCIAL**

**1289 Brier Park Way NW** (Lot 7, Block A, Plan 7410784) Permit No. DP9637. With Conditions. Change of Use to Retail Store/Wholesale

**3086 Dunmore Rd SE** (Lot 3, Block 2, Plan 81211223) Permit No. DP9891. With Conditions. Change of Use to Tutti Frutti Frozen Yogurt.

**HOME OCCUPATION**

**41 Hamptons Way SE** (Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 0710821) Permit No. DP9934. Office Use Only. General Contractor - 3 Year renewal.

**312 3 Street NW** (Lot 41, Block 14, Plan 0010070) Permit No. DP9935. Office Use Only. Digital Arts and Retail Sales.

**248 7 Street NW** (Lot 8, Block 7, Plan 7989HD) Permit No. DP9944. Office Use Only. Janitorial Services.

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](http://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).**

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### ADOPT A NEW MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012 the Medicine Hat City Council gave first reading to Bylaw #4105 to adopt a new Municipal Development Plan for the City of Medicine Hat.

The purpose of the Municipal Development Plan is to provide the City of Medicine Hat with a policy framework that will guide municipal development decisions. The Municipal Development Plan will focus on strategic issues such as the location of future land uses, the direction of future growth, the transportation network as well as social, economic and environmental priorities.

Opportunities have been provided to school authorities, adjacent municipalities, and persons who may be affected by the plan to make suggestions and representations during the preparation of the revised Municipal Development Plan.

A Public Hearing in accordance with Procedure Bylaw #2270 and consideration of Second/Third Readings of the proposed bylaw will be held by the City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers, Main Floor, on Monday, June 18, 2012 beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

A copy of proposed Bylaw 4105 and related documents may be inspected during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, or accessed on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca) (Hover your mouse over the "City Government" heading, click on "Bylaws", click again on the hypertext link "Bylaws", then scroll to the heading "Proposed Bylaws" and choose Bylaw 4105)

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.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission (which will become a public document) placed before the Council at the aforesaid Public Hearing must submit it to the City Clerk Department so that the written submission is received not later than noon, Wednesday, June 13, 2012. The mailing address is 580 First Street S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 8E6. The e-mail address is [clerk@medicinehat.ca](mailto:clerk@medicinehat.ca).

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 26th day of May, 2012.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk  
Phone 403-529-8234 • Fax 403-529-8182  
E-mail: [angcru@medicinehat.ca](mailto:angcru@medicinehat.ca)

### FINAL

**FLC Revised Hours**

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> **NO PUBLIC SWIM**

Due to AMAC Long Course Invitational + Zone 1 ACG TRIALS

For more information FLC 403.502.8566  
[www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca)

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Family Leisure Centre Swim  
catch the wave!  
[www.medicinehat.ca/flc](http://www.medicinehat.ca/flc)

### 2012 PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

**Property Tax Notice**  
The 2012 Property Tax Notices were mailed on May 24, 2012.  
If you haven't received your notice or if the information on your notice is incorrect, please contact Customer Service at 403.529.8111.

**Tax Payment Deadline**  
Taxes are due June 30th. Since the due date falls on a Saturday this year, property taxes will be considered paid on time if received at City Hall by 4:30 pm on July 3, 2012. A penalty of 3.65% will be added to any unpaid balance at the end of day July 3, 2012.

**Monthly Payment Plan**  
For a nominal filing fee you can pay half your taxes now, then the rest in monthly installments by signing up for the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) before June 30, 2012.

**Payment Methods**  
**Financial Institutions & Internet Banking:** Payments can be made at your bank or through telephone/internet banking. Please ensure your taxation account number is registered for telephone/internet banking.  
**After Hours Drop Box:** Payments made by cheque can be deposited in the drop box at the west entrance to City Hall. Please do not leave cash in the drop box.  
**Post-dated Cheques:** Post-dated cheques will be accepted by the City of Medicine Hat. Cheques must be dated for June 30 or earlier.

**Mail to:** City of Medicine Hat, 580 1 St SE, Medicine Hat AB, T1A 8E6  
**In Person:** Payment may be made at Cashiers, Main Floor City Hall, between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Cash, cheque or Interac accepted.

**For further information:**  
Telephone: 403.529.8111  
Email: [tax@medicinehat.ca](mailto:tax@medicinehat.ca)  
Online: HYPERLINK "http://www.medicinehat.ca" [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca)  
Visit: Customer Service, Main Floor, City Hall