

## Canada to open embassy in Myanmar after most sanctions eased earlier this year

The Canadian Press

OTTAWA  
Canada will open an embassy in Myanmar in recognition of the country's moves to improve human rights and democracy.

The move follows the Conservative government's loosening of most of its sanctions against Myanmar earlier this year.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said Friday he hopes that opening an embassy in Myanmar, once known as Burma, will encourage progress.

"Although the Burmese government has taken positive steps to improve human rights and democracy over the past year, we continue to urge more progress on reforms. Canada stands ready to assist in any capacity to build on the democratic fundamentals, and the freedoms and rights of their people."

Earlier this year, Baird visited Myanmar to confer honorary Canadian citizenship on former political prisoner Aung Sang Suu Kyi, who won a parliamentary seat in historic elections there.

As if to underscore the challenges still facing Myanmar, the foreign affairs minister's

announcement fell on the same day as the United Nations said authorities in the country detained 10 UN staff and foreign aid workers.

"There's been an incredible amount of reform in the country over the past 18 months," Baird said. "We're impressed by that reform."

"Obviously, although they've taken some very positive steps, there's still more progress required. Obviously, what I want to do on learning this is two things: one is to find out what the exact facts are, what the reason for the detention

was. And then we'd certainly be prepared to respond on a more fulsome basis."

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was in the Cambodian city of Siem Reap on Friday to meet Myanmar President Thein Sein ahead of a gathering of top American business leaders.

The United States gave American companies permission this week to invest in resource-rich Myanmar. But Clinton made it clear they intend to continue pushing the country to improve its human-rights record.

— *With files from The Associated Press*



John Baird

## Federal government will appeal assisted-suicide ruling, justice minister says

The Canadian Press

VANCOUVER

The federal government will appeal a British Columbia Supreme Court ruling that struck down Canada's ban on assisted suicide, Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said Friday.

The landmark ruling last month said the ban is unconstitutional and gave Ottawa a year to rewrite it.

Judge Lynn Smith also granted an immediate exemption to the law, allowing Gloria Taylor, one of the women who brought the lawsuit, to die with a doctor's help.

In a statement, Nicholson said the government intends to seek a stay on all aspects of the ruling, including the exemption for Taylor, while it goes to the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

Taylor, a West Kelowna resident, suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease or ALS, and said she wants a doctor's help in dying with dignity before her illness progresses to the point that she can no longer care for herself.

"The government is of the view that the Criminal Code provisions that prohibit medical professionals, or anyone else, from counselling or providing assistance in a suicide, are constitutionally valid," Nicholson said.

"The government also objects to the lower court's decision to grant a 'constitutional exemption' resembling a regulatory framework for assisted suicide."

Taylor hailed the lower

court's ruling because it gives her control over when and how she dies.

She had hoped the government wouldn't appeal.

"I would really like to think that the government would see that they can't do this to me," Taylor said last month. "They can't do this to other Canadians."

In her complex, 395-page judgment, Smith said the ban on physician-assisted suicide violates two sections of the charter of rights covering the right to equality and the right to life, liberty and security of the person.

She said the law must allow for doctor-assisted suicide in cases where patients have a serious illness or disability and are experiencing intolerable suffering. Such patients must ask for the help, must be free of coercion and cannot be clinically depressed, the ruling noted.

Nicholson, though, said the law has to protect people.

"The laws surrounding euthanasia and assisted suicide exist to protect all Canadians, including those who are most vulnerable, such as people who are sick or elderly or people with disabilities."

Nicholson also said the government would have nothing more to say on the matter while the case is before the court.

B.C. Civil Liberties lawyer Sheila Tucker, one of two lawyers involved in the case, said she's disappointed but not surprised by Ottawa's appeal of the case.

"We found the original decision to be extremely persuasive," she said.

The exemption in Taylor's case will stand until the appeal court decides otherwise, but Tucker wouldn't speculate on what the woman will do.

Reached at her home Friday, Taylor said she didn't wish to comment on the federal government's decision.

Last year, Taylor joined other plaintiffs — including a woman who took her dying mother to Switzerland in 2010 so she could end her life — in a lawsuit challenging Canada's ban on doctor-assisted suicide.

Besides Oregon and Washington state, Euthanasia and/or assisted suicide are also legal in other European countries including the Netherlands and Belgium.

Tucker said several Canadians have gone to Switzerland to get a doctor to help them commit suicide because unlike other jurisdictions, that country provides the service to non-residents.

Dr. Will Johnston of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of B.C., said he's pleased with the government's decision to appeal the ruling, which he called "logically inconsistent," for the sake of all Canadians.



Rob Nicholson



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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The Medicine Hat City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 16, 2012 has been cancelled. The next scheduled City Council Meeting is Monday, August 7, 2012 in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

### CITY OF MEDICINE HAT CUTTING & REMOVAL OF HAY ON CITY OWNED PROPERTIES

We are now accepting bids for the cutting and removal of hay from the following areas.

- Area 1** - Cancarb ¼ section (NW 1-13-6) 140 acres more or less.
- Area 2** - Box Springs Interchange, PT NE ¼ section (3-13-6 W4M) 14 acres more or less.
- Area 3** - Red Deer Drive SW/Cemetery, PT (NW 26-12-6 & SE 35-12-6) 110 acres more or less.
- Area 4** - Division Avenue N/Parkview Drive, PT area, 20 acres more or less.

Full colour maps may be viewed on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca), picked up at the Land & Properties Department on the 3rd floor of City Hall or received by email by sending a request to [land\\_properties@medicinehat.ca](mailto:land_properties@medicinehat.ca)

A cheque for the full bid price must be submitted, with your written & signed bid, in a sealed envelope directly to the Land & Properties Department on the 3rd floor of City Hall 580 - 1 Street SE

Inquiries should be directed to 403.529.8148  
**BIDS CLOSE ON THURSDAY JULY 19, 2012 at 4:30pm**

### 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



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)

### BYLAW #4131 - CITY LOAN TO CYPRESS VIEW FOUNDATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Medicine Hat City Council, in the Province of Alberta on Tuesday, July 3rd, 2012 has given first reading to Bylaw #4131. This bylaw will authorize the City to enter into a loan agreement with Cypress View Foundation for the Loan substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Promissory Note attached to this Bylaw as Schedule "A" (the Loan Agreement).

WHEREAS:

- A. Cypress View Foundation is a management body established pursuant to the Alberta Housing Act (Alberta).
- B. The City is a member of Cypress View Foundation.
- C. Cypress View Foundation desires to upgrade a 120 unit seniors assisted living care facility known as the "Cypress View Lodge", which is owned and operated by Cypress View Foundation and located at 722 Bassett Crescent NW, Medicine Hat, Alberta. The upgrade will include the replacement of locks on doors, expansion of dining room facilities, redesign of the front entrance, upgrades to improve accessibility for residents at the Cypress View Lodge and other upgrades to the Cypress View Lodge in accordance with the Lodge Modernization and Improvement Program Grant Funding Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen In Right of the Province of Alberta and the Borrower dated August 7, 2009, for an estimated cost of \$1,164,000.00 (the "Project").
- D. Cypress View Foundation has requested a loan from the City in the amount of \$335,755.80 to fund a portion of the costs of the Project (the "Loan").
- E. Council considers that the Loan to Cypress View Foundation will be used for a purpose that will benefit the City and the City's residents.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the City of Medicine Hat that, unless a poll of the electors is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said bylaw.

The petition for a vote must be received by the City Clerk within 15 days of the last publication of this notice, which is July 14th, 2012, and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose and objectives of the petition". (Further conditions of the petition are described in the Municipal Government Act, Sections 219 to 226.)

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected by the public 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.

DATED at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 7th day of July, 2012.

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

### DEFECTIVE STREET LIGHTS CITIZEN ALERT

If you reside in the City of Medicine Hat, Redcliff or Dunmore and you notice a streetlight that is not operating properly, please contact us at one of the following:

- [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca)
- Select e-Services
- Select Report a Streetlight Problem

or  
• 403-529-8262  
• If after hours, please leave a message.

When creating an electronic report or calling, please have the following information:

- Streetlight number (Painter on street side of steel pole)
- Street address or nearest house number, office or store.

Electric Utility

### DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JULY 5 TO JULY 11, 2012, PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### RESIDENTIAL

- 339 Ranchview PI NE** (Lot 117, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP10032. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage.
- 377 4 Street SE** (Lot 4, Block 34, Plan 0812152) Permit No. DP10036. With Conditions. Rear Uncovered Deck.
- 232 Perry Cres NE** (Lot 9, Block 4, Plan 9511347) Permit No. DP10041. With Conditions. Enclosed Existing Rear Covered Deck.
- 31 Ross Glen Cres SE** (Lot 8, Block 4, Plan 7610262) Permit No. DP10045. With Conditions. Cover For Existing Deck.
- 230 Carry Dr SE** (Lot 15, Block 5, Plan 7510668) Permit No. DP10058. With Conditions. Rear Covered Deck.
- 118 Terrace View NE** (Lot 33, Block 6, Plan 0513294) Permit No. DP10068. With Conditions. Covering Existing Rear Deck.
- 6 Saamis Close SW** (Lot, Block 2, Plan 0312609) Permit No. DP10074. With Conditions. Front Yard Setback Waiver.
- 163 Seven Persons Dr SW** (Lot 10, Block 8, Plan 7711294) Permit No. DP10075. With Conditions. Relaxation on Height of Detached Garage.
- 246 Fleet St SW** (Lot 42, Block 3, Plan 8010927) Permit No. DP10086. With Conditions. Placement of Manufactured Home.

#### COMMERCIAL

- 9 5 Street SE** (Lot 1,2,3, Block 82, Plan 636M) Permit No. DP10021. With Conditions. 2 Fascia Signs.
- 870 16 Street SW** (Lot 36 to 40, Block 9, Plan 3420AH) Permit No. DP10027. With Conditions. Change of Use to Warehouse.
- 299 College Dr SE** (Lot, Block H, Plan 6099JK) Permit No. DP10080. With Conditions. Roof Mounted Solar Panels - Student Residence.

#### HOME OCCUPATION

- 363 Beaufort Cres SW** (Lot 81, Block 4, Plan 8010927) Permit No. DP10071. Office Use Only. Roofing and Siding Contractor.
- 127 Sunset Rd SW** (Lot 26, Block 21, Plan 0410307) Permit No. DP10072. Office Use Only. Serving Court Documents for Offices of Lawyers.
- 103 Ross Glen Rd SE** (Lot 3, Block 18, Plan 7810695) Permit No. DP10078. Office Use Only. Landscaping.
- 178 Northlands Pointe NE** (Lot, Block 131, Plan 0715794) Permit No. DP10081. Office Use Only. Housekeeping.
- 546 Parkview Close NE** (Lot 10, 11, Block 1, Plan 1261AM) Permit No. DP10082. 1 to 5 Customers Per Week. Home Improvement and Design Products. 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](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).