

NHL players off to Sochi

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The Canadian Press

Sidney Crosby waited along with everyone else for an agreement to send NHL players to the 2014 Winter Olympics. It had been almost three years and five months since he scored the gold-medal-winning goal for Canada in Vancouver.

When a deal was finally reached Friday between the league, NHL Players' Association, International Ice Hockey Federation and International Olympic Committee, Crosby and the rest of hockey could begin to make plans for what's next.

"I think like everyone thought (that) it was just kind of a matter of time, working out logistics," the Pittsburgh Penguins' captain said. "With it being a little further in Russia I'm sure there was a little bit more work to do. I'm glad that we're going and obviously excited to kind of start the process."

Sochi, Russia will be the fifth Olympics with NHL participation, which began in Nagano, Japan, in 1998. Canada won gold at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, when Crosby scored to beat the United States in overtime.

"It's gone by really fast," Crosby said on a conference call with reporters. "Obviously with injuries and stuff like that, it wasn't like there was three full hockey seasons to kind of look back on. It's definitely gone by quick, but it's exciting."

Overall it's been an up-and-down experience for Canada at the Olympics. Canada finished seventh in Turin in 2006, won gold in Salt Lake City in 2002 and finished fourth in Nagano in 1998.

Canada will be in Group B along with Austria, Finland and Norway. Group A is made up of the United States, Russia, Slovakia and Slovenia, while Group C is made up of the Czech Republic, Sweden, Switzerland and Latvia. Canada opens the Olympic tournament Feb. 13 against Norway.

Naturally, the expectation for Canada is the same as it was in 2010.

"Just being Canadian you realize pretty quickly that people come together that time of year, especially, and when it's hockey even more so," Crosby said. "I think that you want to go there and find a way to win gold."

Preparations for Sochi were ongoing well before it was official that NHL players could represent their countries in the Games.

"(General manager) Steve Yzerman and the management group have been evaluating players all year," Hockey Canada president and CEO Bob Nicholson said in a phone interview. "We're in good shape. We're right on schedule for our planning purposes."

Nicholson said he expects an announcement of the coaching staff in the coming days. It will reportedly include head coach Mike Babcock and assistants Claude Julien, Ken Hitchcock and Lindy Ruff.

Canada's Olympic orientation camp could begin Aug. 25 in Calgary, though it's not certain whether players will be able to skate. Individual federations must insure NHL contracts for camps, and USA Hockey will not have an on-ice component to its camp in Arlington, Va.

"Insurance is a big issue," Nicholson said. "We got some quotes yesterday that it would be over a million dollars to skate. So if it's that type of dollars, it'd be very difficult for us to do that. But we're just starting to look into that now with the agreement being done."

The agreement being done meant the NHL could release its 2013-14 schedule after a substantial delay. The Olympic break will take place from Feb. 9-26, while the tournament in Sochi is set for Feb. 12-23.

IIHF president Rene Fasel said there was "never any doubt" in his mind that NHL players would go to Sochi. NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said on Sirius XM NHL Network Radio that the original goal was to have a deal done by March, a target that was missed by four months.



Sidney Crosby

Long ball does in Blue Jays

The Canadian Press

TORONTO
Ben Zobrist, Wil Myers, Evan Longoria and Kelly Johnson hit solo home runs to help David Price pick up his fourth win of the season Friday as the Tampa Bay Rays defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 8-5.

Ryan Roberts had the go-ahead RBI in the eighth inning and scored an insurance run for Tampa Bay (56-41), which sits second in the American League East.

Price (4-5), who is now 7-0 in eight career starts at Rogers Centre, gave up four runs on seven hits over seven innings. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner also struck out five and gave up one walk after surviving a rocky start.

Edwin Encarnacion, J.P. Arencibia, Jose Bautista and Brett

Lawrie homered for Toronto (45-50), which opened the unofficial second half of the season with a thud.

Brett Cecil (3-1) suffered his first loss of 2013 for the Blue Jays, who remain cemented in the AL East basement.

Tied 4-4 in the eighth, the Rays took advantage of Toronto's two all-stars in the bullpen. After Johnson singled off Cecil, Steve Delabar came on to face Sean Rodriguez, who sacrificed his teammate to second. Jose Molina then lined out to centre, but Roberts singled home Johnson and advanced to second on the throw. A wild pitch from Delabar moved Roberts to third and he scored on a Desmond Jennings double to make it 6-4.

Toronto put two runners on in the eighth, but Colby Rasmus hit a lazy flyball to left to end the threat.

Costa takes 19th stage of Tour

The Associated Press

LE GRAND-BORNAND, France

Rui Costa won the mountainous 19th stage of the Tour de France with a solo breakaway on the final climb, while Chris Froome stayed in yellow as expected attacks never materialized on Friday.

Costa secured his second stage win of the race after catching Frenchman Pierre Roland about a quarter of the way up the fourth and final major ascent of Col de la Croix Fry.

German veteran Andreas Klöden was second, 46 sec-

onds behind, and Belgian Jan Bakelants was 1:44 back in third.

Froome and his main Tour rival Alberto Contador were still some distance behind Portugal's Costa when he clinched his third career Tour stage win.

The 204.5-kilometres (127-mile) trek featured two HC climbs and two Category 1 ascents between Bourg-d'Oisans and Le Grand-Bornand in the snow-capped peaks of the Alps.

Froome and Contador rolled over the line together, several minutes behind Costa, and Froome maintained his lead of 5:11 over the Spaniard.

PUBLIC NOTICES

A presentation of Ambassador for Peace Medal to Korea War Veterans will be held at City Hall on July 27, 2013 at 3:30 pm.

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FIRE HYDRANT & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Environmental Utilities Department will test and flush fire hydrants plus water mains until October 2013. 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.

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Leaves the Main Transit Terminal on the hour between 10 am and 6 pm., returning on the half hour from Echo Dale Regional Park.

New this year will be the inclusion of the **Gas City Campground** as part of the shuttle's route.

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June 15 - September 2, 2013

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This position will appeal to persons with an interest in real estate, property development, planning or the functions of a quasi-judicial board.

More information, and the required application form, may be obtained from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, or on our website at:

www.medicinehat.ca - click "I Want to Apply"

Please submit your application to the City Clerk Department office by Monday, July 29, 2013.

For further information, please contact the City Clerk at 403-529-8234 or the Assistant City Clerk at 403-529-8220.

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

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Bagged compost can be purchased for \$5.00 per 20 kg bag at the Landfill Scale House, during summer hours, which 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

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JULY 11 TO JULY 17, 2013 PLANNING, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- RESIDENTIAL**
- 438 Aberdeen Street SE** (Lot 5, Block 61, Plan 61685) Permit No. DP10654. With Conditions. 16 Units Apartment Building.
 - 574 2 Street NW** (Lot 30, Block 2, Plan 6296HN) Permit No. DP10999. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
 - 1263 Eagle View Court SW** (Lot 13, Block 2, Plan 8110690) Permit No. DP11031. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
 - 308 Cameron Road SE** (Lot 3, Block 8, Plan 7611036) Permit No. DP11050. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
 - 15 Taylor Crescent SE** (Lot 3, Block 46, Plan 8610792) Permit No. DP11055. With Conditions. Rear Deck Extension with Pergola and Sideyard Uncovered Deck.
 - 80 Ross Glen Place SE** (Lot 7, Block 2, Plan 7610262) Permit No. DP11057. With Conditions. Covered Deck.
 - 60 Chartwell Place SE** (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP11061. With Conditions. Existing Covered Deck With Wind Wall.
 - 70 Rosedale Way SE** (Lot 7, Block 6, Plan 7611036) Permit No. DP11064. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
 - 89 Chartwell Place SE** (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP11067. With Conditions. Garden Home.
 - 118 Chartwell Place SE** (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP11068. With Conditions. Garden Home with Attached Garage.
 - 167 Chartwell Row SE** (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP11069. With Conditions. Garden Home.
 - 33 Ross Haven Court SE** (Lot 10, Block 24, Plan 8010096) Permit No. DP11071. With Conditions. Detached Garage.

COMMERCIAL

- 509 17 Street SW** (Lot 4, Block 41, Plan 2931HV) Permit No. DP11065. With Conditions. 2 Fascia Signs.
- 3154 Dunmore Road SE** (Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 9411302) Permit No. DP11072. With Conditions. 1 Fascia Sign.
- 854 8 Street SE** (Lot 21, Block 5, Plan 59191) Permit No. DP11073. With Conditions. Backlit Fascia Sign.

HOME OCCUPATION

- 114 Sunset Road SW** (Lot 28, Block 24, Plan 0410307) Permit No. DP11045. Up to 10 Customers Per Week. With Conditions. Retail Sales.
- 33 Rosedale Street SE** (Lot 13, Block 8, Plan 7611036) Permit No. DP11047. Office Use Only. With Conditions. General Contractor - 3 Year Renewal.
- 1024 Dominion Street SE** (Lot 4, Block E, Plan 59454) Permit No. DP11048. Office Use Only. With Conditions. General Contractor.
- 176 1 Street SW** (Lot 10, Block D, Plan 32380) Permit No. DP11049. Office Use Only. With Conditions. General Contractor.
- 294 Seven Persons Drive SW** (Lot 54, Block 10, Plan 7711294) Permit No. DP11053. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Online Sales of Synthetic Lubricants.
- 143 Sunset Road SW** (Lot 30, Block 21, Plan 0410307) Permit No. DP11059. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Landscaping/Snow Removal.
- 1150 Yuill Street SE** (Lot 14, Block 7, Plan 481M) Permit No. DP11066. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Snow Removal/Lawn Care.

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).