

Backstrom to receive silver medal despite positive drug test

The Associated Press

LONDON
Swedish hockey star Nicklas Backstrom will receive an Olympic silver medal even though he was suspended from the final in Sochi after a positive drug test.

The International Olympic Committee ruled Friday that Backstrom hadn't intended to enhance his performance, laying the blame for his positive test for pseu-

doephedrine on the Swedish team doctor.

The Washington Capitals centre was suspended and pulled from the team just hours before the Feb. 23 gold-medal game, which Sweden lost 3-0 to Canada.

"While I will always be disappointed that I wasn't able to play in the gold medal game with my fellow countrymen, I'm pleased that my name has been cleared by the IOC," Backstrom said in a statement. "It is important to me that the IOC has

acknowledged that I had asked for and received specific advice from my team doctor that taking this allergy medication would not be a violation.

"In addition, I had disclosed my use of over-the-counter medication prior to being tested."

The Swedes were outraged by the timing of the decision and said it affected the team's performance.

The IOC defended the suspension, say-

ing it was "fully justified" because of the positive test and noting that Backstrom conceded also taking the allergy medication on the day of the final. But the IOC ruled that the player should not be kicked out of the Sochi Games altogether, citing "mitigating circumstances."

"There was no indication of any intent of the athlete to improve his performance by taking a prohibited substance," the IOC's three-person disciplinary commission said.



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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

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PROPERTY ASSESSMENT NOTICES START ARRIVING THIS WEEK

Medicine Hat – Property Assessment Notices will begin arriving in resident's mailboxes beginning March 28, 2014.

Assessment Notices are now being mailed out earlier and under separate cover from the Property Tax Notices. This allows the department more time to respond and deal with individual assessment queries and concerns before Property Tax payments are due.

Legislation allows property owners 60 days from the assessment notice mailing date to review and discuss any concerns with the City's Assessment Department. It is important to contact the Assessment Department for an explanation before filing an appeal. Purchasers of property should obtain or confirm the assessment value if the sale occurs during the appeal period.

City Council sets the annual tax rate in April, notices are mailed out in May, property assessment appeals must be received by the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board June 4, 2014, and payments are due June 30, 2013. It is important to note that property owners and purchasers must review their Assessment Notices before the 60 day appeal period ends as Property Tax Notices cannot be disputed.

Additional information can be found on the City website at www.medicinehat.ca or by contacting the Assessment Department at 403.529.8114.

For further information, please contact:

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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 a non-insulated 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 happening in your home or business.

PUBLIC SALE OF LANDS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT CITY OF MEDICINE HAT

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the City of Medicine Hat will offer for sale, by public auction, at City Hall, 580 1 Street SE, in Meeting Room M-1, Main Floor, Medicine Hat Alberta, on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 9:00 AM the following lands:

PLAN	BLOCK	LOT	LINC	TITLE NO	ADDRESS	RESERVED BID
703HE	6	10	0020764122	071546615	113 12 Street NW	\$219,000
636M	80	28	0011808912	071594743	92 5 Street SE	\$229,900
7510170	6	42	0011146214	091109986	41 Cunliffe Crescent SE	\$349,000
0312828	21	18	0030136452	071122286	91 Sunset Road SW	\$355,900
0612243	1	56	0031765069	101019957	124 Somerset Way SE	\$374,900
0612423		Unit 14	0031789894	081321401	305-371 Aberdeen Street SE	\$124,900
0614000	7	91	0032015902	071173273	151 Vista Close SE	\$372,900
0814688		Unit 4	0033540718	091108601	100-2800 13 Avenue SE	\$1,275,000

Manufactured Home Located On:

LOT	BLOCK	PLAN	Manufactured Home	ADDRESS	RESERVED BID
8010927	1	61	VF-01910AB, General Home Systems	237 Fairchild Street SW	\$99,000
8010927	5	6	RATSK 1949-S, Westbrook	59 De Havilland Boulevard SW	\$44,500
	18-12-5-4		S5624-3BR, Atco	58-4000 13 Avenue SE	\$47,000
8010927	1	80	MW3322, Glendale	199 Fairchild Street SW	\$46,000
8010927	1	16	2317, Diplomat	323 Fleet Street SW	\$30,000
7410918	1	19	C2466, Premier	40-612 20 Street NE	\$29,900

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

The City of Medicine Hat may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction.

Terms: Cash

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

March 11, 2014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD 505A NORTH RAILWAY STREET SE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the following request for a Development Appeal will be heard by the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at a Public Hearing in City Hall Council Chambers, commencing at 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 3, 2014.

APPEAL #3-2014
Location: 505A North Railway Street SE (Lot 15, Block 41, Plan 9511307)
Purpose: On February 27, 2014 the Superintendent of Planning approved a three year renewal of a development permit to extend the temporary use of the sea can that is currently on-site. The appellant is appealing the approval of the development permit.

If you wish to inspect any other documentation on file with regard to these matters, you may do so by attending at the City Clerk Department between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Written/electronic submissions, regarding either of the above, will be accepted and placed before the Board. All submissions will be treated as public documents and must be received by the undersigned by 12:00 noon, **Friday, March 28, 2014**. Oral Submissions are normally limited to five (5) minutes.

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Flood Mitigation Strategy Open House

Monday, March 24 & Tuesday, March 25
4 - 8 p.m.
(drop in format)
Higdon Hall, Stampede Grounds

- Overland Flow Protection
- Storm Outfall Flood Protection
- Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Replacements
- Sanitary Service Isolation Valve Program
- River Flats Sinkhole Study
- Residential Flood Proofing Guidelines
- Strathcona Island Park Trail and NW Riverside Trail Erosion Projection Projects
- Parks Flood Restoration Project Update
- River forecasting, spring melt, emergency preparedness, regional flood mitigation projects (Government of Alberta)



DEFECTIVE STREETLIGHTS 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
- 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 (Painted on street side of steel pole)
- Street address or nearest house number, office or store Electric Utility

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED MARCH 6 TO MARCH 12, 2014 PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

- 1071 17 Street NE (Lot 9, Block 2, Plan 7610757) Permit No. DP11523. With Conditions. Existing Enclosed Sunroom.
- 16 Scott Bay SE (Lot 4, Block 7, Plan 9912452) Permit No. DP11528. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
- 140 2 Street NW (Lot 10, 9, Block 9, Plan 726M) Permit No. DP11534. With Conditions. Detached Residence Including Site Coverage Variance and Accessory Building.
- 428 Ranchview Road NE (Lot 122, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP11538. With Conditions. Detached Residence.
- 152 Somerset Road SE (Lot 49, Block 6, Plan 0812753) Permit No. DP11543. With Conditions. Detached Residence.
- 214 Somerside Road SE (Lot 27, Block 10, Plan 112845) Permit No. DP11535. With Conditions. Detached Residence.



HOME OCCUPATION

- 80 Cameron Road SE (Lot 56, Block 1, Plan 7510668) Permit No. DP11539. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Designated Driver – 3 Year Renewal.
- 66 Ross Haven Court SE (Lot 192, Block 18, Plan 8010096) Permit No. DP11540. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Grease Trap Cleaning/Milling – 3 Year Renewal.
- 420 9 Street SE (Lot 25, 26, Block 14, Plan 1132M) Permit No. DP11541. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Photography.
- 2200 Echo Dale Road SW (Lot -, Block S.W. ¼ SEC, Plan -) Permit No. DP11542. Office Use Only. With Conditions. General Contractor.
- 53 Somerset Bay SE (Lot 12, Block 7, Plan 0715106) Permit No. DP11544. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Oilfield Consulting.
- 403 Vista Drive SE (Lot 15, Block 9, Plan 0413377) Permit No. DP11545. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. Landscaping And Snow Removal.

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).

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND USE BYLAW #4168

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Monday March 3rd, 2014 by Bylaw #4215, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend Bylaw #4168, the Land Use Bylaw.

The land that is the subject of proposed Bylaw #4215, legally described as Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 9212470 (the "subject land") is presently designated C-H Highway Commercial District.

An application has been made to re-designate the subject land as R-MD Medium Density Residential District in the City of Medicine Hat Land Use Bylaw to allow for future residential development of the subject land;

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 #4215 will be held in Council Chambers at 580 First Street S.E. in Medicine Hat, Alberta on **Monday, April 7th, 2014**, beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

A copy of proposed Bylaw #4215 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 via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Any person who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw may make representation to City Council at the Public Hearings. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to the City Clerk Department by 12:00 o'clock noon, **Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014**. The mailing address is 580 First Street S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 8E6. The e-mail address is clerk@medicinehat.ca.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 8th day of March, 2014.

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