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Three unidentified officials from the National Labor Relations Board depart Northwestern University after football players voted on the student athlete union question Friday in Evanston, Ill.

## Northwestern players vote on whether to form athletes' union

The Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill. In a historic vote, Northwestern football players cast secret ballots Friday on whether to form the United States' first union for college athletes — a decision that could change the landscape of American amateur sports.

"You got to give the people what they want!" one of the players shouted at reporters, who were kept away from the players as they entered a campus building to vote. Some waved and another busted out dance moves.

Results of the unprecedented vote won't be revealed any time soon. After the vote, the ballot boxes will be sealed for weeks or months — perhaps even years — as the university challenges the effort to unionize the football team.

The full National Labor Relations Board agreed Thursday to hear the school's appeal of a regional director's March ruling that the players are employees and as such can unionize. Ballots will be impounded until that process is finished, and a court fight could come after that decision. Supporters of the effort say

a union would help U.S. college athletes obtain better compensation, medical care for injuries and other benefits. The NCAA this endorsed a plan this week that would give big schools like Northwestern more autonomy to address such issues for its athletes.

None of the players participating in an early round of voting stopped to talk with reporters, but the excitement of some was evident as they waved or thrust their arms into the air in view of TV news cameras. A second round of voting took place later in the day.

## Sochi Olympics sets Winter Games record for doping

The Associated Press

LONDON Two months after the closing ceremony, the Sochi Olympics broke a Winter Games record Friday when a Latvian hockey player became the eighth athlete disqualified for a positive doping test.

Ralfs Freibergs was retroactively kicked out of the games by the IOC after being found guilty of a steroid offence, the third hockey player and second from Latvia caught for doping in Sochi.

The International Olympic Committee said the 22-year-old defenceman tested positive for a testosterone-related steroid in a sample provided after Latvia's 2-1 loss to Canada in the quarterfinals on Feb. 19.

Another Latvian, Vitalijs Pavlovs, was disqualified in Sochi after testing positive for the stimulant methylhexanamine following the loss to Canada.

Swedish star Nicklas Backstrom was suspended from the Olympic final against Canada after a positive test for pseudoephedrine, which was contained in an allergy medication. He was allowed to keep his silver medal.

Freiberg's expulsion represents the eighth doping case overall from Sochi, surpassing the previous record of seven

recorded at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. While there was only one positive test during the 2006 Games, the IOC also lists seven cases in Turin because of the police raids on the Austrian cross-country and biathlon team lodgings that led to subsequent doping sanctions.

"The number of the cases for me is not really relevant," IOC President Thomas Bach said on the final day of the Sochi Games on Feb. 23. "What is important is that we see the system works."

The IOC carried out a Winter Games record 2,812 tests in Sochi, including pre-competition and out-of-competition blood and urine controls. The samples are stored for 10 years so they can be retested when new methods become available.

Freibergs, who also plays for Bowling Green State University in Ohio, is the second Sochi athlete sanctioned over a serious doping substance. Austrian skier Johannes Duerr was expelled after testing positive for the blood booster EPO.

The IOC said it was up to the International Ice Hockey Federation to consider any further sanctions against Freibergs. Steroid cases usually carry a minimum two-year suspension.

Latvia finished eighth in the Olympic tournament.



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**8AM - 4PM  
SPECIAL SERVICES**

Electric Outages ..... 403.529.8280  
Gas Emergency ..... 403.529.8191  
Water & Sewer Emergency ..... 403.502.8042  
After Hours Special Services ..... 403.529.2828

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

### FIRE HYDRANT & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Environmental Utilities Department will test and flush fire hydrants plus water mains until October 2014. 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.

### REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EVENTS/ PERFORMANCE, EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS (ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD)

The City of Medicine Hat Arts & Heritage Advisory Board is now accepting applications for Special Cultural Events, Performance, Exhibition and Competition Assistance Grants.

- The City may grant support to a group proposing a program or project which fills a cultural need in the community. This event must demonstrate a major contribution to the community in terms of citizen involvement, tourism, generation, economic benefit, positive recognition and celebrating the joy of living in Medicine Hat.
- The City may grant support to groups, organizations or individuals who have achieved representative status or recognition at provincial, national or international competitions, exhibitions, performances or events related to arts and culture. This category also applies to those who are hosting such an event.

Next Application Deadline: May 15, 2014

Applications are available at the Esplanade Attendant Desk, or on line at [www.medicinehat.ca/government/departments/cultural-development/cultural-grant](http://www.medicinehat.ca/government/departments/cultural-development/cultural-grant). For further information contact Carrie at 403-502-8798.

### 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.

### SE HILL GAS MAIN RENEWAL

The City of Medicine Hat Gas Utility will be replacing gas mains and house services in a portion of the Flats to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to the citizens of Medicine Hat. The construction will begin on the 28th of April, 2014 and last for approximately 12 weeks, dependent on weather and unforeseen circumstances. During the course of construction, there will be temporary traffic construction signage to assist the public with the safe navigation of the construction zone. The public is reminded to obey all traffic signs and lower your speed around construction activities.

The work will take place in an area of the Flats bordering 5 Ave. SE in the east, 1 Ave. SE in the west, 5 St. SE in the north and 7 St. SE in the south. Visit [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca) and click on "In the Works" to see a map of the impacted area.

### WANT TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY?

Do you have an interest in land use planning & development? You can make a difference in our City...

The City of Medicine Hat invites you to apply to serve on the **Municipal Planning Commission**. The Core Function of this Commission is to act as the principal advisory body to Council in matters relating to land use planning. Your participation will provide valuable community involvement in the decision-making process.

More information about this Commission 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](http://www.medicinehat.ca).

Please submit your application to the City Clerk Department by 4:30 pm, Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

For further information please contact the City Clerk at 403-529-8234.

### LITTER BLITZ



The City of Medicine Hat Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the 2014 Litter Blitz will be held on **Saturday May 3, 2014** beginning at 9:00 AM.

Register your group, organization, families or individuals by calling (403) 529-8333. Garbage bags and safety gear is provided and available for pickup at the department office at 88 Kipling Street SE next to the Inland Skate Park in Kin Coulee Park. There will be a free post-event appreciation barbeque for all volunteers at the department shop area. BBQ is from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

In the past, nearly 200 volunteers have registered and collected over four large truckloads of litter and garbage from parks, recreation areas, roadways, business and commercial areas, shorelines, natural areas, school yards, trails, and environmental reserve lands.

This initiative is sponsored by Methanex Corporation, Davis GMC Buick, BFI Canada and hosted by the City of Medicine Hat to encourage volunteer stewardship in the cleaning and beautification of the environment by cleaning up litter and garbage and to encourage civic pride in our parks and open space areas within the city.

### PLANNING TO DO SOME LANDSCAPING ON THE MAY LONG WEEKEND?

You may be entitled to a **TREE VOUCHER** through the City of Medicine Hat's Land & Properties Department, if you own a home in our RANGLANDS or SOUTHLANDS subdivisions.

To find out more or to request a voucher phone 403.529.8148 or email [land\\_properties@medicinehat.ca](mailto:land_properties@medicinehat.ca). Vouchers are mailed, so request yours early.

### DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED APRIL 16 TO APRIL 23, 2014 PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL	
56 Somerset Road SE	(Lot 103, Block 6, Plan 1410547) Permit No. DP11579. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
62 Somerset Road SE	(Lot 101, Block 6, Plan 1410547) Permit No. DP11580. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
161 2 Street NE	(Lot 33,34,35, Block 5, Plan 3204M) Permit No. DP11618. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
53 East Glen Drive SE	(Lot 4, Block 10, Plan 7910917) Permit No. DP11625. With Conditions. Deck Cover.
48 Turner Circle SE	(Lot 22, Block 54, Plan 9512200) Permit No. DP11628. With Conditions. Rear Covered Deck.
9 Rundle Crescent SE	(Lot 2, Block 40, Plan 8610678) Permit No. DP11629. With Conditions. Rear Covered Patio.
218 Somerside Road SE	(Lot 28, Block 10, Plan 1012845) Permit No. DP11631. With Conditions. Detached Residence.
107 Ranchlands Boulevard NE	(Lot 16, Block 12, Plan 0714516) Permit No. DP11634. With Conditions. Four-Plex.
58 Sundown Road SW	(Lot 14, Block 32, Plan 0410307) Permit No. DP11635. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
320 Somerside Crescent SE	(Lot 3, Block 10, Plan 1012845) Permit No. DP11636. With Conditions. Driveway Width Variance.
21 Hamptons Close SE	(Lot 10, Block 4, Plan 0710821) Permit No. DP11640. With Conditions. Detached Residence.
15 Shannon Crescent SE	(Lot 4, Block 29, Plan 9411002) Permit No. DP11641. With Conditions. Partial Covering of Existing Deck.
COMMERCIAL	
1740 Gershaw Drive SW	(Lot -, Block B, Plan 4332HN) Permit No. DP11617. With Conditions. One Specialized Sign.
1 - 2020 Strachan Road SE	(Lot -, Block 10, Plan 1210309) Permit No. DP11645. With Conditions. Two Fascia Signs.
HOME OCCUPATION	
393 16 Street NE	(Lot 40, Block 3, Plan 1828LK) Permit No. DP11598. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Eavestroughing.
1000 Ross Glen Drive SE	(Lot 20, Block 23, Plan 7911087) Permit No. DP11612. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Landscaping - 3 Year Renewal.
474 9 Street SE	(Lot 25,26, Block 23, Plan 1595M) Permit No. DP11623. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Graphic Design.
57 Ross Haven Crescent SE	(Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 7810742) Permit No. DP11624. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Home Staging And Redesign.
181 Sunrise Circle SW	(Lot 45, Block 13, Plan 0210055) Permit No. DP11627. Office Use Only. With Conditions. General Contractor.
102 Seven Persons Crescent SW	(Lot 37, Block 10, Plan 7711294) Permit No. DP11630. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. Personalized Yard Signs - 3 Year Renewal.
120 3 Street NW	(Lot 5, Block 12, Plan 726M) Permit No. DP11632. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. Home Repair and Roofing Contractor.
337 - 201 River Ridge Drive NW	(Lot -, Block 2, Plan 0810338) Permit No. DP11633. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Moving Company.
176 Ranchman Crescent NE	(Lot 12, Block 13, Plan 0714516) Permit No. DP11638. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. Home Repair And Landscaping.

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).