

Williams falls short of Slam

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For Serena Williams' first 26 matches at major tournaments in 2015, no deficit was too daunting, no opponent too troublesome, no victory too far from reach.

She was unbeaten and, seemingly, unbeatable, nearing the first Grand Slam in more than a quarter-century. All Williams needed was two more wins to pull off that rare feat. And yet, against an unseeded and unheralded opponent in the U.S. Open semifinals, she faltered. Her pursuit of history ended, oh so close.

In one of the most significant upsets in the history of tennis, Williams finally found a hole too big to climb out of, losing 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 Friday at Flushing Meadows to 43rd-ranked Roberta Vinci of Italy.

"I don't want to talk about how disappointing it is for me," Williams said at the start of a briefer-than-usual news conference. "If you have any other questions, I'm open for that."

Vinci had never before played in a Grand Slam semifinal. She had never so much as taken a set off Williams in four previous matchups.

"Today is my day," Vinci told the crowd in an on-court interview. "Sorry, guys!"

She said she told herself not to think about having Williams across the net.

And Vinci's unusual style, full of slices and net rushes, kept Williams off-balance enough to cause problems and prevent the 33-year-old American from becoming the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to win all four Grand Slam tournaments in a single season.

Williams had been pushed to the limit before — this was her 12th three-setter in a major this season — but had managed to win titles at the Australian Open on hard courts in January, the French Open on clay courts in June, and Wimbledon on grass courts in July.

This time, for once, the No. 1-ranked Williams could not pull it out, undone by 40 unforced errors, twice as many as Vinci. That negated the impact of Williams' 16 aces, including one at 126 mph.

"I thought she played the best tennis in her career," Williams said about Vinci. "She played, literally, out of her mind."

On Saturday, Vinci will face another Italian making her Grand Slam final debut: 26th-seeded Flavia Pennetta, who eliminated No. 2 Simona Halep 6-1, 6-3 earlier Friday.

Pennetta, 33, and Vinci, 32, have known each other since they were kids, having grown up in towns about 40 miles (65 kilometres) apart on opposite coasts of Puglia, a region in the southeastern heel of Italy's boot-shaped peninsula.

Now they will face each other in a stadium in New York — with a Grand Slam trophy on the line. An intriguing



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Serena Williams reacts after losing a point to Roberta Vinci, of Italy, during a semi-final match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Friday in New York.

story line, to be sure, but nothing compared to what Williams was chasing: a perfect Grand Slam season.

After all, not only was she 26-0 at those tournaments this year, but her winning streak at majors was 33 matches entering Friday, because she won last year's U.S. Open.

If she had managed to win a fifth consecutive major title, Williams

would have raised her total to 22, equaling Graf for the most in the Open era, which began in 1968, and second-most in history behind Margaret Court's 24.

Williams' older sister Venus — who pushed her to three sets in the quarterfinals — was in her guest box, and rapper Drake, a pal, was in Arthur Ashe Stadium, too.



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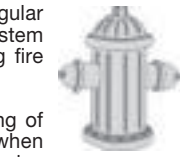
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

TAKE NOTICE THAT the following Request for Review of an Order to Remedy Unightly Property 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, October 1, 2015.**

APPEAL #3-2015

Location: 131 Stratton Road SE (Plan 0715426, Block 5, Lot 26)

Purpose: Review of an Order to cut long grass and remove weeds on property and boulevard. Fix anything on the property that may be detrimental to surrounding on properties/area. Remove any unregistered or inoperable vehicles on property.

On August 28, 2015 a Community Peace Officer issued an Order to Remedy Unightly Property under Bylaw #3117, the Unightly Property Bylaw.

Written/electronic submissions, regarding 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 4:30 pm, **Friday, September 25, 2015.** Oral Submissions are normally limited to five (5) minutes.

If you wish to inspect any other documentation on file with regard to this matter, 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.

Kathy Eden
 Assistant City Clerk
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 Phone: 403.529.8220 • Fax: 403.529.8182
 e-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS SEPTEMBER 3 TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

- 238 8 Street SW** (Lot 31,32, Block 8, Plan 2177M) Permit No. DP12772. With Conditions. Detached Garage Addition.
- 411 Ranchview Bay NE** (Lot 82, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP12773. With Conditions. Single Detached House.
- 1060 Balmoral Street SE** (Lot 8, Block H, Plan 59454) Permit No. DP12863. With Conditions. Garage.
- 148 Palliser Way NE** (Lot 16, Block 2, Plan 8811197) Permit No. DP12864. With Conditions. Gazebo.
- 105 Anson Avenue SW** (Lot 27, Block 3, Plan 8010927) Permit No. DP12870. With Conditions. Single Detached House (Manufactured Home) Including Administrative Variance For Site Frontage.



COMMERCIAL

- 3001 Dunmore Road SE** (Lot 3, Block 2, Plan 7711607) Permit No. DP12857. With Conditions. Motor Vehicle Gas Station.
- 1776 10 Avenue NW** (Lot 40, Block C, Plan 0715284) Permit No. DP12861. With Conditions. Self-Storage Facility (RV Storage).

HOME OCCUPATION

- 121 12 Street SE** (Lot 7, Block 28, Plan 1132M) Permit No. DP12812. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. Roofing/Siding Contractor.
- 1-4844 Southlands Drive SE** (Lot 1, Block 8, Plan 0612243) Permit No. DP12828. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Teaching.
- 93 Stratton Close SE** (Lot 2, Block 6, Plan 0311185) Permit No. DP12830. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Bookkeeping.
- 270 12 Street SE** (Lot 23,24, Block 24, Plan 1132M) Permit No. DP12832. Customers to Attend Site. With Conditions. Consultant (Counselling Services).
- 1967 20 Avenue SE** (Lot 10, Block 3, Plan 2662JK) Permit No. DP12834. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Computer Services.
- 227 Hamptons Way SE** (Lot 46, Block 1, Plan 0710821) Permit No. DP12835. Customers to Attend Site. With Conditions. Manicure/Pedicure/Aesthetician.
- 2422 7 Avenue NE** (Lot 21, Block 16, Plan 0012635) Permit No. DP12836. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. Distribution/Sales (Home Made Clothing).

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).

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- Review the opportunities below, and pick up or download an application handbook for more information: www.medicinehat.ca and click on 'I want to apply'
- Feel free to contact the key people listed below if you have additional questions.
- Ensure you are the right fit: you are resident of Medicine Hat (except the Public Library Board).

Police Commission applicants are subject to a records check. All terms are three years except where indicated.

Fill out an application form and attach a two page resume if you wish, and return it to us by **4:30 pm November 20, 2015.**

Drop off: City Clerk Department, City Hall 580 First Street SE, or apply online & email your application to: clerk@medicinehat.ca

ENTITY	VACANCIES	ACTIVITIES	MEETING DETAILS	MORE INFORMATION?
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES	3	Advise Council on disability issues, advocate for change	1st Thursday of month 12:15 - 2 pm	Leslie Jerry (403.502.8086)
ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD	2	Advise Committee & Council on Esplanade & arts/heritage matters	Last Monday of month 5:30 pm	Randy Follett (403.502.8785)
CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	4	Champion the Downtown, propose policy change, advocate	2nd Tuesday of month 5:30 pm plus activities	Wayne Smith (403.529.5997)
COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION	1	Management, regulation & control of combative sports	Call of the chair	Randy Taves (403.529.8347)
COMPOSITE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD	2	Hears commercial & multi dwelling taxation appeals *paid training and time	Sept/Oct/Nov dates depending on appeals	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE	1	Recommends heritage designations to Council, Ewart Duggan garden	2nd Tuesday of month 5 - 7:30 pm	Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (403.525.8607)
LOCAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD	2	Hears residential taxation appeals *paid training and time	Sept/Oct/Nov dates depending on appeals	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION	2	Advises & recommends land use planning matters to Council; exercises sub development & development powers	2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 2:30 pm ± 2 hours	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
POLICE COMMISSION	1 *Police check required	Various powers under the Police Act & Bylaw #1651	3rd Thursday of month 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Rolf Traichel (Chair) (403.580.0179) or Police Chief McGrogan (403.529.8410)
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD	3	Management, regulation & control of Library	1st Wednesday of month 7:30 pm ± 2 hours plus minimum of 1 monthly sub-committee meeting ± 2 hours	Shelley Ross (403.502.8528)
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD	2 *2 year term	Advises Council on the social needs of residents	2nd or 3rd Wednesday of month 4:45 pm ± 2 hours	Varley Weisman (403.529.8314)
SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD	3	Hears appeals from development authority and some Bylaw orders	As & when appeals received ± 2 hours	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
URBAN ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD	2	Advises Committee and Council on parks/urban environment/recreation	3rd Wednesday of month 5 pm ± 2 hours	Todd Sharpe (403.529.8312)
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD	7 *Must be aged 16-21 *2 year term	Advises Committee and Council on youth issues/needs	2nd Monday of month 4:45 pm	Varley Weisman (403.529.8314)