

Four dead, including two kids, after Hamilton house fire sends six people to hospital

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HAMILTON
Four people, including two kids, are dead after they were pulled from a house fire in Hamilton on Thursday night, the city's fire department said.

The two adults and two children died in hospital after firefighters found them on the second floor of the burning townhouse, Hamilton fire Chief Dave Cunliffe said at the scene Friday.

"They did everything they could through very difficult conditions," he said of emergency crews.

"It is very difficult when we bring people out and they, unfortunately, succumb to their injuries."

Two other people inside the home in the city's southeast neighbourhood were also taken to hospital where they were in stable condition, Hamilton police said in a statement early Friday morning.

Crews were called to a townhouse just after 11 p.m., and upon arrival firefighters could see heavy smoke and fire coming from the front and back of the unit, the fire department said.

The first crew to arrive was told there were people trapped on the second floor, the fire department said



CP PHOTO PETER POWER

The residence at 14 Derby Street, Unit 4, is shown in Hamilton, Ont. on Friday. Hamilton Police and the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshall are investigating the fatal fire that claimed the lives of two adults and two children.

Crews were met with fire, heavy smoke and high heat as they pulled out four people from the second floor, the chief said.

Firefighters and paramedics started life-saving measures on the four people, including two children, before they were taken to hospital. Life-saving measures continued there, the fire department said, but all four died from their injuries.

Ontario's Office of the Fire Marshal is investigating and the cause of the fire, as well as the extent of the damage, has not yet been determined.

"I'd like to express our condolences on behalf of the Office of the Fire Marshal to the family, friends and to the first responders all involved in this situation. Very tragic situation," said deputy fire marshal Tim Beckett.

Police did not immediately confirm the victims' identities, the relation between them, or details about the other two people who were found inside.

Residents evacuated from the two adjacent units Thursday night and could return to their homes Friday, police and fire said.

Police officers, members of the public attend procession for OPP cop shot dead

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TORONTO
Hundreds of first responders and members of the public attended a procession to pay tribute to a slain Ontario Provincial Police officer on Friday morning.

The procession carrying 28-year-old Const. Greg Pierzchala's body travelled from the coroner's office in Toronto and ended in his hometown of Barrie, Ont. about an hour later.

Police officers and other first responders lined up outside the coroner's office to salute Pierzchala as the procession started.

Hundreds of people -- some civilians, some in uniform -- packed onto overpasses along the Highway 400, raising their hands as a sign of respect, as the hearse and police cars with flashing lights passed by.

Dozens of officers including Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Thomas Carrique were at the funeral home in Barrie when the procession arrived and a number of officers carried



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Flowers are left along Indian Line near Hagersville, Ont., Wednesday where an OPP officer was shot and killed.

Pierzchala's coffin inside as their colleagues saluted him.

Police have said Pierzchala responded to a vehicle in a ditch west of Hagersville, Ont., Tuesday afternoon and was fatally shot in an ambush when he arrived.

The OPP said his funeral will be held in Barrie on Jan. 4, and will announce more details in the coming days.

Randall McKenzie, 25, and Brandi Crystal Lyn Stewart-Sperry, 30, each face a charge of first-degree murder in his death.

PUBLIC NOTICES



DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED DECEMBER 22 TO DECEMBER 28, 2022 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

128 B ANSON AVENUE SW	(Lot 98, Block 4, Plan 9812292) PLDP20221058. Single Detached House (Manufactured Home) With Front Setback Variance.	
281 PRIMROSE DRIVE SE	(Lot 20, Block 1, Plan 7711650) PLDP20221068. Single Detached House (Carport).	

HOME BUSINESS

1 861 1 STREET SW	(Lot 11, Block 41, Plan 6280JK) PLDP20210796. Home Business Minor. Photography and Equipment.
56 RED DEER DRIVE SW	(Lot 25, Block 1, Plan 7058JK) PLDP20210851. Home Business Minor. Mobile Food Vendor.
518 5 STREET NE	(Lot 21, Block 8, Plan 47JK) PLDP20221016. Home Business Minor. General Contractor / Project Manager.
10 978 1 STREET SW	(Lot 12, Block 2, Plan 7058JK) PLDP20221021. Home Business Minor. General Contractor / Project Manager.

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 twenty one (21) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403.529.8374).

NOTICE OF FIRST READING DEBENTURE BORROWING BYLAW 4719

TAKE NOTICE that the municipal council of the City of Medicine Hat gave first reading of Bylaw 4719 to amend Bylaw 3914, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to authorize the City to post letters of credit or letters of guarantee and to engage in short term financing of bank overdrafts, on Monday, December 19, 2022.

WHEREAS it is considered desirable to amend Bylaw 3914.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- Bylaw No. 4230 to amend Bylaw No. 3914 is Repealed.
- Bylaw No. 3914 is amended by deleting "Demand Operating Facility Agreement" in Section 1 and substituting "Demand Operating Facility" in its place.
- Bylaw No. 3914 is amended by deleting "a demand operating facility agreement" in Section 1 and substituting "an agreement" in its place.
- Bylaw No. 3914 is amended by deleting "\$10,000,000" (amended by Bylaw No. 4230 to establish \$50,000,000 Demand Operating Facility at TD Bank) in Section 2 and substituting "\$75,000,000" in its place.
- Schedule "A" to Bylaw No. 3914 is further amended by replacing the Demand Operating Facility Agreement with the Letter Agreement, attached as Appendix 1.
- This Bylaw comes into force at the beginning of the day that it is passed.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that, unless a sufficient petition demanding a poll of the electors is received within 15 days following the date of the last publication of this Notice, the Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw as described in the Municipal Government Act, Sections 219 to 226.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that copies of the aforesaid proposed Bylaw may be accessed via the "Proposed Bylaws" section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca or inspected during office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) at the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

DATED at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 24th day of December, 2022.

Arlene Karbasheski, City Clerk
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RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION

COLLECTION DAY CHANGES

There will be no residential waste collection on **January 2, 2023**, in lieu of the **News Years Day** statutory holiday.

Waste collection zones will advance as follows:

DATE	CITY ZONE
Monday, January 2, 2023	NO COLLECTION
Tuesday, January 3, 2023	Zone 1

Download the Recycle Coach App, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403-529-8176 for more information.

CART COLLECTION TIPS

- Carts must be out by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- Waste carts are collected separately with collection times that vary throughout the day.
- Make sure carts are accessible with 3ft (1m) clearance on all sides.
- Ensure cart lids are closed to avoid litter or collection problems.
- Contaminated blue recycling carts as well as yard waste material in plastic bags will not be collected.

To prevent theft or damage to your carts, remove carts off roadways, sidewalks, back lanes etc. and return to private property within 24 hours of collection.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

The City of Medicine Hat Waste Management Facility hours of operation during the holiday season are as follows:

- Closing early - Saturday, December 24, 2022**
 - Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Closed - Monday, December 26 & Tuesday, December 27, 2022**
 - The facility will re-open on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, following regular hours of operation.
- Closed - Monday, January 2, 2023**
 - The facility will return to regular hours of operation again the following business day on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Regular hours of operation are as follows:

- Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Closed on Sunday

Refer to www.medicinehat.ca/landfill, download the Recycle Coach App, or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403-529-8176 for more information.

TAX INSTALMENT PAYMENT PLAN (T.I.P.P.)

Sign up before **December 31, 2022** to avoid the **2% filing fee.**

WHAT IS T.I.P.P.?

T.I.P.P. is a monthly tax instalment payment plan to make consecutive monthly payments for taxes by automatic electronic funds transfer from your bank account.

Monthly payments start January 1 in each year and are made on the first day of every month. Monthly payments for January to June shall be equal to 1/12 of the annual tax levy from the previous year (estimate is used as current year tax bill is not complete). Monthly payments from July to December shall be equal to 1/6 of the outstanding balance for the current year as of June 30.

WHY USE T.I.P.P.?

TIPP breaks the annual tax payment into monthly payments to make budgeting easier. Payments are automatic, convenient and reliable, ensuring that your tax bill is paid even if you are on vacation, out of town on business or unwell. TIPP is not subject to discount or penalties as long as monthly payments are made.

HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

- Visit www.medicinehat.ca/tipp
- Email tax@medicinehat.ca
- Call 403-529-8111



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

PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines during the cold weather months:

- Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
- Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, including crawl spaces.
- For sinks located against a non-insulated outside wall:
 - Open 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.
 - 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.
- Protect an unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box and water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape.
- Outside water faucets and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the faucet/hose bib.
- Sprinkler lines and faucets should be drained/blown out.
- A thin stream of cold-water (as thick as a pen) running continuously from at least one faucet 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 located next to the water meter in your home.
 - You should leave the heat on in your home and have someone check inside your home daily while you're away.

A frozen water service or a burst water pipe is an inconvenience and expense that most people would like to avoid. Please take all possible precautions to prevent this happening in your home or business.

For more information, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/frozenwaterlines or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403-529-8176.

REAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your real Christmas Tree anytime between December 27, 2022 – January 31, 2023 by dropping it off at one of the following convenient drop off locations:

- 20 Northlands Way NE – Northlands Co-op Recycling Depot
- 240 Kipling Street SE – Kipling Street Recycling Depot
- 3292 Dunmore Rd SE - Southwest corner of the Medicine Hat Mall parking lot

Prior to drop off, please remove all plastic bags, stands, tinsel and decorations.

Please note that artificial trees cannot be recycled in this program nor in the blue recycling cart program. Artificial trees that can no longer be used or donated should be discarded in the garbage. Refer to www.medicinehat.ca/recycle for more information.

Alternatively, you can take your real Christmas Tree to the Compost Facility, or your artificial tree to the Landfill; both located within the Waste Management Facility.

The Waste Management Facility hours of operation are as follows:

- Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Closed on Sundays and all Statutory Holidays

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