

# Politics v. practicalities: the cross-border battle over Biden's EV tax credits

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WASHINGTON  
The tax-credit scheme that President Joe Biden is proposing to encourage U.S. consumers to buy more electric vehicles might never be implemented in its current form, say veteran observers of both North America's auto sector and Canada-U.S. relations.  
If they are, though, the tax incentives of up to US\$12,500 on cars and trucks assembled state-side with union labour could mean the end of the road for Canada's automotive industry.  
"We're at a really tentative moment," said Dimitry Anastakis, a professor of Canadian business history at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management.  
Consider what would happen if the \$83-billion U.S. auto market, which is rapidly abandoning the internal combustion engine, were suddenly confronted with

the chance to save up to nearly 25 per cent on a \$55,000 EV, so long as it was assembled on American soil by unionized workers.  
It would amount to what the federal government in Ottawa calls a 34 per cent tariff on vehicles built in Canada. The imbalance would brand foreign-made cars with a scarlet letter and send auto and parts manufacturers and their roughly 125,000 jobs scrambling over the border.  
It's a worst-case scenario triggered by what Anastakis calls a "deintegration" of more than half a century of trilateral automaking, with companies abruptly pulling up stakes and cancelling plans they're already making to spend billions on their Canadian and Mexican operations.  
"You'd see a removal and rescinding of all those announcements that have already been made for investments, and probably no future investment on passenger vehi-

cles at all," he said, "which would obviously be the end of the industry as we know it."  
But Anastakis and others are confident it won't come to that.  
It doesn't make economic sense for anyone — not consumers, not manufacturers, whether foreign or domestic, and not even the government that's proposing it in the first place.  
"The already-established manufacturers have a lot of money invested in Canada and Mexico, and they have a lot of benefit from an integrated industry," Anastakis said.  
"There's all kinds of benefits to doing what they've been doing for the last 50 or 60 years - they make money off of this. There's a reason that the Big Three have done their production decisions in the way that they have, because they're trying to maximize (profits)."  
It's long been a core principle of Canada-U.S. relations that the

only way to effect change in D.C. is to frame Canada's priorities in terms of American self-interest. In other words: hurting us hurts you.  
"Given the deep integration of our respective automotive industries, the proposal would have important repercussions in the U.S., affecting American production and jobs," Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and Trade Minister Mary Ng wrote last week to key members of the U.S. Senate.  
That letter laid out in stark terms that Canada would launch a barrage of targeted, retaliatory tariffs and suspend key portions of North America's new trade agreement if the provision, nestled deep in Biden's 2,135-page Build Back Better bill, wins the approval of Capitol Hill.  
But we're not there yet.  
"There are solutions to this; this is not an intractable, unsolvable problem," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Thursday in

an interview with The Canadian Press, though he would not speculate on what solutions might be on the table.  
"Canadian supply chains and Canadian interconnectedness with the United States is such that it could end up being extremely unpleasant for American workers, for American politicians, for the American economy, to have to fall into this kind of disagreement, this discord, with Canada."  
Canada offers a highly skilled, world-class manufacturing workforce with half a century's worth of institutional knowledge when it comes to building cars and trucks, not to mention the cost benefits of a country with an 80-cent dollar and public health care. Union leaders like Bob White, the founding president of the Canadian Auto Workers after it split from its American counterpart, exploited those advantages at every opportunity.

## 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



Medicine Hat

### DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED DECEMBER 9 TO DECEMBER 15, 2021 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### RESIDENTIAL

- 7 COCKRILL COURT SE** (Lot 49, Block 9, Plan 7910864) PLDP20211074. Garage Including Accessory Coverage and Gross Floor Area Variances.
- 81 HAMPTONS CLOSE SE** (Lot 78, Block 1, Plan 0710821) PLDP20211273. Single Detached House (Enclosed Deck and Covered Deck) Including Setback Variance.
- 170 2 STREET NW** (Lot 18, Block 17, Plan 726M) PLDP20211283. Single Detached House (Secondary Suite) Including Interior Side Setback Variance.
- 170 2 STREET NW** (Lot 18, Block 17, Plan 726M) PLDP20211284. Garage (Gazebo).
- 966 BALMORAL STREET SE** (Lot 17, Block A, Plan 49455) PLDP20211287. Single Detached House (Addition).
- 966 BALMORAL STREET SE** (Lot 17, Block A, Plan 49455) PLDP20211290. Garage.
- 87 SAAMIS ROTARY WAY SW** (Lot 12, Block 34, Plan 0510654) PLDP20211296. Single Detached House (Demolition).
- 114 SHANNON CRESCENT SE** (Lot 22, Block 27, Plan 9411002) PLDP20211314. Garage Including Site Coverage Variance.
- 2469 16 AVENUE SE** (Lots 41,42, Block 21, Plan 2140AJ) PLDP20211318. Garage.

#### COMMERCIAL

- 12 GEHRING ROAD SW** (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 9112245) PLDP20211096. Business and Professional Office (Overheight Fence).

#### HOME OCCUPATION

- 179 SOMERSIDE WAY SE** (Lot 25, Block 9, Plan 0912931) PLDP20211165. Office With Storage On Site. Sales/Distribution (Fire Retardant Clothes).

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](http://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).

### MODEL PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Canadian Navigable Waters Act

City of Medicine Hat hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, pursuant to the Canadian Navigable Waters Act for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans.

Pursuant to paragraph 7(2) of the said Act, City of Medicine Hat has deposited with the Minister of Transport, on the online Canadian Navigable Waters Registry (<http://cns.canada.ca/>) and under registry number 4597 or, under the NPP File Number 2021-605589 a description of the following work, its site and plans:

- Launching Ramp
- Groynes

in, on, over, under, through or across South Saskatchewan River at Boat Launch in front of lot number 401 Parkview Dr. NE.

Comments regarding the effect of this work on marine navigation can be sent through the Common Project Search site mentioned above under the Comment section (search by the above referenced number) or if you do not have access to the internet, by sending your comments directly to:

Transport Canada – NPP  
344 Edmonton Street  
Winnipeg MB  
R3C 0P6

However, comments will be considered only if they are in writing (electronic means preferable) and are received not later than 30 days after the publication of the last notice. Although all comments conforming to the above will be considered, no individual response will be sent.

Posted in Medicine Hat this 18 day of December 2021  
City of Medicine Hat

### PROPOSED DIRECT CONTROL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 603 1 STREET SE

TAKE NOTICE that the Medicine Hat City Council will be considering a Direct Control Development Application for the placement of 14 seacans and construction of a large canopy supported by columns at 603 1 Street SE. The seacans will be used as bays for vendors for temporary markets throughout the warmer seasons, and the canopy will be used to provide shade for the public. For further information, or to view copy of proposed Development Application and related documents, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403.529.8374.

A Non-Statutory Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at approximately 6:30 p.m. at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting being held in the City Hall Council Chambers (580 First Street SE, SW entrance). This meeting will be open to the public with adjustments in place to ensure alignment with current Alberta Health requirements related to COVID-19. Seating for the public will be limited.

At the Hearing, any person may make representation to City Council and discuss, support, object to or ask questions about the proposed development. Oral submissions are normally restricted to a maximum of five (5) minutes.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to:

City Clerk Department, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6

by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

All submissions are treated as public documents.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 18th day of December, 2021.  
Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk  
Phone: 403.529.8234  
Fax: 403.529.8324  
E-mail: [clerk@medicinehat.ca](mailto:clerk@medicinehat.ca)

### REAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your real Christmas Tree anytime between December 27, 2021 – January 28, 2022 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](http://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

Download the Recycle Coach App, refer to [www.medicinehat.ca/landfill](http://www.medicinehat.ca/landfill), or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.

### RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION

#### COLLECTION DAY CHANGES

There will be no residential waste collection on **December 27 & 28, 2021 as well as January 3, 2022** in lieu of the **Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years Day Statutory holidays**.

Waste collection zones will advance as follows:

DATE	CITY ZONE
Monday, December 20, 2021	Zone 5
Tuesday, December 21, 2021	Zone 1
Wednesday, December 22, 2021	Zone 2
Thursday, December 23, 2021	Zone 3
Friday, December 24, 2021	Zone 4
<b>Monday, December 27, 2021</b>	<b>NO COLLECTION</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 28, 2021</b>	<b>NO COLLECTION</b>
Wednesday, December 29, 2021	Zone 5
Thursday, December 30, 2021	Zone 1
Friday, December 31, 2021	Zone 2
<b>Monday, January 3, 2022</b>	<b>NO COLLECTION</b>
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	Zone 3

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### 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 will not be collected.

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

### WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Residents are reminded that the City of Medicine Hat Waste Management Facility will be closed December 25 & 27, 2021, re-opening on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

The facility will close again on January 1, 2022, returning to regular hours of operation the following business day on January 3, 2022.

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### PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines:

- 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 unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box and water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape.

- Outside water taps and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the tap.
- Sprinkler lines and taps should be drained/blown out.
- A thin stream of water (as thick as a pen) 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 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.

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