

# 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



### DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 1, 2023 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL

**1 62 3 STREET NE** (Lots 20-22, Block 3, Plan 6844AT)  
 PLDP20230051.  
 Change Of Use  
 (Retail And Consumer Services.



#### HOME BUSINESS

**18 612 20 STREET NE** (Lot 19, Block 1, Plan 7410918)  
 PLDP20221042. Home Business Minor.  
 Janitorial Service.

**521 10 STREET SE** (Lots 6 & 7, Block 28, Plan 1595M)  
 PLDP20230007. Home Business Minor.  
 Exempt Professional (Foot Care).

**2173 10 AVENUE NE** (Lot 30, Block 7, Plan 7410918)  
 PLDP20230023. Home Business Major.  
 Service (Pet Groomer).

**77 SPRAGUE WAY SE** (Lot 5, Block 7, Plan 7711294)  
 PLDP20230040. Home Business Minor.  
 Janitorial Service.

**16 SUNDANCE CLOSE SW** (Lot 25, Block 30, Plan 0313388)  
 PLDP20230046. Home Business Minor.  
 Service (Custom Sports Wear).

**104 4000 13 AVENUE SE** (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1711357)  
 PLDP20230049. Home Business Minor.  
 Housekeeping.

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).**

### 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](http://www.medicinehat.ca/frozenwaterlines) or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403-529-8176.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**You can make a difference in our City. . .**

The City of Medicine Hat invites you to apply to serve on the following boards:

Assessment Review Boards – 1 position (3-year term). The Composite Assessment Review Board hears and decides on appeals against the assessments of any land, improvements, business or local improvements of a commercial or multi-dwelling unit in the City of Medicine Hat. The Local Assessment Review Board hears and decides on appeals against the assessments of any residential land, improvements or local improvements in the City of Medicine Hat.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk Department – 403.529.8382.

Municipal Planning Commission – 1 position (3-year term). The Municipal Planning Commission acts as the principal advisory body to Council in matters relating to land use planning and to exercise development and subdivision powers and duties on behalf of the City.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk Department – 403.529.8220.

Combative Sports Commission – 1 position (3-year term). The Commissions mandate is to act in a regulatory capacity for the Committee and Council with respect to control and regulation of combative sports in the City of Medicine Hat.

For more information, please contact Scott Richter, Manager of Parks – 403.502.8065.

More information and the required application form is available online at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca) at 'I want to...apply' or from the City Clerk Department, City Hall, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat.

Please submit your application to the City Clerk Department by 4:30 pm, Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

### GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR FEBRUARY

**Medicine Hat - The City of Medicine Hat has set its February energy commodity rates.**

#### Natural Gas – all customers

The February natural gas default regulated rate (RRO) is \$5.218 per gigajoule (GJ), down from the previous month of \$6.117 per GJ. The rate is based on the weighted average 120-day buying window price for the forecasted volume.

The first quarter fixed contract natural gas commodity offering is \$6.607 per GJ. Customers who sign a fixed contract between January 1 and March 31, 2023, are guaranteed this fixed rate for 12 billing cycles (months).

February 2023 (per GJ)	Rate per GJ
City of Medicine Hat (Regulated non-contract)	\$5.218
City of Medicine Hat (Regulated non-contract)	\$6.607
City of Medicine Hat (Variable contract offering)	<b>\$4.536</b>

The January variable contract offering is based on the AECO (Alberta Energy Company) average market reference price plus \$1.00 per GJ. The rate for February will be released March 1, 2023.

#### Electricity – Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting

The February electricity default regulated rate (RRO) for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting customers is \$0.31914 per kilowatt hour (kWh), up from the previous month of \$0.28639 per kWh. The rate is based on the average of the rates for owners whose regulated rate tariffs are approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission under section 103(2) of the Electric Utilities Act for that calendar month as posted by the Alberta Utilities Commission on its internet page under Regulated Rate Option Regulation.

February 2023 (per kilowatt hour)	Rate per kWh
Direct Energy Regulated Services	\$0.32672
ENMAX Energy Corporation	\$0.29677
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (Edmonton)	\$0.32957
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (outside Edmonton)	\$0.32349
<b>City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)</b>	<b>\$0.31914</b>

On December 15, 2022, the Government of Alberta passed The Regulated Rate Option Stability Act through Bill 2: Inflation Relief Statutes Amendment Act which places a temporary price ceiling of \$0.13500 per kilowatt hour in January, February and March 2023 for Albertans who purchase power on the Regulated Rate Option (RRO). The price difference between the temporary ceiling and the calculated monthly regulated rate will be deferred and then charged over a 21-month recovery period from April 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024.

The first quarter fixed contract electricity commodity rate offering is \$0.17653 per kilowatt hour. Customers who sign a fixed contract between January 1 and March 31, 2023, are guaranteed this fixed rate for 12 billing cycles (months).

The February variable contract rate for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting customers is based on the monthly average Alberta Power Pool price as established and published by the Alberta Electrical System Operator (AESO) plus \$0.02 per kWh. The January variable rate is \$0.14613 per kWh.

#### Electricity - Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting Customers

The February default electricity rate for Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting customers is based the regulated rate option of \$0.31914 per kilowatt hour.

The February variable contract electricity rate for Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting customers is based on the monthly average Alberta Power Pool price as established and published by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plus \$0.02 per kilowatt hour. The rate for January is \$0.14613 per kWh.

#### Going Green Charge

Customers also have a "Going Green" surcharge on their bill. This surcharge is for renewable energy purchased for residential, farm, small and medium commercial customers.

The Going Green surcharge is calculated monthly to recover costs incurred to purchase renewable energy.

The Going Green surcharge for February is \$0.0005 per kilowatt hour.

For further information, please contact: [media@medicinehat.ca](mailto:media@medicinehat.ca)

### STRONG TOWNS PRESENTATION



## FREE PUBLIC PRESENTATION

(First of three)

February 7, 2023 - 7:00 pm  
 Esplanade (Main Theatre)



## COMMUNITY ACTION LAB

Strong Towns President **Charles ("Chuck") Marohn** will be giving a presentation entitled **Strong Towns: A Bottom-up Revolution to Rebuild American Prosperity**, live at the Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre in Medicine Hat.

Charles will explain, in plain language, how so many communities have found themselves in decline after decades of "growth." The problem lies in the current model of development — one which values short-term gains over long-term prosperity. To strengthen our cities and ensure their economic success, we must look to traditional ways of building cities. In this presentation, we show how active citizens, local officials and design professionals can change the negative trajectory in their towns and help them to become more resilient — no matter what challenges lie ahead.

This is the first workshop event in Medicine Hat in a series of three for the **Community Action Lab**, sponsored by the City of Medicine Hat.



Charles ("Chuck") Marohn

**PLEASE REGISTER AT:**  
[strongtowns.org/medicine-hat](http://strongtowns.org/medicine-hat)

And also learn more about the Community Action Lab.

[www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca)

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