

Wong looking forward to Cubs playoff run

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"I know there is always turn-overs in each game but minimizing our mistakes, executing the way you are supposed to, capitalizing when you have power play chances," Wong said. "Because that's going to win or lose you some hockey games in the playoffs. Special teams are really important. Guys just have to be focused on that and that the attention to detail is there and they are focused and ready to play."

Wong said he will be dressing his full lineup this weekend as guys have an internal race for the scoring lead that he says is good for the team.

"It's small little battles that teams do internally and I think there's enough guys there that want to out-do their teammates and I think that's fun competition within the team."

He said the Cubs are just excited to fill the Kimplex for the playoffs and get back into post-season action after not having any last season.

The final two games Wong said not only let them gear up for the playoffs but lets them give appreciation to their sponsors and fans. He said they've given out extra tickets to sponsors, and they are giving back to community Saturday by collecting boxes of cereal to donate to the Root Cellar for half-priced admission. They have something special up their sleeves for the first intermission in Sunday's game as well.



Wong says it's all part of being a junior hockey program in a city like Medicine Hat.

"We don't operate without sponsors and fans, the two biggest things that generate revenue for our hockey club," Wong said. "... Exposure in the community is important that we give back, it can't be always a take and ask sponsors for money. But we can do our part in giving back to the community this weekend in the form of cereal, that will go a long way to help the Cellar out. That's part of running a junior program and we're happy to do it."

Curlers right the ship, figure skaters struggle as Canada seeks to defend gold medals

The Canadian Press

BEIJING
Canada's defence of its Olympic mixed doubles curling gold medal is looking a lot more promising.

The path to repeating as figure skating team champions, however, is on perilously thin ice.

After splitting its opening two mixed doubles matches Thursday, Canada's tandem of John Morris and Rachel Homan picked up a pair of wins Friday to move into a tie with Britain for second place in the round-robin standings at 3-1.

Morris, from Canmore, Alta., and Ottawa's Homan opened with a 7-5 win over Switzerland. The Canadians scored three points in the first end, and had an answer any time the Swiss duo of Jenny Perret and Martin Rios looked to close the gap.

The Canadians followed with an 8-6 win over host China. Homan and Morris had a 4-1 lead after a steal of two in the third end, and held a commanding 8-4 lead entering the eighth and final end.

In team figure skating, Canada sat sixth after the opening three events and faced an early elimi-

nation from a competition it won at the 2018 Pyeongchang Games.

A squad already short on depth was missing Keegan Messing, who remains in Canada awaiting two more negative COVID-19 tests.

Roman Sadovsky, a 22-year-old from Toronto, stepped in for Messing in the men's short program but had a shaky skate and finished eighth out of nine skaters.

Sadovsky underrotated and two-footed the landing on his quadruple Salchow to finish with 71.06 points.

"Kind of disappointing honestly," Sadovsky said. "Only because those are mistakes that I don't usually make."

The quad Salchow is a comfort jump for me. It was very successful this season. There was just a slight mishap on the takeoff that didn't allow me to pull in."

Friday's events were a few of the practices and preliminary competitions leading up to the opening ceremony to officially kick off the Beijing Games. The first medals are handed out Saturday, including in men's moguls, where defending champion Mikael Kingsbury of Deux-Montagnes, Que., is a favourite to repeat.



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ROUNDUP

SCOREBOARD

CURLING

Scotties Tournament of Hearts Results



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PRELIMINARY ROUND
ALL TIMES MOUNTAIN

Pool A	W	L
Team (Skip)		
x-Wild Card (1) (Fleury)	7	1
x-New Brunswick (Crawford)	7	1
x-Northern Ontario (McCarville)	5	3
Saskatchewan (Barker)	4	4
Prince Edward Island (Birt)	4	4
Wild Card (2) (Carey)	4	4
Wild Card (3) (Miskew)	4	4
Newfoundland & Labrador (Hill)	2	6
Nunavut (MacPhail)	0	8

Pool B	W	L
x-Canada (Einarson)	8	0
x-Nova Scotia (Black)	5	3
tx-Northwest Territories (Galusha)	5	3
t-Manitoba (Zacharias)	5	3
Ontario (Duncan)	4	4
Alberta (Walker)	3	5
Quebec (St-Georges)	3	5
British Columbia (Arsenault)	3	5
Yukon (Birnie)	0	8

x - clinched playoff berth; t - advance to tiebreaker Note: Top three teams per pool will qualify for playoffs.

PLAYOFFS

Friday's Matches

Tiebreakers, 7 a.m.
Northwest Territories 8, Manitoba 6

First Round, 11 a.m.
P1-New Brunswick 8, Northwest Territories 6

P2-Northern Ontario 11, Nova Scotia 8

Second Round, 7 p.m.
New Brunswick 8, Canada 6

Northern Ontario 8, Wild Card (1) 3

Saturday, Feb. 5
Page Playoffs

Third vs. Fourth Places, 2 p.m.
Canada vs. Wild Card (1)

First vs. Second Places, 7 p.m.
New Brunswick vs. Northern Ontario

Sunday, Feb. 6
Semifinal

First-Second Loser vs. Third-Fourth Winner, 10 a.m.
Championship

First-Second Winner vs. Semifinal Winner, 5 p.m.

NHL

NHL Glance



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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	47	32	10	5	69	194	139
Tampa Bay	46	30	10	6	66	157	130
Toronto	42	29	10	3	61	153	112
Boston	43	26	14	3	55	131	120
Detroit	47	20	21	6	46	130	162
Buffalo	45	14	24	7	35	117	157
Ottawa	40	14	22	4	32	110	136
Montreal	44	8	29	7	23	99	172

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	42	31	9	2	64	147	98
N.Y. Rangers	47	30	13	4	64	145	122
Pittsburgh	46	27	11	8	62	154	124
Washington	47	25	13	9	59	152	130
Columbus	43	20	22	1	41	136	159
N.Y. Islanders	39	16	17	6	38	93	105
Philadelphia	45	15	22	8	38	113	152
New Jersey	45	15	25	5	35	126	163

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	44	32	8	4	68	183	129
Nashville	46	28	14	4	60	144	125
Minnesota	41	28	10	3	59	161	120
St. Louis	44	26	13	5	57	153	121
Dallas	43	23	18	2	48	129	131
Winnipeg	42	18	17	7	43	120	128
Chicago	46	16	23	7	39	112	156
Arizona	45	11	30	4	26	99	169

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	46	27	16	3	57	158	137
Los Angeles	47	24	16	7	55	136	130
Anaheim	48	23	16	9	55	141	137
Calgary	42	23	13	6	52	136	104
Edmonton	42	23	16	3	49	142	138
San Jose	46	22	20	4	48	126	142
Vancouver	46	20	20	6	46	115	126
Seattle	46	15	27	4	34	121	159

Thursday Games
No games scheduled

Friday/Saturday Games
NHL All-star Skills competition, 5:30 p.m.
NHL All-star game, 1 p.m.



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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 27 TO FEBRUARY 2, 2022 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

COMMERCIAL

3292 DUNMORE ROAD SE (Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 9610407) PLDP20211336.
Retail And Consumer Services (Commercial Renovations).

3292 DUNMORE ROAD SE (Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 9610407) PLDP20211342.
One Fascia Sign

HOME OCCUPATION

698 4 AVENUE NE (Lot 1, Block 11, Plan 1433HS) PLDP20211223.
Office Use With Customers To Attend. Health Studio/Fitness Centre.

614 HEMINGWAY CRESCENT NE (Lot 24, Block 8, Plan 8310543) PLDP20220005.
Office Use Only. Service (Paralegal Work).

135 STRATTON ROAD SE (Lot 27, Block 5, Plan 0715426) PLDP20220022.
Office With Customers To Attend Site. Consultant (Citizenship and Immigration Services).

38 TURNER CRESCENT SE (Lot 69, Block 54, Plan 9812103) PLDP20220026.
Office Use Only. Online Sales (Home Decor).

386 13 STREET SE (Lot 21, 22, Block 30, Plan 1132M) PLDP20220027.
Office Use Only. Online Sales (Custom Embroidery).

486 12 STREET SE (Lot 40, 41, Block 31, Plan 1595M) PLDP20220031.
Office With Storage On Site. 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).

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.

For more information, refer to www.medicinehat.ca or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

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GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR FEBRUARY

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

Natural Gas

The February natural gas commodity rate of \$5.0510 per gigajoule (GJ), up from the previous month of \$3.6460 per GJ, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners.

February 2022 (per GJ)	Rate per GJ
Direct Energy Regulated Services (North and South)	\$4.842
APEX Utilities Inc. (Formerly AltaGas Utilities Inc.)	\$5.259
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$5.0510

The City of Medicine Hat calculates the Monthly Reference Price based on the average of the rates approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

Electricity

The February electricity rate of \$0.16183 per kilowatt hour, down from the previous month of \$0.16194 per kilowatt hour, for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting, 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 2022 (per kilowatt hour)	Rate per kWh
Direct Energy Regulated Services	\$0.16557
ENMAX Energy Corporation	\$0.16520
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (Edmonton)	\$0.15972
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (outside Edmonton)	\$0.15681
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.16183

The City of Medicine Hat calculates the Monthly Reference Price based on the average of the rates using the four Regulated Rate Option providers approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission under section 103(2) of the Electric Utilities Act.

The February default 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 was \$0.11081 per kilowatt hour.

Fixed Rate Option

The City of Medicine Hat also offers a fixed electric commodity price for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial customers. The fixed rate for 2022 is \$0.0800 per kilowatt hour.

The Gas Utility offers a fixed natural gas commodity price for all rate class customers. The fixed rate for 2022 is \$4.35 per GJ.

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.

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Locked out MLB players reject offer of federal mediation

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NEW YORK

The start of spring training likely will be a casualty of Major League Baseball's lockout, which will threaten opening day unless the drawn-out talks lead to a deal in less than a month.

After a half-year of bickering over the sport's economics, baseball's warring factions couldn't even agree on whether to have a mediator.

The Major League Baseball Players Association on Friday ruled out a third party intervening, one day after MLB asked for help from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, "Two months after implementing their lockout, and just two days after committing to players that a counterproposal would be made, the owners refused to make a counter, and instead requested mediation," the union said in a statement.

