

PUBLIC NOTICES



DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED FEBRUARY 23 TO MARCH 1, 2023 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

59 SUNSET ROAD SW (Lot 9, Block 22, Plan 0312828) PLDP20230114. Secondary Suite.

234 SHEPHERD CRESCENT SE (Lot 24, Block 1, Plan 7711135). Garage With Rear Setback Variance.



COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL

4979 SOUTHLANDS DRIVE SE (Block 1, Plan 2211612) PLDP20230122. One Freestanding Sign With Two Variances.

HOME BUSINESS

197 UPLAND DRIVE SE (Lot 3, Block 2, Plan 6099JK) PLDP20230086. Home Business Minor. Concrete Installer.

534 6 STREET NE (Lot 21, Block 12, Plan 1433HS) PLDP20230096. 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).

2023 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the 2023 Assessment Roll for the City of Medicine Hat has been prepared and the Assessment Notices will be mailed on February 28, 2023.

The Assessment Roll is open for inspection as of February 28, 2023. The roll is available to view at www.medicinehat.ca/viewmyassessment. Inquiries may be directed to the Assessment Department, City Hall, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on every day of the week except Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays by calling 403-529-8114. The complaint deadline is May 8, 2023.

Prior to filing a complaint, property owners are encouraged to contact the Assessment Department, Main Floor, City Hall, or phone (403) 529-8114, to resolve any concerns and possibly avoid a formal complaint to the Assessment Review Board.

Dated this 25th day of February 2023.
Sue Sterkenburg, AMAA
Manager & City Assessor

FILING A COMPLAINT

If you wish to object to the entry or omission of your name, or that of any other person, or to the assessment of your property or any other property upon the said roll, you must complete and submit the Assessment Review Board Complaint form together with the applicable complaint registration fee. An agent may file a complaint on your behalf if you, the assessed owner, complete an Assessment Complaint Agent Authorization form. Submit completed forms to the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board at the following address:

ATTENTION: CLERK OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD
CITY OF MEDICINE HAT
CITY HALL, CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT, 3RD FLOOR
580 FIRST STREET SE
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA T1A 8E6

- Your complaint must include the following:
- indicate what information shown on an assessment notice or tax notice is incorrect,
 - explain in what respect that information is incorrect,
 - indicate what the correct information is,
 - identify the requested assessed value, if the complaint relates to an assessment, and
 - include the appropriate complaint registration fee.

Please ensure your complaint form includes all reasons for appealing. The Assessment Review Board cannot consider matters not included on your form.

Forms are available online at www.medicinehat.ca or from the City Clerk Department, 3rd floor, City Hall.

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.

8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages..... 403.529.8260
Gas Emergency403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency 403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services..... 403.526.2828

GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR MARCH

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

Natural Gas - all customers

The March natural gas default regulated rate (RRO) is \$2.537 per gigajoule (GJ), down from the previous month of \$5.218 per GJ. The rate is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners. The City of Medicine Hat calculates the Monthly Reference Price based on the average of the rates approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

March 2023 (per GJ)	Rate per GJ
Direct Energy Regulated Services (North and South)	\$2.222
APEX Utilities Inc. (Formerly AltaGas Utilities Inc.)	\$2.851
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$2.537

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).

Summary Natural Gas March 2023	Rate per GJ
Regulated non-contract	\$2.537
Fixed contract offering	\$6.607
February variable contract rate	\$3.646 (includes premium)

The January variable contract offering is based on the AECO (Alberta Energy Company) average market reference price plus \$1.00 per GJ. The February rate is \$3.646 per GJ (including the \$1.00 premium). The rate for March will be released April 1, 2023.

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

The March electricity default regulated rate (RRO) for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting customers is \$0.20054 per kilowatt hour (kWh), down from the previous month of \$0.31914 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.

March 2023 (per kilowatt hour)	Rate per kWh
Direct Energy Regulated Services	\$0.21894
ENMAX Energy Corporation	\$0.18681
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (Edmonton)	\$0.20022
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (outside Edmonton)	\$0.19617
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.20054

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 March 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 February variable rate is \$0.14350 per kWh (including the \$0.02 premium). The rate for March will be released April 1, 2023.

Summary Electricity March 2023	Rate per kWh
Regulated non-contract	\$0.20054 (Temporary Rate Cap \$0.13500)
Fixed contract offering	\$0.17653
February variable contract rate	\$0.14350 (includes premium)

Electricity - Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting Customers

The March default electricity rate for Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting customers is based the regulated rate option of \$0.20054 per kilowatt hour.

The March 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 February is \$0.14350 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 March is \$0.0005 per kilowatt hour.

For further information, please contact: media@medicinehat.ca

Thought of attending parole hearing 'heartbreaking': slain RCMP officer's wife

HINA ALAM
The Canadian Press

FREDERICTON
The wife of one of the New Brunswick RCMP officers murdered in 2014 says she is angry and discouraged after an Appeal Court reduced convicted killer Justin Bourque's parole eligibility.

Nadine Larche's husband, Const. Douglas Larche, was killed in the line of duty in Moncton, N.B., on June 4, 2014, along with two of his colleagues.

On Thursday, the New Brunswick Court of Appeal said it was "duty-bound" to cut Bourque's parole ineligibility period from the record-setting 75-year sentence to 25 years following a Supreme Court of Canada decision last year.

The Supreme Court ruling struck down a 2011 law that made it possible for judges to extend parole ineligibility periods beyond 25 years for people convicted of multiple murders.

With the reduction in his sentence, Bourque — who was 24 at the time of the murders — should be able to apply for parole when he is 49 instead of 99.

"My girls were nine, eight and four when their father was murdered," Larche said in an interview via texts with The Canadian Press.

"The thought of us — of them — having to submit their own victim impact statement and attending parole hearings is simply heartbreaking."

While she knew the decision was coming, she said it didn't help with the hurt, pain and trauma that resurfaced.

"It breaks my heart that we are all going to have to revisit this yet again in 2039 and that my three children will also have to go through parole hearings."

Bourque used a semi-automatic rifle to kill constables Dave Ross, 32; Fabrice Gevaudan, 45; and Larche, 40.

In a Feb. 13 victim impact statement by Angela Gevaudan, Gevaudan's widow, said she feels "hurt and abandoned as a victim in our criminal justice system."

She said her daughter "looks over her shoulder" since being told about the Supreme Court decision.

"Even if she hasn't been able to put it into words, I know in my mom's heart that she fears for her own safety," she said in the statement.

"Of all my symptoms, my struggles, what is most difficult is seeing how it impacts her. It breaks my heart."

The New Brunswick Court of Appeal decision Thursday noted the loss of police officers at the hands of a murdering gunman is a senseless tragedy resulting in the untimely passing of people who put their lives on the line to serve and protect their community.

It leaves families, friends and colleagues, and indeed, the community as a whole, in long-lasting profound grief, the court added.

"Mr. Bourque committed horrendous crimes that damaged the very fabric of our society," it said.

"Fuelled by hatred for authority, he took the lives of three innocent victims and injured two more. He not only left families devastated, but also left the local community and the law enforcement communities in a state of pain and anguish."

Larche echoed those sentiments.

Bourque ripped apart not just her home and heart, she said, but affected an entire community.

"And beyond," she said.

Larche said the one reassurance she, her family and the community had was that he would be eligible for parole in 75 years.

"That reassurance is gone now with this decision," she said.

"Granted, it's only an eligibility to parole, it is not a guarantee. And I hope and trust that the Parole Board will consider all the factors and not grant him parole. Yet, we will still have to suffer through the parole hearing process," she said.

In an open letter, Larche urged Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to revisit parole ineligibility periods and sentencing for people who have committed multiple murders such as Bourque's case.

Sentencing needs to reflect the offence in order to adequately protect society, and the Appeal Court's decision undermines those principles, she said.

"How can such a violent and wilfully committed crime be punished with such a sentence?" she wrote. "It does not seem just or fair. This does little to denounce and deter. This is not enough to acknowledge the harm he has done."



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