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CITY HOSTS OFF-SITE LEVY OPEN HOUSE

Bylaw under review as part of new Municipal Development Plan

Medicine Hat – The City of Medicine Hat invites residents to attend a public open house about proposed amendments to the Off-site Levy Bylaw.

To meet the City's growing industry, population and servicing needs, Medicine Hat's Off-site Levy Bylaw requires review under the newly accepted Municipal Development Plan.

The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hockey Hounds Recreation Centre, 39 – 10 Street NE.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform stakeholders about off-site development and organize future off-site levy meetings involving representatives from various stakeholder groups in the community.

The proposed agenda for the meeting includes a presentation from City staff and break outs into smaller discussion groups to choose representatives for future meetings.

Offsite levies are used to offset costs associated with capital infrastructure to expand services due to municipal growth. Capital infrastructure refers to water, wastewater, storm and transportation systems including: pipes, facilities (eg. reservoirs, lift stations, plants) and arterial roads.

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