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FIRST STREET S.E. CLOSED FOR ESPLANADE GALA OPENING CEREMONIES

Medicine Hat – As part of the Opening Gala Ceremonies for the Esplanade, the City of Medicine Hat Municipal Works Department is closing First Street S.E. between the Fourth and Fifth Avenue intersections from approximately 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005.

The City asks motorists to obey all traffic signs and signals.

From Oct. 22 to Oct. 31, 2005, limited free parking is available at the following locations:

1. Esplanade Parkade (*access off Fourth Avenue*)
2. Esplanade Surface Parking Lot (*access off Fifth Avenue*)
3. City Hall Parkade – evenings and weekends **ONLY** (*access off River Road*)

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