

Salt Lake City gets green light to bid for Winter Olympics

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Salt Lake City got the green light to bid for the Winter Olympics — most likely for 2030 — in an attempt to bring the Games back to the city that hosted in 2002 and provided the backdrop for the U.S. winter team's ascendance into an international powerhouse.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said Friday it was selecting Utah's capital, which stood out as a predictable, slam-dunk pick in a process that also included Denver and Reno, Nevada.

With venues still in place — some of them upgraded — from the 2002

Games, Salt Lake claims it can host again at a lower cost than other candidates, which aligns with the International Olympic Committee's new blueprint for the Games.

It's almost a certain bet the bid will be for 2030, though the USOC left open the possibility of other dates. There are only two bidders for 2026: from Sweden and Italy, after voters in Calgary, Alberta, rejected a proposed bid.

USOC CEO Sarah Hirshland said Denver and Salt Lake City both presented strong cases, but that the board determined Utah was the better choice due in part to the existing ven-

ues, their proximity to each other, the city's experience hosting the games and widespread community and political support. She said it minimizes the risk.

"It is critical to ensure that we have the ability to create an incredible experience for athletes while at the same time managing sustainability and fiscal responsibility," Hirshland said. "It was clear to us when we were there and in what they presented that Salt Lake City very much understands the practical realities of hosting a Games, but also wants and supports what they represent."

The city's selection set off celebra-

tion at the mayor's office where local leaders who worked on the plan gathered. Since 2012, Utah has said it's ready and willing to host another Olympics.

One key hurdle for Salt Lake City will be erasing memories of the bidding scandal that marred the buildup to 2002 and resulted in several IOC members losing their positions for taking bribes.

Mitt Romney was brought in to steer the games through the scandal. The newly elected U.S. Senator for Utah told The Associated Press after the announcement that a series of processes put in place by the IOC will ensure no bribery scandal happens again.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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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 DECEMBER 6 TO DECEMBER 12, 2018 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

5238 SOUTHLANDS DRIVE SE (Lot 22, Block 8, Plan 1012845) DP14757. Duplex.

56 EAST GLEN PLACE SE (Lot 12, Block 5, Plan 7910917) DP14758. Single Detached House.

COMMERCIAL

1250 52 STREET NW (Lot, Block, Plan) DP14760. Industrial Operations (Addition).

HOME OCCUPATION

434 9 STREET SE (Lot 21, Block 14, Plan 1132M) DP14759. Office Use With Storage on Site. Manicure/Pedicure/Aesthetics.

13-448 DIVISION AVENUE NW (Lot, Block 13, Plan 0112294) DP14762. Office Use With Storage on Site. Painting & Decorating.

353 WOODMAN AVENUE SE (Lot 19, Block 1, Plan 0112505) DP14764. Office Use With Storage on Site. Painting & Decorating.

565 5 STREET SE (Lot 9, Block 48, Plan 36556) DP14765. Office Use Only. Consultant.

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).

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO THE SPECIAL CULTURAL EVENTS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

The program offers support for cultural events or projects filling a cultural need in the City, or for individuals, groups or organizations receiving recognition at international competitions, exhibitions, performances or events related to arts and culture.

NEXT APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2019

Applications and Guidelines are available at www.medicinehat.ca/grants or at the Esplanade (401 First Street SE, Medicine Hat).

For further information contact the Cultural Grant Administrator at 403-529-8316 or culturalgrants@medicinehat.ca.

2019 TAX DISCOUNT & INTEREST RATES

The 2019 tax discounts and tax interest will be applied monthly at an annual rate of 0.83% based on the minimum balance in the account during the month. The credit will be applied to the tax account on the first business day of the following month.

Discount / Interest Rates

*January:	0.08 % per month
*February – April:	0.09 % per month
July – December:	0.08 % per month

(* The rates for January to April are a Discount Rate, which is not taxable by Revenue Canada.)

Payments and discounts will appear as a credit on the 2019 Tax Statement when issued. Payments may be made in any amount not exceeding the amount of the 2018 Tax Levy.

To ensure payments are applied to the correct accounts, please specify your address and tax account number.

For further information please contact the Customer Service Department, Main Floor, City Hall at 529-8111.

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 pencil lead) 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/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

2018 CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AREA (CCDA) ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the City Centre Development Area Supplementary Assessment Roll for the City of Medicine Hat for the year 2018, has been prepared and the Assessment and Tax notices have been mailed as of **December 14, 2018**. The Assessment Roll will be open on the mail date for inspection in 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. Any tax payer who desires to object to the assessment must complete and submit the Assessment Review Board Complaint form on or before **February 13, 2019**. An agent may file a complaint on your behalf if you, the assessed person, complete the Assessment Complaint Agent Authorization form.

Submit completed forms to the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board at the following address:

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT
ATTENTION: CLERK OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD, CITY HALL
580 FIRST STREET SE
MEDICINE HAT, AB 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 at the Assessment Department, Main Floor, City Hall or at www.medicinehat.ca.

Dated the 14th day of December 2018.

Sue Sterkenburg, AMAA, City Assessor

***Note: Prior to filing a complaint, business owners are encouraged to contact the Assessment Department, Main Floor, City Hall, or telephone 403.529.8114, to resolve any concerns and possibly avoid a formal complaint to the Assessment Review Board.**

ATTENTION: UTILITY CUSTOMERS NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGES

On Monday, December 3, 2018 City Council gave first reading to the following:

BYLAW #4505 to amend Bylaw #2379, the Water Service Bylaw by amending certain rates, fees and charges; and

BYLAW #4506 to amend Bylaw #1541, regulating the use of Public and Private Sewers and Drains and the Disposal of Sewage and the Discharge of Waters and Waste into the City's Sewer System; and

BYLAW #4507 to amend Bylaw #1805, the Waste Bylaw by amending rates and charges; and

BYLAW #4508 to amend Bylaw #2244, the Electric Utility Bylaw by adjusting certain non-commodity rates charged for electric energy distribution service to residential, commercial and industrial customers of the City's Electric Utility; and

BYLAW #4509 to amend Bylaw #2489, the Gas Utility Bylaw by amending certain rates, fees and charges.

The proposed Bylaws will come into force on January 1, 2019.

A Non-Statutory Public Hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of the Second/Third Readings of the proposed Bylaws will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at the address below on Monday, December 17, 2018 beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Copies of the above Bylaws and related documents may be inspected during normal office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) at the City Clerk Department or accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Any person who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaws may make representation to City Council at the Non-Statutory Public Hearings. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 8th day of December, 2018.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk
Phone: 403.529.8234
Fax: 403.529.8324
E-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

List of public facing City of Medicine Hat facility closures over the holiday season

City Hall Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre Strathcona Centre MHT (Transit) Office Parks & Recreation Office	Closed: Dec 24-26 Open: Dec 27-28 Closed: Dec 31-Jan 1
Municipal Works – Office Environmental Utilities – Office	Open: Dec 24 Closed: Dec 25-26 Open: Dec 27-28, 31 Closed: Jan 1
Waste Management Facility (Landfill)	Open: Dec 24 Closed: Dec 25-26 Open: Dec 27-28, 31 Closed: Jan 1
Veiner Centre/Bistro	Open: Dec 24 until 2pm Closed: Dec 25-26 Open: Dec 27-28 Open: Dec 31 until 2pm Closed: Dec 31-Jan 1
Family Leisure Centre	Open: Dec 24 until 4pm Closed: Dec 25 Open: Dec 26 until 5pm Open: Dec 27-30 Open: Dec 31 until 4 pm Open: Jan 1 until 5 pm
Crestwood Recreation Centre Kinxplex	Open: Dec 24 until 4pm Closed: Dec 25-26 Open: Dec 27-30 Open: Dec 31 until 4 pm Closed: Jan 1
Moose Recreation Centre Hockey Hounds Arena	Open: Dec 24 Closed: Dec 25-Jan 1