

Ottawa ready to help co-ordinate provincial testing, contact tracing: prime minister

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OTTAWA
Provinces looking to reopen their economies will need to scale up and co-ordinate testing and contact-tracing to contain future outbreaks of COVID-19, says Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

During a call among Trudeau and provincial premiers Thursday evening, the premiers stressed the need for tracing that reaches beyond provincial boundaries as COVID-19 restrictions begin to be eased and people begin to travel more.

This will require collaboration among the provinces on how this work is done - efforts that Trudeau said Friday the federal government is prepared to help with.

"There will be more travel because of a reopened economy and we need to make sure we have coherence in our approach across the country on both testing and contact tracing, which is something we talked about a lot last night," Trudeau said of the Thursday discussion.

But he said a national approach will require the prov-

inces to be willing to work with Ottawa on a collective effort.

Canada's chief public health officer Dr. Theresa Tam said in a news conference of her own that contact tracing is "one of the absolute cornerstones" of Canada's public health strategy in managing the spread of the virus.

While this work is done at the local level, she said the federal government has offered support.

She also noted there have been increasing discussions about technological applications that could help.

"There are some jurisdictions that have begun to try some of this and are sharing some of the lessons," she said.

South Korea has begun aggressively testing and tracing thousands of people who went to bars and nightclubs in Seoul after a cluster of new coronavirus cases emerged in its capital. Some of this tracing has involved contacting telecom companies to gain location information of people who were in those clubs to determine who might have been infected.

While Canada is looking to

work with provinces and different organizations on a national approach to contact tracing, Innovation Minister Navdeep Bains said protecting Canadians' privacy will be central.

"The architecture around privacy principles will be a key feature of any tool that we work with and move forward on," he said.

"As we look at other jurisdictions, we want to be driven by a Canadian solution based on Canadian values and privacy will be front and centre."

Earlier this month, Ontario Premier Doug Ford called for a national plan for contact tracing, noting that each province has been approaching this work differently.

"The federal government is offering to work very closely with the provinces on expanding massively both our testing and our contact-tracing and we certainly hope that the provinces will work with us on that because everywhere across the country, as we reopen, we need to be hypervigilant to possible resurgences of COVID-19," Trudeau said.

Dalhousie law professors ask premier to launch public inquiry into mass shooting

The Canadian Press

More than 30 faculty members at Dalhousie University's law school have signed a letter urging Nova Scotia's premier to call an independent public inquiry into the shootings that took 22 lives last month.

On Thursday, Premier Stephen McNeil said a review of the tragedy should be led by Ottawa, with the province providing support and assistance.

However, 33 of the roughly 40 faculty members of the Halifax university's Schulich School of Law signed a letter on Friday urging McNeil to initiate a public inquiry with broad terms of reference.

They say in the letter the inquiry's terms must allow for a critical review of the procedures and decisions employed by police during the April 18 and 19 shootings, and in the months and years leading up to the tragedy.

They also want the inquiry to consider broader social and legal issues that may have been contributing factors, including

domestic violence.

"An internal investigation will not suffice. Independence, impartiality and transparency are essential components of maintaining public confidence in the administration of justice. Only a public inquiry can satisfy these requirements," they say in the letter.

The premier again said Friday he believes Ottawa should lead the inquiry into the shooting because the RCMP is a federal police force with national protocols.

"We can only call an inquiry that constitutionally fall under the responsibility of the province of Nova Scotia. While we have the responsibility for policing, it's clear the RCMP fall under the Constitution with the federal government, as well as the firearms fall under the Constitution with the federal government," McNeil said.

"With all respect to the law professors, we believe the federal government ... should be the one who would call for whatever they determine for a review."

PUBLIC NOTICES

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED MAY 7 TO MAY 13, 2020 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

- 132 HAMPTONS CRESCENT SE** (Lot 18, Block 8, Plan 1712252) DP15376. Single Detached House.
- 203 HAMPTONS CRESCENT SE** (Lot 29, Block 9, Plan 1712252) DP15377. Single Detached House Including Side Yard Variance.
- 223 HAMPTONS CRESCENT SE** (Lot 34, Block 9, Plan 1712252) DP15378. Single Detached House Including Site Width Variance.
- 617 VISTA DRIVE SE** (Lot 10, Block 5, Plan 1111036) DP15379. Single Detached House.
- 51 KING CANYON PLACE SW** (Lot 3, Block 2, Plan 0812525) DP15391. Single Detached House (Retaining Wall).
- 475 9 STREET SE** (Lot 7, Block 26, Plan 1595M) DP15397. Single Detached House (Two Covered Decks and Addition) and Garage.

COMMERCIAL

- 1924 10 AVENUE NW** (Lot 7, Block D, Plan 7410784) DP15394. Change Of Use To Discretionary Use Funeral Establishment.
- 5 - 40 STRACHAN COURT SE** (Lot , Block 1, Plan 0313463) DP15395. Retail And Consumer Services (Roof Top Generator).
- 3216 13 AVENUE SE** (Lot 6, Block G, Plan 9712229) DP15396. Hotel (Enclosed Covered Corridor).
- 1789 STRACHAN ROAD SE** (Lot 11, Block 1, Plan 1711628) DP15400. One Free Standing Sign.

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).

WATER MAIN FLUSHING & FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS

Environmental Utilities performs regular, routine maintenance to uphold the water quality and system infrastructure by annually flushing water mains and inspecting fire hydrants.

During these operations, there may be some discoloration in the water which is not harmful to consume and will disappear when flushing is complete. Please note that discoloured water should not be used for laundry and that fluctuating water pressure may also be noticed.

Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, turn on your cold water tap or an outside sprinkler and let the water run for several minutes until the water runs clear.

For additional information or to confirm whether crews are working in your zone, refer to the Water Flushing Programs page on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

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



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2020 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Assessment Roll for the City of Medicine Hat has been prepared for Multi-Family and Non-Residential properties and the Assessment Notices will be mailed on May 14, 2020. Single Family Residential and Farmland property Assessment Notices were mailed on February 28, 2020.

The Assessment Roll is open for inspection for Multi-Family and Non-Residential property as of May 14, 2020. The roll is available to view at <https://www.medicinehat.ca/government/departments/finance/assessment/view-your-assessment-information>. 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. Under Ministerial Order No. MAG: 014/20, the complaint deadline for Single Family Residential and Farmland properties has been extended to July 1, 2020. The complaint deadline for Non-Residential and Multi-Family properties is July 21, 2020.

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:

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT
CITY HALL, 580 1 STREET SE
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA T1A 8E6
ATTENTION: CLERK OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

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, and
- identify the requested assessed value, if the complaint relates to an assessment.
- 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 this 9th day of May 2020.

Sue Sterkenburg, AMAA
City Assessor

***Note: 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.**

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COVID-19 PRACTICES

Medicine Hat City Council will meet as scheduled on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. with adjustments in place to ensure alignment with current Alberta Health restrictions related to COVID-19.

A new Ministerial Order allowing municipalities to host meetings of Council electronically to ensure recommended practices from Alberta Health was announced on March 20, 2020. As per the order, Council meetings will be closed to the public but can be viewed online at the City website at: <https://docs.medicinehat.ca/onbaseagendaonline>

Remote participation options for Public Hearings are available. Those who would like to ask questions can do so via email to clerk@medicinehat.ca between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Additionally, the public may call in to the Public Hearing via teleconference at 1-833-353-8610 (participant code 2848289).

The Mayor will be available for media questions on the conference line once the meeting is adjourned.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 16th day of May, 2020.

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

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEETINGS ADJUST TO ALIGN WITH COVID-19 PRACTICES

Medicine Hat – City Standing Committees and Commissions will continue to meet as scheduled, with adjustments in place to ensure alignment with current Alberta Health restrictions related to COVID-19.

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As per the order, Committee and Commission meetings will be closed to the public but the public may call in to listen to the open portion of the meeting via teleconference at 1-833-353-8610 (participant code 2848289).

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RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION COLLECTION DAY CHANGES

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There will be **no residential waste collection on Monday, May 18, 2020** due to the Victoria Day Statutory Holiday.

Waste collection zones will advance as follows:

DATE	CITY ZONE
Monday, May 18	No Collection
Tuesday, May 19	Zone 3
Wednesday, May 20	Zone 4
Thursday, May 21	Zone 5
Friday, May 22	Zone 1
Monday, May 25	Zone 2

Download the Recycle Coach App, refer to medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.

CART COLLECTION TIPS

- Carts must be out by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- Waste carts are collected separately with collection times that vary throughout the day.
- Make sure carts are accessible with 3ft (1m) clearance on all sides.
- Ensure cart lids are closed to avoid litter or collection problems.
- Contaminated yard waste and blue recycling carts will not be collected.

To prevent theft or damage to your cart; remove carts off roadways, sidewalks, back lanes etc. and return to private property within 24 hours of collection.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Residents are reminded that the City of Medicine Hat Waste Management Facility will be **closed on Monday May 18, 2020**, re-opening the following business day.

Hours of Operation are as follows:

- Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Closed on Sunday

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