

Alberta health minister orders racism review, noose found in hospital in 2016

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Alberta's health minister has ordered an independent third-party investigation into how the province's health authority responded to a racist act at one of its hospitals.

Tyler Shandro said in a statement Friday that a piece of rope tied into a noose was found taped to the door of an operating room at the Grande Prairie hospital in 2016.

"In August of 2019, I was first made aware of this incident and was reassured by senior officials that the matter was being dealt with appropriately," he said.

Shandro added, however, that he recently heard about it again and there are questions about how Alberta Health Services handled the matter in 2016.

"I share their concerns and I am not satisfied that this matter was handled appropriately."

A statement from the health authority late Friday said the "disturbing and unconscionable racist act at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie in 2016 was investigated and acted upon by Alberta Health Services."

They said they are deeply sorry for the pain it has caused.

"Racism, discrimination, and unconscious bias have no place within AHS, and this racist act in no way reflects the beliefs of the

organization and the values we hold dear," said the statement.

Officials said they acted to ensure the person involved accepted responsibility and that the victims were supported.

They added that they are awaiting the completion of an investigation by the College of Physicians and Surgeons into the behaviour of the physician involved.

The Opposition NDP's deputy

leader and former health minister, Sarah Hoffman, said she hadn't been told about the racism at the time.

"I am shocked and disgusted to learn of the violent, racist incident that occurred at the Grande Prairie Hospital in 2016," she said in a statement earlier Friday.

"If I had been informed, I would have taken swift action and that doctor would have been fired immediately."

PUBLIC NOTICES



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 JUNE 25 TO JULY 1, 2020 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

26 7 AVENUE SW	(Lot 28, Block 1, Plan 8210696) PLDP20200901. Garage (Addition).
579 6 STREET NE	(Lot 10, Block 8, Plan 47JK) PLDP20200924. Garage (Overheight and Oversize Variance)
303 STERLING CRESCENT SE	(Lot 35, Block 1, Plan 1412603) PLDP20200914. Single Detached House.



COMMERCIAL

1366 BRIER PARK DRIVE NW	(Lot 1, Block E, Plan 7410784) PLDP20200015462. Restaurant (Addition)
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HOME OCCUPATION

24 RIVER RIDGE DRIVE NW	(Lot , Block 5, Plan 0113543) PLDP20200902. Office With Storage On Site. Photography.
275 FLEET STREET SW	(Lot 41, Block 1, Plan 8010927) PLDP20200903. Office With Storage On Site. General Contractor/Project Manager.
295 7 STREET NW	(Lot 22, Block 8, Plan 7989HD) PLDP20200904. Office With Storage On Site. Pottery.
8 CLARK CRESCENT SE	(Lot 2, Block 7, Plan 7510668) PLDP20200930. Office With Storage On Site. Home Repair.
30 687 SOUTH RAILWAY STREET SE	(Lot 4,10, Block L, Plan 59191) PLDP20200932. Office With Storage On Site. Online Sales.
16 ROSS HAVEN CRESCENT SE	(Lot 6, Block 1, Plan 7810742) PLDP20200933. Office With Storage On Site. Home Repair.
59 SOMERSIDE WAY SE	(Lot 7, Block 9, Plan 0912931) PLDP20200937. Office With Storage On Site. Photography.
195 HULL CRESCENT NE	(Lot 45, Block 5, Plan 7410135) PLDP20200938. Office With Storage On Site. Service (Commissioner of Oaths).

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.

PROPOSED DIRECT CONTROL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 1102 SHALE STREET SE

TAKE NOTICE that the Medicine Hat City Council will be considering a Direct Control Development Application for a Change of Use to Industrial Support Services at 1102 Shale Street SE. The Applicant is an Engineering Firm that engages in Non-Destructive Examinations which includes industrial radiography. The company wishes to relocate its existing office to the subject site. For further information, or to view copy of proposed Development Application and related documents, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403.529.8374.

A Non-Statutory Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, July 20, 2020** at approximately **6:30 p.m.** at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting being held at the **Esplanade Studio Theatre** (401 First Street SE). This meeting will be open to the public with adjustments in place to ensure alignment with current Alberta Health requirements related to COVID-19. Seating for the public will be limited.

At the Hearing, any person may make representation to City Council and discuss, support, object to or ask questions about the proposed development. Oral submissions are normally restricted to a maximum of five (5) minutes.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to:

City Clerk Department, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6 by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

All submissions are treated as public documents.

Members of the public can view City Council meetings online at the City's YouTube account at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityMedicineHat>.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 4th day of July, 2020.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH COVID-19 PRACTICES IN PLACE

Medicine Hat City Council will meet as scheduled on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be open to the public and is being held at the Esplanade Studio Theatre, 401 First Street SE. Adjustments are in place to ensure alignment with current Alberta Health requirements related to COVID-19. Please note seating for the public will be limited.

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Options for input to a Public Hearing:

1. Attend in person at the Esplanade Studio Theatre, 401 First Street SE by 6:30 p.m.
2. Call in to the Public Hearing via teleconference at 1-833-353-8610 (participant code 2848289#) by 6:30 p.m.
3. Email to clerk@medicinehat.ca between 5:00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

Written submissions concerning proposed bylaws placed before City Council must submit it to: City Clerk Department, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6 by 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 30, 2020. All submissions are treated as public documents.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 27th day of June, 2020.

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