## INFORMATION PACKAGE

# Medicine Hat Arena

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## MEDICINE HAT ARENA

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## **City of Medicine Hat—Overview**

Medicine Hat is located in southeastern Alberta, approximately 293 km southeast of Calgary, 1,347 km east of Vancouver, British Columbia, and 467 km west of Regina, Saskatchewan. As for U.S. locations, Medicine Hat is 160 km from the Wildhorse border crossing and 1,289 km from Seattle. Medicine Hat offers a population of 52,000+ and close to 70,000 in immediate surrounding area from which to draw spectators for your event. A wide range of local and regional hotels, with excess of 1200 rooms available in the City, provide ample accommodations for you, the entertainer, as well as traveling spectators.

The City has excellent air, highway and rail facilities and is served by regional and national airlines, rail companies, and trucking companies.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

The Trans-Canada Highway #1 [east-west] offers direct connections to all major urban centres in Canada. Highway #3 [Crowsnest Highway] connects the city to Vancouver via the southern route through the Canadian Rocky Mountains and south to the U.S. border via Highway #4 at Lethbridge, Alberta [Border Crossing - Coutts]. Highway 41 connects Medicine Hat to northern Alberta and south to the U.S. [Border Crossing - Wildhorse].

#### **AIR SERVICE**

Medicine Hat's Municipal Airport is operated and maintained by the City of Medicine Hat, located west of the city within ten minutes from the downtown core and also serves Canadian Forces Base Suffield. It has the facilities to accommodate small private aircraft right up to medium haul jet airliners. Air services are provided by Air Canada and Peace Air. Air Canada offers direct flights daily to Calgary International Airport for links with all international and domestic flights. Peace Air provides regional air service daily to Red Deer, Edmonton and points north.

#### **RAIL SERVICE**

Canadian Pacific Railways serves Medicine Hat from its main line. Medicine Hat is a divisional point for CP Rail which splits south to the Crowsnest Pass and north to the Kicking Horse Pass, both links to the Pacific coast. Northern Alberta markets are served through inter-switching with CN Rail and access to the United States can be accomplished at various border points through inter-switching with Burlington Northern Railway and Soo Line Railway.CP Rail utilizes intermodal transportation systems which combine the benefits of rail and truck.

#### TRUCKING FIRMS

Medicine Hat has a network of trucking firms offering local, provincial, national and international intermodal freight services—an easy way for you to move sets from venue to venue. The services provided include special bodies and containers for household goods, grain, bulk fertilizer, heavy equipment, oilfield equipment, refrigerated or frozen goods and a broad range of manufactured products. These trucking firms provide services to the Calgary International Airport and to Pacific ports in Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma, as well as inter-connections across Canada and the United States.

#### **BUS SERVICES**

Greyhound Bus Lines operate regular daily scheduled service to all Canadian cities.

#### **TRANSIT**

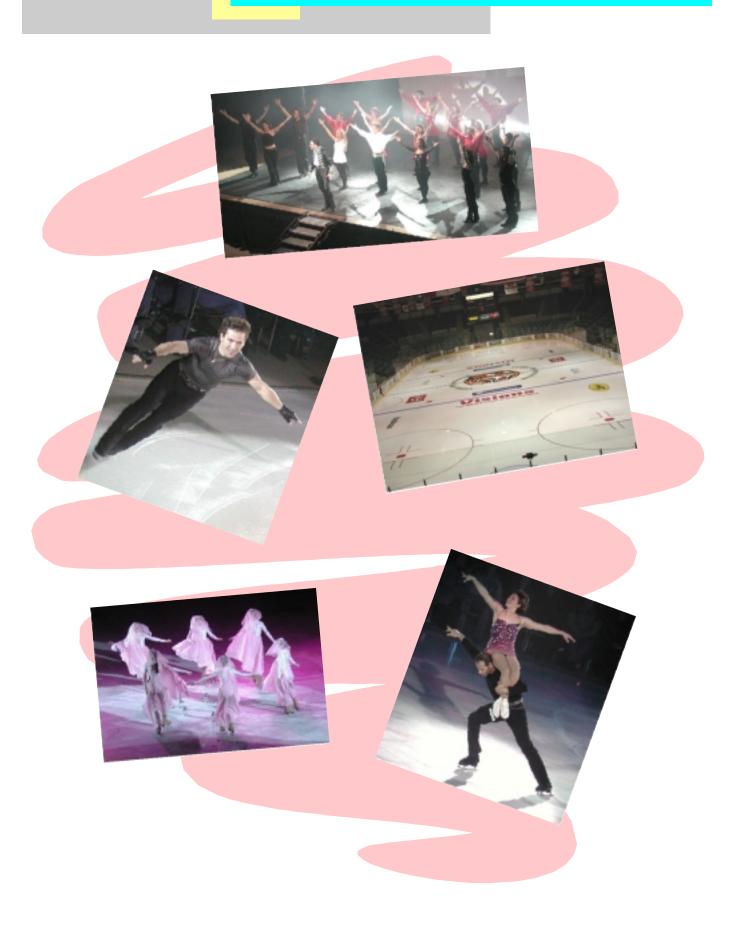
The City of Medicine Hat provides a fully integrated and fully accessible transit service throughout the community six days a week.

#### **COURIERS AND TAXIS**

Medicine Hat is served by several local and regional courier companies. Local taxi service is provided by Care Cabs Ltd. and Deluxe Central Taxi.



## **Medicine Hat Arena**



## In a Nutshell....

The Medicine Hat Arena was erected by the citizens of Medicine Hat in 1970. After a tragic fire at the old downtown arena in 1969, plans soon took shape to build a stadium-sized arena with the capacity to house a Western Hockey League hockey team. Big dreams became reality! The Medicine Hat Arena opened its doors on October 15, 1970, with room for over 4000 people to witness the first WHL home game of the new Medicine Hat Junior Tigers. The Arena has been home to the Tigers ever since.

As one of the primary venues in Medicine Hat, the Arena has played host to world class concerts, international curling championships, professional skating and dancing events, rodeos, circuses, WWE wrestling, and many other sporting events.

The Medicine Hat Arena features an NHL -sized rink, new ventilation and heating system, new sound equipment, brand new lighting, multi-purpose lounge with concession and internet/phone hookups, and many other extras to ensure your event is an outstanding success.

## **Past Arena Events:**

The Medicine Hat Arena is proud of its versatility and flexibility in hosting events of varying magnitudes. From the rowdiest rodeo to the softest dance, this building is capable of accommodating lighting, sound and staging requirements for almost any occasion. Past successes include Magic of the Dance, Bull Bustin', Shrine Circus, Moscow on Ice, Nickelback Concert, WWE Wrestling, World Junior Curling Championship and the Continental Cup of Curling.



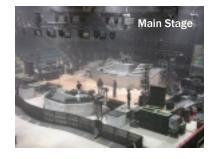
The Medicine Hat Arena is capable of conforming to the demands of a wide array of events. The following photos demonstrate our diversity and set-up abilities.

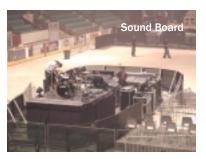
### **Indoor Rodeo**





#### Concert





Dance Stage/ Skating





**Indoor Circus** 

