

All Hatters, let's talk about MCAF (MUNICIPAL CONCOCTED ARTIFICIAL FEE) on our Utility Bills! ⚡🔥

Fact: Only Medicine Hat Utility Ratepayers pay this fee (Redcliff and Cypress County do not!)

Fact: This fee should apply only to 3rd party retailers using CMH land and utility infrastructure (Wait- we don't have other service providers here!) So why is our City charging itself (and thus the Citizens) use of our own utilities? Does that make any sense? Why is the City double dipping from their Citizens??

Fact: City of Medicine Hat currently holds \$750 million in reserves! This fee should no longer apply, as it was a temporary measure to reduce budget deficit during the previous Council's management.

How about use \$5 million of earnings from investments instead? How about using 1/10 of Electric Genco profits instead?

How about cutting \$5 million from the budget instead? Our City needs to do better by focusing on Expense reduction rather than Revenue replacement. So that our property taxes can be reduced, NOT increased year over year! 📊📈

Fact: The MCAF fee is a charge that costs the city nothing. It's basically a charge because "they can"!

Thus, MHURA dubs it the "Municipal Concocted Artificial Fee" 🤖

Fact: the MCAF FEE has increased to 18% of our commodity rates!

How do Hatters feel about getting charged more for generated power than our neighbours in Redcliff and Cypress County?

Is this fair for Hatters who already pay into our utility maintenance and infrastructure, but are still being charged more on top of it thru the MCAF fee?

Join MHURA and stand with us to advocate for fair and equitable utility rates and charges for all Hatters! 🙌