



# *Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education*

## NEWS RELEASE

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## Legal Matter

The Medicine Hat Police Service Major Crimes Section recently concluded a six-month fraud investigation which resulted in charges of fraud-related offences against a former employee of the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education. The charges relate to an alleged loss of public funds to our organization.

The Medicine Hat Police Service is conducting the investigation.

As this is a legal matter before the courts, no further details will be disclosed at this time.

The Medicine Hat Police Service media release is attached.

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## **MEDICINE HAT POLICE SERVICE**

### **Fraud Investigation**

On August 7, 2018 the Medicine Hat Police Service Major Crimes Section concluded a six-month fraud investigation, which resulted in 45-year-old, Rolf Traichel, of Medicine Hat, AB, being charged with several fraud and fraud related offences. The offences are alleged to have occurred between 2010 and 2016, and have resulted in a loss to the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education, in excess of \$1 million.

Mr. Traichel was a member of the Medicine Hat Police Commission from January 2012, until his term expired in December, 2017. The matter was first reported to the Medicine Hat Police Service for investigation in January 2018. Based on the investigation to date, it is believed that the alleged fraud was isolated to the one organization. Mr. Traichel has been released on his own recognizance with conditions with a court appearance scheduled in Provincial Court at Medicine Hat on September 11th 2018.

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