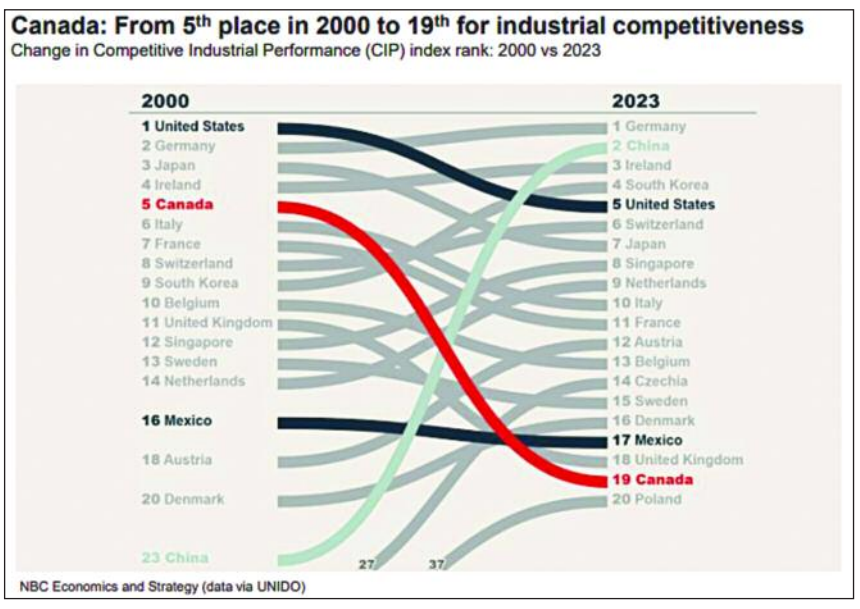
Market Watch

S&P/TSX	S&P 500	DOW
35,800.89	7,743.41	51,828.62
+94.43	+39.28	+478.64

NASDAQ	DOLLAR	OIL per barrel
27,068.72	70.74¢US	US$92.41
+129.34	-0.04¢	-$2.20

GOLD
US$4,321.20
$23.20



SOURCE: NATIONAL BANK FINANCIAL



Eric Van Enk
Economics 101

Useful idiots

On Sept. 16, the federal government announced substantial regulatory reform, which hasn't received a lot of press but will have a positive impact on our economy. Specifically, the government eliminated the duplicative Impact Assessment Act review for specific energy projects. This change is positive for the Canadian economy and especially positive for Alberta.

The most obvious beneficiaries are large, natural gas-fired generation projects, pipelines and power lines crossing provincial or international borders, offshore renewables and qualifying in situ oil sands facilities. Projects will continue to undergo regulatory and environmental scrutiny, but without a superfluous IAA review process layered on top.

PM Carney made the announcement ahead of the Canada Investment Summit held earlier this month in Toronto as a positive message to investors that Canada intends to improve the conditions for major-project investment. Importantly, removing the IAA review doesn't eliminate an environmental review. Hearings, assessments, Indigenous rights and the Crown's duty to consult remain, as do approvals under statutes such as the Fisheries Act and Canadian Navigable Waters Act.

The duplicative and harmful IAA review process was created by the infamous Bill C-69 in 2019 by the Trudeau government. You may recall Bill C-69 referred to as the "No More Pipelines" bill due to the massive regulatory burden it placed on energy infrastructure projects such as pipelines.

This week's chart highlights the decline Canada has experienced in terms of our relative industrial competitiveness. We were ranked fifth globally in 2000 and fell to 19th as of 2023. The increasing federal regulatory burden attributed to the Trudeau government is one of the factors that contributed to this decline. Other factors include taxation, labour costs, and lack of productivity growth due to underinvestment. Removing the duplicative IAA review process from major energy projects doesn't fix all that ails Canadian competitiveness, but it does send a positive and different message from our federal government to global investors.

The change in messaging and priorities from the Trudeau to the Carney government has been stark indeed. To my knowledge, the shift in tone has been more dramatic from Trudeau to Carney under the Liberal banner than any other successive leadership change within the same party in Canadian political history. The federal government has moved swiftly to economic growth and resilience. How much of this shift has been driven by a response to President Trump's trade policies vs. economic pragmatism is up for debate.

The phrase 'useful idiot' originates from the Cold War and was first published in the *New York Times* in June of 1948. It was adopted by Western political commentators to describe journalists, politicians, and intellectuals who praised Soviet regimes while ignoring human rights abuses. For how long have Canadian politicians been 'useful idiots' for the U.S.?

When we fail as a nation to build the required infrastructure to diversify our exports to Europe and Asia while selling our products to the U.S. at a discount, thereby weakening our economy and tax base, we have nobody but ourselves to blame. It's unfortunate it took an attack from our largest trading partner for many Canadians to understand just how 'useful' some of our politicians have been to the U.S.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Medicine Hat

8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages 403.529.8260
Gas Emergency 403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency 403.502.8042
Municipal Infrastructure Emergency Assistance 403.526.2828

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 17 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

RESIDENTIAL

443 10 STREET SE - Residential Accessory Building (Garage Addition) With Non-Conforming Addition Variance.

58 SUNWOOD CRESCENT SW - Detached House With Secondary Suite With Site Width And Exterior Side Setback Variances

78 SUNWOOD CRESCENT SW - Detached House With Site Width Variance

13 4000 13 AVENUE SE - Residential Accessory Building (Garage)

COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL/ INSTITUTIONAL

1 1448 BRIER ESTATES CRESCENT NW - Change Of Use To RV Storage, Private Storage

304 4979 SOUTHLANDS DRIVE SE - Change Of Use To Fitness/ Wellness Centre, Minor

84 BRIER ESTATES WAY NW - Self Storage, Outdoor

2030 STRACHAN ROAD SE - Change Of Use To Restaurant, Full Service

HOME BUSINESS

51 COLLIER COURT SE - Home Business Minor - Interior Decorating/ Consultant.

14 CHOW AVENUE SE - Home Business Minor - Landscaping.

96 HAMPTONS WAY SE - Home Business Minor - Mobile Shrink-wrapping Service.

484 18 STREET NE - Home Business Minor - Personal Care Aid.

74 9 STREET SW - Home Business Minor - Plumbing/Gasfitter.

1236 ROSS STREET SE - Home Business Minor – Teaching (Mobile First Aid Training).

127 1 STREET SW – Home Business Minor - Service (File Organization).

What's Happening IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Scan code to view development notices online (updated weekly)

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority 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. Forms available from: City Clerk Dept., 3rd Floor, City Hall or City website: www.medicinehat.ca.

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. For more information, contact Planning and Development Services, 2nd Floor, City Hall. Ph. (403) 529-8374.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD CONTINUATION OF APPEAL #3-2026 2850 54 ST SE (PORTION OF SE ¼ SEC 16 TWP 12 RGE 5 W4M)

TAKE NOTICE THAT the following appeal will be heard by the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at a public hearing in City Hall Council Chambers, commencing at **10:00 am on October 6, 2026.**

On August 12, 2026, Planning and Development Services approved a development permit application PLDP20260263 from Michael Weber. This Development Permit application proposes to develop a campground. An application was made under the City of Medicine Hat Land Use Bylaw 4168, which was in effect at the time of the application. The Land Use District of the subject site was Open Space District at the time of the application. The appellant is appealing the approval of this development permit.

If you wish to view any documentation with regard to this matter, you may do so by attending the City Clerk Department, 3rd Floor, City Hall between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Melissa Wagner,
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerk
580 First Street SE
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8E6
Phone: 403.529.8221
e-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

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

During these operations, there may be some discolouration in the water which is **not** harmful to consume and will dissipate when flushing is complete.

It is important to note that discoloured water should not be used for laundry, and that fluctuating water pressure may also be noticed.

Should discolouration persist over three hours, turn on a cold-water faucet 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 information on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca/water or contact Environmental Utilities at 403-529-8176.

RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES

There will be no residential waste collection on **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**, in recognition of the **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation** statutory holiday.

Waste collection zones will advance as follows:

DATE	COLLECTION ZONE
Monday, September 28	Zone 2
Tuesday, September 29	Zone 3
Wednesday, September 30	**NO COLLECTION**
Thursday, October 1	Zone 4
Friday, October 2	Zone 5
Monday, October 5	Zone 1

Download the Recycle Coach App, refer to medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule or contact Environmental Utilities at 403-529-8176 for more information.

RESIDENTIAL WASTE CART TIPS

Load it: Dispose of acceptable items only. Contaminated carts or items left outside of the carts will not be collected. Please no batteries, pressurized tanks or other harmful or hazardous materials.

Time it: Set each cart out before 7:00 a.m. on collection day and bring back onto private property within 24 hours of collection.

Park it: Set cart(s) at the curb/lane with the arrows pointing to the driving lane.

Space it: If you can comfortably walk around each cart, then you have left enough room for the trucks to collect.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY HOURS OF OPERATION

The City of Medicine Hat Waste Management Facility will be closed on **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**, in recognition of the **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation** statutory holiday. The facility will re-open the following business day.

Hours of operation are as follows:

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

Refer to medicinehat.ca/landfill or contact Environmental Utilities at 403-529-8176 for more information.

THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT LAND USE BYLAWS REZONING OF BYLAW 4890-2026 – 22 Sierra Green SW BYLAW 4891-2026 – 535 16 Street SE BYLAW 4892-2026 – 855 Gershaw Drive SW

TAKE NOTICE that the Medicine Hat City Council gave first reading on Tuesday September 8, 2026, to the following City of Medicine Hat Bylaws:

Bylaw 4890-2026, proposes to rezone 22 Sierra Green SW from Neighbourhood Residential 1 (N-R1) District to Neighbourhood Residential 2 (N-R2) District.

Bylaw 4891-2026, proposes to rezone 535 16 Street SW from Regional Commercial Special Use District (SU-RC) to Neighbourhood Residential 2 (N-R2) District.

Bylaw 4892-2026, proposes to rezone 855 Gershaw Drive SW Regional Commercial Special Use District (SU-RC) to Neighbourhood Residential 2 (N-R2) District.

A public hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of second/third readings of proposed Bylaws 4890-2026, 4891-2026, 4892-2026, will be held on **Monday, October 5, 2026**, at approximately **6:30 p.m.** in City Hall Council Chambers (580 First Street SE).

Any person who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaws may make an oral presentation limited to five minutes to City Council at the public hearing.

Written/electronic submissions – all written submissions received prior to the public hearings will be provided to City Council. Submissions received by end of day on Monday, September 28, 2026, will be published in the Regular City Council Meeting agenda. Please include the Bylaw number you are submitting for in your submission.

All written/electronic submissions become public documents and must be submitted to the City Clerk Department at 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6 or via e-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

For further information or to view related documents, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403-529-8374. Additional information may also be accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the city website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 19th day of September, 2026, updated on this 26th day of September, 2026.

Amanda Peterson
City Clerk

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