Market Watch

S&P/TSX	S&P 500	DOW	NASDAQ	DOLLAR	OIL per barrel	GOLD
33,189.85	6,910.39	48,147.33	22,617.73	69.81¢US	US$83.41	US$3,515.40
-838.88	-265.44	-949.73	-1,261.47	-0.04¢	-0.97	-$170.10

Rogers fires back over exclusive Monday NHL streaming amid rival providers' complaint

SAMMY HUDES
The Canadian Press

Rogers Communications Inc. is firing back at rival television providers that accused it of violating competition rules by moving some hockey broadcasts exclusively to its Sportsnet Plus streaming service, saying they are welcome to negotiate a rights distribution deal like the one it granted to its own subsidiary.

In a letter to the CRTC on Tuesday, Rogers said its media division has repeatedly sought to negotiate the distribution rights for the exclusive Monday night hockey broadcasts with each of the complainants like it did for its own cable division, but none of them have done so.

Last week, the companies — Cogeco Inc., Eastlink and SaskTel — said in a letter to the broadcasting regulator that Rogers is forcing fans to pay a $12.99 monthly add-on fee to access hockey games on Monday nights, unless they already subscribe to Sportsnet on Rogers TV or Sportsnet Plus.

They called it a "predatory rate squeeze" that forces independent distributors to "absorb severe content devaluation" or pass inflated costs onto consumers.

The providers are asking the CRTC to order Rogers to immediately offer the content for free to independent companies for distribution to their customers, "ensuring parity" with Rogers' offering.

Rogers' letter to the regulator called the application "particularly misguided and disingenuous."

"It is difficult to conceive of a more baseless undue preference complaint," said the letter signed by Rogers senior vice-president of regulatory Dean Shaikh.

"There is no differential treatment nor any question of exclusive or preferential access, and nothing for the commission to remedy."

He added that their application "lacks any legal or regulatory foundation and appears designed to generate headlines."

"The commission should not be drawn into a manufactured regulatory dispute founded on allegations that are without merit and plainly contradicted by the facts," said Shaikh.

"Rather than initiate a public process in response ... the commission should direct the complainants to do what they should have done in the first place: negotiate with (Rogers Media Inc.)."



THE CANADIAN PRESS SAMMY KOGAN
The NHL and Rogers logos are pictured ahead of a press conference in Toronto on April 2, 2025.

In September, Rogers announced Monday night NHL games would stream exclusively on its sports streaming platform this season for the first time. It clarified that Rogers, Rogers West and Shaw Direct customers who have Sportsnet in their TV package would receive access to that content without any extra charge.

The company also added three new digital channels with the exclusive content to Rogers Xfinity TV packages that have Sportsnet.

However, those who subscribe to Sportsnet through other TV providers have to shell out an additional $12.99 per month for the add-on package.

Rogers Media Inc., a division of the parent company known as Rogers Communications, operates the sports streaming service, Sportsnet Plus.

Shaikh's letter argues that another Rogers subsidiary, Rogers Communications Canada Inc., which operates its cable and wireless businesses, "chose to acquire the distribution rights" to the exclusive Monday night games "to deliver greater value to its subscribers, differentiate its services, and enhance choice and competition for Canadians."

He told the CRTC that Cogeco, Eastlink, and SaskTel have had the opportunity to acquire the same distribution rights, "but have so far chosen not to pursue it."

"That is their own commercial choice, not an undue preference by Rogers," he said.

"The fundamental flaw in the application is therefore obvious. The complainants have not been denied access to the ... content, nor have they been offered less favourable terms than RCCI. Indeed, they have not even attempted to negotiate those terms."

The rival TV providers have argued that Rogers is "deliberately degrading the user experience on other distributors' platforms" and causing the "erosion of sports on television."

"Without swift, decisive, and binding regulatory intervention by the commission, this predatory siphoning of must-have live sports content will inflict immediate and irreversible structural damage on the Canadian broadcasting ecosystem," their letter said.

"Left unchecked, this strategy erodes consumer choice, forces Canadian households into mandatory fee-stacking, and distorts fair market dynamics."

The complaint had also alleged that Rogers' move violates conditions of its 2023 merger with Shaw, which Shaikh disputed. That $26-billion takeover was approved by the CRTC subject to requirements that Rogers would preserve competitive market dynamics.

The rival companies said Rogers is using its national NHL media rights covering multiplatform distribution "to grant preferential access to its own distribution network while effectively withholding full linear carriage from independent (distributors)."

The current NHL season marks the first under Rogers' 12-year, $11-billion national TV rights deal for English broadcasts.

Rogers has also raised the annual cost of Sportsnet Plus for premium subscribers to $344.99. The $20 price hike comes after streaming subscribers were hit with a $75 increase to annual plans last season.

Meanwhile, Rogers announced a 12-year agreement with Amazon for Prime Video in Canada to exclusively broadcast Wednesday night regular-season national games starting this season.

A previous sublicensing deal between Rogers and Amazon saw Monday night regular-season games air on Prime Video for the previous two seasons.

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 NOVEMBER 12 TO NOVEMBER 18, 2026

RESIDENTIAL

96 COULEE RIDGE DRIVE SW - Detached House With Site Coverage, Driveway Width And Interior Side Setback Variances.

351 STERLING CRESCENT SE - Detached House

620 SPENCER STREET SE - Detached House Addition And Secondary Suite With Interior Side Setback Variance

97 HAMPTONS POINT SE - Detached House With Secondary Suite

219 SIERRA ROAD SW - Detached House With Site Coverage And Site Width Variances.

40 HERON COURT SW - Residential Accessory Building (Shed).

What's Happening IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Scan code to view development notices online (updated weekly)

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/ INSTITUTIONAL

535 16 STREET SW - Multiple Unit Housing.

HOME BUSINESS

46 SOMERSET CRESCENT SE - Home Business Major - Aesthetician.

402 2 STREET NW - Home Business Minor - Consultant. (Refused. No application fee payment / Incomplete application).

814 B 3 STREET SE - Home Business Minor - Foot Care.

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.

THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT LAND USE BYLAW 4904-2026 REZONING OF 514 SOUTH RAILWAY STREET SE

TAKE NOTICE that the Medicine Hat City Council gave first reading on Monday, November 2, 2026, to the following City of Medicine Hat Bylaw:

Bylaw 4904-2026, proposes to rezone the parcel located at 514 South Railway Street SE from Urban Villages and Corridors (UVC) District to Direct Control Special Use (SU-DC) 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 Bylaw 4904-2026 will be held on **Monday, December 7, 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 bylaw 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 hearing will be provided to City Council. Submissions received by end of day on Monday, November 30, 2026, will be published in the Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

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 21st day of November 2026.

Amanda Peterson
City Clerk

2027 TRANSIT TERMINAL PARKING PASSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF 4 STREET SE & 6 AVENUE SE

Current rates are available on the City of Medicine Hat website:

https://www.medicinehat.ca/en/roads-parking-and-transportation/transit-parking.aspx

P PARKING

Parking passes are available for purchase at City Hall Cashiers.

Payment options are cash, cheque or debit. Fees are in effect until December 31, 2026.

Prices are subject to change in 2027.

ATTENTION: UTILITY CUSTOMERS NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES

On November 2, 2026, City Council gave first reading to Bylaw 4896-2026 to amend Bylaw 2244, the Electric Utility Bylaw, by repealing and replacing Schedules "A" and "B" to amend certain rates, fees, and charges. Bylaw 4896 would come into force on January 1, 2027.

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 Bylaw 4896-2026 will be held on **Tuesday, December 8, 2026** at approximately **6:30 p.m.** in City Hall Council Chambers (580 First Street SE).

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First notice dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, the 21st day of November 2026.

Amanda Peterson
City Clerk

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