

Trudeau makes trade pitch at Reagan library

The Canadian Press

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took direct aim Friday night at a key anti-trade talking point from U.S. President Donald Trump, saying that trade couldn't be reduced to something akin to the score in a hockey game.

Trump has repeatedly threatened to tear up the free trade pact between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, believing that a trade imbalance is to blame for the loss of millions of jobs.

In a speech at the Ronald Reagan presidential library Friday night, Trudeau ran through a series of statistics to show how much Canada buys from the United States, and how much of Canadian oil and energy products flows south of the border.

But the prime minister, speaking in a building named for the president who signed the landmark Canada-U.S. free trade deal, said the sum total of North American free trade couldn't "be reduced to a balance of trade statistics or a tariff rate."

"Simply put, if trade between Canada and the U.S. is a bad idea, then there are no good ideas," Trudeau said during the speech to local and state legislators.

Trudeau stood on the ground floor of the Air Force One pavilion, his back to a large wall of windows providing a view of the surrounding hills. Overhead was a massive symbol of American diplomacy: the presidential plane that carried Reagan and six other presidents.

The Liberal leader's full-

throated support of the free trade that Reagan trumpeted will cause a shake-up among American conservatives, particularly think-tanks that have influence over President Donald Trump's policies, said Sean Speer, a senior fellow at the Macdonald-Laurier Institute.

Speer said the speech would also make old-school Republicans rethink their backing of Trump, who has repeatedly vowed to end free trade with Canada, which Reagan secured in the 1980s.

Trudeau has tried to make the case to Americans during this four-day swing through the United States that trade has been a boon for their country, despite their concerns. In Chicago, he suggested that ending that trade would cause economic disruption that could



AP PHOTO MARK J. TERRILL

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on Friday.

hurt Trump politically.

Trump's threats to tear up NAFTA under the mantra of "America First" have cast a shadow over negotiations,

which are stuck on key issues around auto parts, a sunset clause, and how to resolve disputes between governments and companies.

PUBLIC NOTICES

8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages.....	403.529.8260
Gas Emergency.....	403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency.....	403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services.....	403.526.2828



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DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JANUARY 25 TO JANUARY 31, 2018 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

807 17 STREET NE	(Lot 7, Block 6, Plan 7510086) DP14248. Single Detached House (Enclosed Deck) And Garage.
48 ROSSMERE WAY SE	(Lot 8, Block 17, Plan 7810695) DP14253. Single Detached House (Covered Deck).
52 SUNDANCE ROAD SW	(Lot 17, Block 29, Plan 0312198) DP14255. Single Detached House (Addition).
359 6 STREET SE	(Lot 8, Block 3, Plan 1132M) DP14261. Garage Including Accessory Coverage Variance.



COMMERCIAL

102 - 2430 DIVISION AVENUE NW	(Lot 1, Block 21, Plan 0110766) DP14252. Two Fascia Signs.
541 A ALLOWANCE AVENUE SE	(Lot 1, Block A, Plan 49455) DP14254. Change of Use Including Residential Location Variance.
1220 FACTORY STREET SE	(Lot 4, Block 2, Plan 668AV) DP14258. Discretionary Change Of Use To Retail And Consumer Services.

HOME OCCUPATION

1936 UPLAND DRIVE SE	(LOT 3, BLOCK 3, PLAN 6160JK) DP14241. OFFICE USE ONLY. CONSULTANT - ADDRESS CHANGE.
419 10 STREET SE	(LOT 5, BLOCK 21, PLAN 1132M) DP14242. OFFICE USE WITH STORAGE ON SITE. GENERAL CONTRACTOR/ PROJECT MANAGER.
106 UPLAND DRIVE SE	(LOT 1, BLOCK 1, PLAN 6099JK) DP14243. OFFICE USE WITH STORAGE ON SITE. PAINTING & DECORATING.
35 COLLIER COURT SE	(LOT 60, BLOCK 7, PLAN 7410538) DP14244. OFFICE USE ONLY. DELIVERY SERVICE.
64 ROSS GLEN WAY SE	(LOT 40, BLOCK 1, PLAN 7610262) DP14245. OFFICE USE WITH STORAGE ON SITE. JANITORIAL SERVICE.
31 HUCKVALE CRESCENT SW	(LOT 46, BLOCK 4, PLAN 252HD) DP14246. OFFICE USE ONLY. DELIVERY SERVICE.
35 STEVENSON STREET SE	(LOT 5, BLOCK 14, PLAN 8010981) DP14249. OFFICE USE WITH STORAGE ON SITE. LANDSCAPING AND WASTE REMOVAL.
29 HAMPTONS CLOSE SE	(LOT 8, BLOCK 4, PLAN 0710821) DP14250. OFFICE USE WITH STORAGE ON SITE. ONLINE SALES.
74 STERLING LINK SE	(LOT 2, BLOCK 14, PLAN 1111043) DP14256. OFFICE USE WITH STORAGE ON SITE. RECORDED MUSIC/DISC JOCKEY.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission 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. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403.529.8374).

PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines:

- Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
- Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, including crawl spaces.
- For sinks located against a non-insulated outside wall:
 - Open the vanity door to allow warm air to reach the water pipes.
 - A light bulb placed near the water pipe may generate enough heat to keep the water flowing
 - Heat tape wrapped around the pipe may keep the pipe from freezing.
- Residents of mobile homes should check the condition of the heat tape on their water service and water meter.
- Protect unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box and water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape.
- Outside water taps and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the tap.
- Sprinkler lines and taps should be drained/blown out.
- A thin stream of water (as thick as a pencil lead) running continuously from at least one tap will help prevent a frozen water service.
- If you plan to be away from home over the winter period, close the main water isolation valve located next to the water meter in your home. You should leave the heat on in your home and have someone check inside your home daily while you're away.

A frozen water service, or a burst water pipe, is an inconvenience and expense that most people would like to avoid. Please take all possible precautions to prevent this happening in your home or business.

For more information, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 1:30 pm in the Strathcona Centre Bistro. Guest speakers, Scott Woodside, Facilities Project Coordinator, City of Medicine Hat, will provide an overview of the City's new Seniors Centre, and Ron Rose, President, Alberta Council on Aging, will provide information on that organization.

ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The City of Medicine Hat invites you to apply to serve on the following boards:

City Centre Development Agency Board - 1 position (1 year term). Your participation will provide valuable community involvement in the decision making process.

The Youth Advisory Board - 4 positions (1 or 2 year term) (Between the ages of 15 and 21). As a board member you advise Public Services Committee and City Council on policy and high level issues related to the community's youth.

More information and the required application form is available online at www.medicinehat.ca at 'I want to... apply' or from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat.

Please submit your application to the City Clerk Department by 4:30 pm, **Monday, February 26, 2018.**

For further information please contact the City Clerk at 403-529-8234.

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Choice in 2019 about freedom, Scheer says

The Canadian Press

OTTAWA

Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer painted a stark vision of the political battle on the horizon Friday as party faithful gathered in the national capital to plot a course towards a ballot-box victory in 2019.

The choice, Scheer told the Manning Networking Conference in his first major speech to conservatives since becoming leader last May, won't be between left and right.

"It's now a question about being free or unfree," said Scheer, seeking to finally define himself — and redefine his party — as a viable choice for voters 20 months from now.

"The choice is whether Canada will continue as a free and open country, or whether Canadians will live their lives afraid to say what they think, always looking over their shoulders before they dare to suggest that maybe, just maybe, the government is not the solution to every problem."

Scheer pilloried Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for appearing to forget the lessons of history, tossing out a quip about Trudeau's memory perhaps dulled by his admitted past use of marijuana.

The 1990s taught people about the dangers of deficits, yet Trudeau wants to run them, Scheer said.

He alluded to the Liberals' efforts to normalize relations with Iran, saying he thought the lesson of what happens when dictators are appeased had also been learned, as had what happens when free speech is suppressed.

"In the 21st century it is necessary for us as a society to re-fight those fights," Scheer said.

"It adds another dimension to the next election."

But the Tories need to also give Canadians a reason to vote for them, not just against the Liberals, Scheer said.

He offered one: if elected, a Conservative government would pursue a free trade deal with the United Kingdom, something he had also promised to pursue during the leadership race. A deal is already being sought by the governing Liberals.



Andrew Scheer

Canada missing in action on police in peacekeeping despite Liberal promises

The Canadian Press

OTTAWA

Federal officials have yet to figure out how to make good on the Trudeau government's 18-month-old promise to provide up to 150 police officers to peacekeeping missions, despite a shortage of such personnel on many UN operations.

The Liberals first pledged the police officers in August 2016 at the same time they said that Canada would contribute up to 600 soldiers to UN missions as part of a renewed commitment to peacekeeping.

The government has since put meat on its promise of troops by committing military helicopters, aircraft, trainers and a rapid-reaction force, with talks between National Defence and the United Nations about possible missions underway.

But Public Safety Canada spokeswoman Karine Martel told The Canadian Press that the government "continues to explore options to increase police officer deployments up to 150." She did not provide a timeline for a decision.

In the meantime, the number of Canadian police officers deployed on UN missions has plummeted in the 18 months since the Liberals made their pledge; 20 were in the field — all in Haiti — at the end of January, compared to 84 in August 2016.

The shrinking contributions and lack of a plan has several peacekeeping experts scratching their heads, as the UN has been asking the international community to contribute more police officers.