

Feds register surplus of \$3.2 billion over first two months of fiscal year

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OTTAWA
The federal government ran a surplus of \$641 million in the second month of its fiscal year, helped along by a boost in tax revenues.
For the first two months of the fiscal year, the government had a surplus of \$3.2 billion compared to a \$68-million surplus in the same period last fiscal year.
The government's February budget predicted a deficit of \$18.1 billion for the current 2018-19 fiscal year, but the

parliamentary budget office has forecasted a deficit of \$22.1 billion.
The monthly fiscal monitor report from the Department of Finance says revenues were up \$4.3 billion for the first two months combined. That's an increase of 8.6 per cent, compared with April and May 2017, driven largely by growth in personal, corporate and sales tax revenue, and helped by a 5.1 per cent increase in employment insurance revenues.
Program spending was up approximately \$700 million for

the fiscal year to date, or 1.6 per cent compared to the same period last year. The rise was due to increases in transfers to other levels of government, direct program spending, and transfers to persons, particularly elderly benefits that went up by about \$400 million, or 5.1 per cent, reflecting Canada's aging population and adjustments for inflation.
Public debt charges were up \$500 million compared to the same period a year ago, or 12.4 per cent. The leap was due to upward adjustments for inflation in real return bonds.

Indigenous leader, union concerned about Cameco mine shutdowns in Saskatchewan

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SASKATOON
The chief of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations says First Nations people will be hurt by the shutdowns at two uranium mining operations in northern Saskatchewan.
Uranium miner Cameco Corp. says it has indefinitely extended production suspensions at its McArthur River and Key Lake operations.
The extension of the shutdowns, first announced as temporary in January, means the company will permanently lay off about 550 employees, including about 250 Indigenous people.
Chief Bobby Cameron says the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations is prepared to advocate for Indigenous workers to make sure they get proper compensation packages.
He says he hopes the closure won't be similar to one in Uranium City, Sask., which

saw economic collapse after its mines closed.
Cameron says it's the First Nations who will have to live with the environmental impacts once resources in the northern mines are depleted.
A labour leader says hundreds of workers have already been in touch with their locals following news of the shutdowns.
Denis O'Hara, president of Local 8941 of the United Steelworkers union, says the workers are worried and concerned, because there are few other options for employment in northern Saskatchewan.
O'Hara says the workers are eligible for employment insurance benefits and Cameco has agreed to pay health benefits and a 75 per cent top-up of wages until Nov. 15.
But he adds employees still have a tough decision to make.
"Following Nov. 15, their name either goes on a three-year recall list _ in other words, they will still be

Cameco employees for the next 36 months _ or they can apply for a severance package and terminate their employment," O'Hara said Thursday.
"Fifty per cent of the union workforce is of Aboriginal ancestry, most of whom live in northern communities where there's no job opportunities."
Dave McMoyal, president of Northern Resource Trucking, said the company laid off about 20 drivers in January when the temporary suspensions were announced and is likely to make those layoffs permanent now.
He said the company has been working in the north for more than 30 years and has been actively looking for new routes in Ontario, Manitoba, northern Alberta and northern British Columbia.
The company has weathered downturns in the mining industry before, McMoyal said, but he added Cameco's announcement will have a big impact on residents of northern Saskatchewan.

Air Canada says fuel costs forcing fare hike

The Canadian Press

Air Canada experienced a 31 per cent increase in the price of jet fuel compared with last year's second quarter and will offset some of the impact with higher fares and other initiatives, Air Canada chief executive Calin Rovinescu said Friday.
The Montreal-based airline did well in terms of revenue, which was up 10.4 per cent compared with last year's second quarter, but adjusted earnings dropped to \$114 million or 41 cents per share.
That was only about half as much as Air Canada's adjusted earnings of \$226 million or 82 cents per share in the second quarter of 2017, but still better than analyst estimates of 28

price increase through fare increases, other commercial initiatives and our cost transformation program."
Other Air Canada executives told analysts in a conference call Friday that the company was analyzing the potential for cutting some of its seating capacity in the fourth quarter as another response to the higher fuel prices.
In the shorter term, they said, Air Canada is waiting Aimia Inc.'s response to a bid by the airline and its credit card partners to acquire the Aeroplan loyalty points business. The consortium said the offer will expire on Thursday.
He said Air Canada hasn't deviated from its plan to set up its own in-house loyalty program but sees this week's acquisition proposal as a way to retain a partnership with Toronto-Dominion Bank and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, which currently offer Aeroplan Visa credit cards.
"We have not abandoned our plans to launch our own loyalty plan in 2020. If Aeroplan is acquired, Aeroplan miles would simply be converted to our new program ... (allowing for) a smooth transition for Aeroplan members."
But Rovinescu said Aimia's board has the option of rejecting the proposal and adopting a go-it-alone strategy for Aeroplan, without Air Canada as a redemption partner.
"Of course, we see value in continuing with our two incumbent credit card partners that are in that (Aeroplan) program, TD and CIBC, if that's feasible ... But if it's not, then it'll have to be with other bank partners."



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cents per share, according to Thomson Reuters Eikon.
Air Canada's revenue for the three months ended June 30 was in line with estimates at \$4.33 billion, up from \$3.91 billion in the second quarter of 2017.
Rovinescu said its strong revenues demonstrated the appeal of Air Canada's brand and the continuing strong demand for air travel in all of its main markets.
"We did, however, revise our 2018 guidance for certain key financial metrics given the rapid increase in fuel prices in the first half of 2018," Rovinescu said in a statement.
Jet fuel will cost 80 cents per litre in the third quarter and 78 cents per litre for the full year. The previous full-year estimate was 75 cents per litre.
"We estimate that we will be able to mitigate approximately 75 per cent of the expected 2018 annual fuel

PUBLIC NOTICES

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JULY 19 TO JULY 25, 2018 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL	
240 MUIR CRESCENT NW	(Lot 55, Block 2, Plan 7989HD) DP14517. Single Detached House (Addition)
47 SOMERSIDE GATE SE	(Lot 12, Block 8, Plan 0912931) DP14527. Duplex With Detached Garage.
132 NORTHLANDS CRESCENT NE	(Lot 39, Block 24, Plan 0512331) DP14528. Garage.
867 16A STREET NE	(Lot 29, Block 5, Plan 47JK) DP14529. Garage.
HOME OCCUPATION	
59 TERRACE COURT NE	(Lot 22, Block 8, Plan 0513294) DP14531. Office Use With Storage on Site. Safety Services & Supplies.
1968 16 STREET SE	(Lot 29, Block 5, Plan 317LK) DP14532. Office Use With Storage on Site. House Keeping.
510 TERRILL ROAD NW	(Lot 30, Block 6, Plan 1481JK) DP14533. Office Use With Storage on Site. General Contractor/Project Manager.

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).

WATER MAIN FLUSHING & FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS

Environmental Utilities performs regular, routine maintenance to uphold the water quality and system infrastructure by annually flushing water mains and inspecting fire hydrants.
During these operations, there may be some discoloration in the water which is not harmful to consume and will disappear when flushing is complete. Please note that discoloured water should not be used for laundry and that fluctuating water pressure may also be noticed.
Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, turn on your cold water tap 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 Programs page on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

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

BYLAW #4494 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE BYLAW #4168 1713 STRACHAN ROAD SE

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Monday, July 16, 2018 to Bylaw #4494, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend the Land Use Bylaw #4168 by rezoning the subject property from Regional Commercial (C-R) District to Medium Density Residential (R-MD) District. The rezoning application is to allow for a dense and compact assisted living facility situated between a developing commercial area and a lower density residential area. The applicant is proposing a six-storey development consisting of 245 dwelling units.

A Public Hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of the Second/Third Readings of proposed Bylaw #4494 will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at the address below on Monday, August 20, 2018, beginning at approximately 6:30 pm. Any person who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw may make representation to City Council at the Public Hearing. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

For further information, or to view copy of proposed Bylaw #4494 and related documents, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403.529.8374. Bylaw #4494 may also be accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to: City Clerk Department, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6 by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

All submissions are treated as public documents.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 21st day of July, 2018.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk
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ELECTRICAL UPGRADES

Electric Distribution Department would like to advise residents and business owners that City of Medicine Hat crews will be upgrading electrical systems in the downtown core from April to October 2018. Alleyways from 1st Street to 5th Street and South Railway to 4th Avenue SE will be affected. For more information visit www.medicinehat.ca/upgrades

PARKS AND RECREATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAS CITY CAMPGROUND Staycation time!

Enjoy all the Gas City Campground has to offer. Now you can rent a bike and tour the City! Make reservations today!
www.medicinehat.ca/campground

TRAIL MOWING AND TRAIL PRUNING

Reminder to pathway users that City crews are out mowing and pruning

COYOTES

Residents are advised to be aware of coyotes that are common in cities, especially this time of year. Our parks and river valleys provide good habitats and a variety of food sources for coyotes. In populated areas coyotes can sometimes be less fearful of people and have been known to attack pets and approach people too closely, especially during breeding and pup rearing seasons. Normally, coyotes are more active in the evening and early mornings. If you encounter a coyote, respond aggressively, shout, and back away slowly.

Some other helpful tips include:

- 1) Ensure household garbage is securely stored in garbage bins
- 2) Pick up dog feces and be aware that dog urine may also attract coyotes
- 3) Do not allow your pets to roam freely, and keep dogs on leash

For more information please visit:
www.medicinehat.ca/government/departments/parks-and-recreation/pest-management/animals-insects

SAAMIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

This site is a designed provincial historic site and under the Historic Resources Act the City is obligated to preserve and protect this site. Recently the City of Medicine Hat Parks and Recreation Department submitted an information item to City Council that outlines some of the short and long term strategies being proposed.

Short term	Long term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect ground cover • Restrict/limit off leash dog areas • Establish a fenced dog off leash area • Implement a public education program • Close south portion for restoration of grasslands and shores • Establish non-paved trails • Solicit grants • Enhance riparian ecosystems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site management plan with AB Culture and Tourism and stakeholders, study further development, interpretation and promotion • Site will become a dog on-leash area and public restricted to designated trails • Remove fenced dog off leash area as other City dog park sites are developed • Further shoreline upgrades • Establish a connection with the Saamis Teepee

For more information on the Saamis Archaeological Site please visit:
<http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=11513>