

Former U.S. president Obama urges Canadians to hope in 'dark age'

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He didn't mention Donald Trump by name, but he didn't disappoint them and told them what he thought about all that anyway.

Former U.S. president Barack Obama told a Canadian audience that the world may be a dark place since he left the White House, but its natural upward momentum can be corrected through a positive story of tolerance to counter the "primal" narrative of populism that has taken hold around the world.

"I left the office cautiously optimistic," said Obama, sparking laughter among the 11,400 paying attendees at the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa on Friday night.

"I know why you all are laughing."

That was as close as Obama came to confronting the politics of the man who followed him to

the White House. Wearing an open-collar white dress shirt and dark grey suit, Obama sat answering questions for about an hour from Tobias Lutke, the founder and CEO of the Ottawa-based commerce company Shopify.

It wasn't a real journalistic interview, but when asked how optimistic he felt as he left the presidency, Obama answered like he often did in that setting: with a long, grim essayistic sweep punctuated with hope.

"I believe the long-term trajectory of humanity is in a positive direction," he said. "But you get dark ages before the Renaissance."

"You get World War Two and 60 million dead before there's a post-World War Two order that stabilizes societies."

The world, he argued, has never been healthier, wealthier, better educated, more tolerant and less violent than right now.

But it's an age of political and social disruption where technology is gorging us with information and no one can agree on what constitutes the truth so a coherent debate can ensue, he said.

"It's indisputable that things have gotten better. But in that march of progress we had the Holocaust, and we had Jim Crow and we had the Killing Fields. So we cannot be complacent."

He said an "ancient story" that has appeared time and again throughout history is back and it is very "primal."

"It focuses on us and not us - it's tribal. It's a zero-sum contest between people. And a strong

man appears who is going to protect all of us from them," Obama said.

"That kind of politics has gotten traction, that story has gotten a lot of traction around the world... it's not unique to any particular country."

Then came his prescription: "That, I think, has to be combated with better stories because I think there's a better story to be told about human progress - it's inclusive and it's hopeful and it is generous and it is kind and is based on science and facts and not fear."

"We have that in our capacity, but I think we get complacent."

With that, Obama capped an hour in front of an audience that welcomed him like a rock-star with a standing ovation.

"I do have a little bit of a love affair with Canada," he said as he took the stage at an event where tickets cost from \$75 to well into

the hundreds of dollars.

Since Obama's presidency ended in January 2017, he's become a big name on the paid speaking circuit, and appeared at a similar event in Calgary in March.

Obama offered a rambling and reflective view of the world since leaving the presidency, and high praise of the ingenuity and entrepreneurship that drives economies.

He fondly recalled his first trip to Canada in 2009 and his initial discussions with then Conservative prime minister Stephen Harper to combat the Great Recession. Obama called it a "fairly intense conversation about how we were going to avoid Armageddon."

There were fond reflections of raising his two daughters, Malia and Sasha, and unabashed praise for his wife, Michelle.



Barack Obama

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



DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED MAY 23 TO MAY 29, 2019 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

65 SOMERSET BAY SE	(Lot 15, Block 7, Plan 0715106) DP14985. Single Detached House (Above Ground Pool).	
214 VISTA CLOSE SE	(Lot 31, Block 11, Plan 0614000) DP14992. Single Detached House (Covered Deck).	
1289 32 STREET SW	(Lot 27, Block 2, Plan 0210545) DP14994. Garage (Addition).	
108 VISTA CLOSE SE	(Lot 20, Block 11, Plan 0614000) DP14995. Garage.	
5272 SOUTHLANDS DRIVE SE	(Lot 72, Block 4, Plan 1411496) DP14996. Single Detached House and Garage.	
264 SIERRA DRIVE SW	(Lot 104, Block 29, Plan 0412173) DP14998. Single Detached House (Covered Deck).	
641 SPRUCE WAY SE	(Lot 28, Block 3, Plan 9911834) DP15001. Garage (Shed).	
167 1 STREET SW	(Lot 9, Block E, Plan 32380) DP15002. Single Detached House (Addition).	

COMMERCIAL

12 GEHRING ROAD SW	(Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 9112245) DP14979. Business and Professional Offices Including Parking Stall Variance.
1150 5 STREET SE	(Lot R2, Block 1A, Plan 5765JK, 1510920) DP14987. One Fascia Sign.
427 5 STREET SE	(Lot 6, Block 49, Plan 36556) DP14982. Office Use Only. Plumbing/Gasfitting/Heating.
599 ROSS GLEN DRIVE SE	(Lot 49, Block 33, Plan 8311431) DP14990. Office Use With Storage on Site. General Contractor/Project Manager.
409 7 STREET NE	(Lot 24, Block 11, Plan 1433HS) DP14991. Office Use With Storage on Site. Mobile Windshield Crack Repair.

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).

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS) CALL FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Medicine Hat - The City of Medicine Hat Community Development Department invites not-for-profit organizations to submit proposals for Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) funding. FCSS Grants are available for up to two years (January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021)

Deadline for applications is Friday, June 28 at 4 pm. Late applications will not be accepted.

Organizations interested in learning more about the grant or application process can register for an information sessions at the Veiner Centre on Tuesday, June 4 from 1 pm -3 pm. Please call 403-502-8718 to register.

Applications are available at the Veiner Centre (225 Woodman Avenue SE) or may be downloaded from the City website www.medicinehat.ca/grants

For more information, please contact:
Shona Dickie
Superintendent - Community Support Services
City of Medicine Hat
403-502-8718

ASSESSMENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PACKAGES

Medicine Hat - The City of Medicine Hat Tax Assessment Department has mailed out Assessment Request for Information (ARFI) packages to property owners of improved non-residential and multi-family property classes.

This process of collecting property related data is the first step towards developing the 2020 assessment roll. Collecting data annually ensures the assessment roll reflects current market information.

Completing the ARFI is an important part of the tax assessment process. Assessment values are established to allow for equitable distribution of taxes. Higher response rates will increase the statistical confidence level in the resulting assessment values. It is important for property owners to retain their ability to participate in the assessment appeal process. For property owners to be eligible to appeal their 2020 assessment, they must respond completely to an ARFI by the July 2, 2019 deadline.

As always, property owners are encouraged to contact the Assessment department directly if they have questions regarding their property assessment or if they require any assistance in completing their request for information forms.

For more information please contact Assessment at 403.529.8114

BYLAW #4587 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE BYLAW #4168 1650 SOUTH BOUNDARY ROAD SW

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 to Bylaw #4587, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend the Land Use Bylaw #4168 by rezoning the subject property from Future Urban Development (FUD) District to Low Density Residential (R-LD) District. The rezoning application is to allow for the development of a Single Detached House on the subject property. A concurrent subdivision application, which will create the development parcel, is also being processed. The zoning and development context adjacent to the subject site includes FUD lands to the north, south, east and west.

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 #4587 will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at the address below on Monday, June 17, 2019, 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 a copy of proposed Bylaw #4587 and related documents, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403.529.8374. Bylaw #4587 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, June 12, 2019.

All submissions are treated as public documents.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 25th day of May, 2019.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk
Phone 403.529.8234
Fax 403.529.8324
E-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

TREE VOUCHERS

City of Medicine Hat Tree Vouchers are limited one per qualifying property in these subdivisions.

- RANCHLANDS phase 3
- SAAMIS HEIGHTS phase 7
- SOUTHLANDS phases 4, 5 & 6

Trees improve air quality, lower cooling and heating costs and enhance the aesthetic and economic value of property.

Find out if your property qualifies by phoning 403.529.8148 or email land_properties@medicinehat.ca



Medicine Hat City Council invites nominations for the 2019 Community Spirit Awards in the areas of:

- Arts/Culture
- Sports/Recreation
- Compassion
- Environment
- Community Inclusion
- Volunteerism
- Civic Pride

City Council will recognize an individual, organization or business, who has made a major contribution to enhance the quality of life in Medicine Hat.

The awards will be presented at the 2019 Community Spirit Awards ceremony on October 3, 2019 at the Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre.

All nominations must include:

- A Community Spirit Awards nomination form
- A letter of support from a nominator (individual or group)
- A brief biography/resume
- A high quality digital image or photograph of the nominee
- Any additional information which supports the application, including additional letters of support

For more information, award guidelines and nomination forms, please contact:

Ashley Wiebe at 403.529.8296
(ashwie@medicinehat.ca)
or visit www.medicinehat.ca/crawards

The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2019.

Please submit nominations to:

2019 Community Spirit Awards
City of Medicine Hat
Corporate Communications
Second Floor, 580 First Street SE
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8E6

All applications become the property of the City of Medicine Hat and information included in the successful applications will be made public.



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.