

Market Watch

S&P/TSX 21,807.37 +98.93	S&P 500 4,967.23 -43.89	DOW 37,986.40 +211.02	NASDAQ 15,282.01 -319.49	DOLLAR 72.74¢US +0.09¢	OIL per barrel US 83.14 +\$0.41	Nat. Gas/mmBTU US\$1.75 -\$0.01	GOLD US\$2,413.80 +\$4.50
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The Body Shop Canada explores sale as demand outpaces inventory: courts

THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Body Shop Canada is exploring a sale as it struggles to get its hands on enough inventory to keep up with “robust” sales the retailer landed after announcing it would file for creditor protection and close 33 stores.

In an April 8 affidavit filed in a Toronto court on Monday, the head of the retailer’s Canadian operations said he has seen “sufficient level of interest” in the business from parties to believe

the company should pursue a sale.

Jordan Searle did not name who is interested in buying the skin care and cosmetics business that’s been in Canada since 1980. He and the company’s lawyers did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Exploration of a sale marks the latest chapter for the beleaguered retailer, which announced plans to seek creditor protection at the start of March when its U.S. affiliate Buth-Na-Bodhaige Inc. also revealed it

would close.

Parent company The Body Shop International, filed for administration — a form of creditor protection — in the U.K. on Feb. 13.

In the affidavit, Searle said it’s unclear whether the parent company would support a sale or try to preserve the retailer’s Canadian operations. A communications firm used by the company’s joint administrators in the U.K. said the business would not comment for this story.

Ottawa to force banks to call carbon rebate a carbon rebate in direct deposits

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian banks that refuse to identify the carbon rebate by name when doing direct deposits are forcing the government to change the law to make them do it, says Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault.

Guilbeault is taking the stand after Tuesday’s federal budget promised to amend the Financial Administration Act so government payments accepted for deposit at Canadian banks will carry whatever title the government wants.

“The fact that they haven’t been doing it now for many years led us to take this position,” Guilbeault said.

His department has been battling with banks for almost two years over how carbon rebates are labelled when they are deposited directly into bank accounts.

The first rebate deposits in 2022 were labelled very generically - “federal payment” and “EFT Canada,” for example - which meant recipients had no idea why they were getting the money.

Some banks, but not all, have since amended their procedures to ensure bank statements reflect the measure’s new name: the “Canada Carbon Rebate.”

TD and BMO have adopted the government’s requested “CdaCarbonRebate” entry, which fits the 15-character limit imposed by some banks.

However, RBC and Scotiabank were unable to make the change in time for the rollout, although both say they intend to update to the new name.

CIBC, meanwhile, is still calling it “Deposit Canada.”

Guilbeault said the lack of a clear identifier isn’t the only thing fuelling confusion about carbon pricing, but is definitely part of the problem.

“I think we took it for granted that since people were receiving it, people knew they were receiving it,” Guilbeault said.

“We’ve come to discover over the last few months that it wasn’t the case, in part because it the way it was labelled - or mislabelled, I should say - by most financial institutions.”

The government has struggled to fully explain the carbon price and the rebates since the policy began in 2019.

That has helped the Conservatives, fastidiously opposed to carbon pricing, in their unrelenting efforts to kill it off once and for all.

Changing the law wouldn’t just affect carbon rebates, but all government deposits, including child benefits, employment insurance and tax refunds.

Guilbeault rejected any suggestion the change would cost the banks money.

“You can quote me on this: I have a really hard time believing the banks when they say that it’s going to cost them money,” he said.

“I feel that, as a client, we should have the right to label this the way we feel it should be labelled and it’s not up to the banks to decide.”

A spokeswoman for the Canadian Bankers Association had little to say about the proposed change.

PUBLIC NOTICES



8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

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

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED APRIL 11 TO APRIL 17, 2024 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



Scan code to view all development notices online (updated every Friday).



RESIDENTIAL

204 SIERRA ROAD SW	(Lot 68, Block 23, Plan 1511751) PLDP20240180. Single Detached House With Site Coverage Variance.
145 2 STREET NE	(Lot 38-39, Block 5, Plan 3204M) PLDP20240205. Detached Garage.
342 4 STREET SE	(Lot 6, Block 55, Plan 61685) PLDP20240208. Multiple Unit (3 Units Demolition).

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL

435 NORTH RAILWAY STREET SE	(Lot 9, Block 30, Plan 1491) PLDP20240111. Change Of Use (Restaurant).
6 770 15 STREET SW	(Lot 37-38, Block 3, Plan 3240AH) PLDP20240170. Change Of Use (Retail & Consumer Services).
4990 BOX SPRINGS ROAD NW	(4;6;13;15 NE) PLDP20240176. Industrial Development (Data Mining Cryptocurrency Building & Structure) (I-G).
671 INDUSTRIAL AVENUE SE	(Lot 1, Block H, Plan 6055HR) PLDP20240195. Two Fascia Signs.
104 1751 STRACHAN ROAD SE	(Block 1, Plan 1712050) PLDP20240232. Installation Of Two Fascia Signs.

HOME BUSINESS

33 EAST GLEN DRIVE SE	(Lot 9, Block 10, Plan 7910917) PLDP20240186. Home Business Minor. Sewing/Alteration/Dressmaking.
16 SPRUCE CLOSE SE	(Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 9812816) PLDP20240191. Home Business Major. Bakery.
13 2637 21 AVENUE SE	(Lot 27, Block 8, Plan 1171LK) PLDP20240192. Home Business Minor. Janitorial Service.
11 4 STREET SE	(Lot 2, Block 80, Plan 636M) PLDP20240193. Home Business Minor. Photography and Equipment.
1320 MCKENZIE CRESCENT NW	(Lot 21, Block 2, Plan 7989HD) PLDP20240207. Home Business Minor. Mobile Business Unit (Interior Decorating).
80 LANG CRESCENT SW	(Lot 1, Block 16, Plan 2379G0) PLDP20240223. Home Business Minor. Online Sales (Health).

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).

THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT BYLAW 4799 AMENDEMENT TO TAX INCENTIVE BYLAW 4667

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Monday, April 8, 2024, to Bylaw No. 4799, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend Bylaw No. 4667, Tax Incentive Bylaw.

WHEREAS Council considers it necessary and desirable to amend Bylaw No. 4667 to establish guidelines, rules, and procedures regarding the application process for, and the administration and implementation of, Tax Incentives.

AND WHEREAS Council considers it desirable to remove references to Section 364.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* from the Bylaw, and instead include references to Section 364.2 of the *Municipal Government Act*, which deals with tax incentives for non-residential properties.

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 4799 will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, beginning at approximately 6:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers (580 First Street SE).

Written/electronic submissions – submissions received by end of day Monday, April 29, will be included and published in the Regular City Council Meeting agenda and will become public documents.

FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

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

During these operations, there may be some discoloration in the water which is not harmful to consume and will dissipate 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 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.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS TO MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT!

Practice conserving water year ‘round by following the three “Golden Rules” of water conservation – **Reduce, Repair, Retrofit** – to potentially cut your water use by 50%.

Here are just a few tips to help you conserve water:

In the House

- Clean fruits and veggies in a partially filled sink or container.
- Keep a container of drinking water in the fridge for when you want a cold drink.
- Only flush the toilet when necessary and never use it as a wastebasket.
- Check for and repair leaks on toilets, taps and other water using fixtures to minimize water loss and utility bill costs.
- Use short bursts of water when brushing your teeth, shaving, and washing your face.
- Only operate washing machines and dishwashers when you have a full load.
- Insulate hot water pipes so that the water heats up faster.
- Consider upgrading appliances, like washing machines and dishwashers, to energy efficient models.

In the Yard

- Clean your driveway and sidewalks with a broom instead of the hose.
- Install an automatic timer on sprinkler systems.
- Turn sprinkler timers off during periods of rainfall.
- Minimize evaporation by watering in the early morning or late evening hours when the temperature is cooler.
- Frequently check for water leaks on hoses, faucets, irrigation lines, pools, and ponds to avoid high utility bills and possible property damage.
- Reduce evaporation by covering up pools and hot tubs when not in use. This is also a very important safety tip!
- Set mower blades between 2 - 3 inches and leave the grass cuttings on the lawn to slow water evaporation and to fertilize the grass.
- Slope flowerbeds and place plants needing the most water in low areas.
- Replace portions of your lawn with tiered gardens, rocks, mulch and drought resistant shrubs or trees.

Refer to www.medicinehat.ca/waterconservation or contact Environmental Utilities at 403-529-8176 or eu@medicinehat.ca for more information.

Submissions received after May 6 and prior to the Public Hearing will be provided to City Council separately and will also become public documents.

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.

All written/electronic submissions must be submitted to:

City Clerk Department, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6 or e-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

For further information, or to view copy of the proposed Bylaws and related documents, please visit Planning & Development Services at City Hall - 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta or contact the department at 403.529.8374. The proposed bylaw 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 20th of April 2024.

Larry Randle, City Clerk
Phone 403.529.8280
E-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

www.medicinehat.ca



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306-773-3434
Appointments suggested but not required

SEE ME IN MEDICINE HAT
Best Western Premier
35 Paul Stober Drive SE,
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Sat., April 27, 9a.m. - 5p.m.
Sun., April 28, 9a.m. - 12noon

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Everyone welcome at 6:30 for visiting and refreshments



Grasslands Naturalists info at 403-529-6225