

MLB to end 70-year partnership with Topps trading cards

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Major League Baseball is ending a 70-year relationship with trading card company Topps after signing a new partnership with a rival company.

The loss of the MLB partnership immediately scuttled a deal announced earlier this year that would have made Topps a publicly traded company.

The special-purpose acquisition company Mudrick Capital Acquisition Corporation II said Friday that its agreement to merge with Topps to take the company public was terminated by mutual agreement after it found out that MLB and the league's players' union would not be renewing their respec-

tive agreements with The Topps Co. when they come up for renewal at the end of 2025 and 2022, respectively.

ESPN reported on Thursday that it obtained a memo from the Major League Baseball Players Association that a company created by the sports merchandise company Fanatics that has yet to be named will be the exclusive licensee for baseball cards once its current licensing agreements expire at the end of next year. The Fanatics deal also includes the players' unions for the National Basketball League and the National Football League, ESPN reported.

Fanatics did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The proposed deal with Mudrick

would've made Topps a public company. Topps, which was bought in 2007 by former Disney CEO Michael Eisner through his firm, The Tornante Co., said in a prepared statement on Friday that it will now remain private.

Topps said that it expects to be able to make substantially all its current licensed baseball products through 2025.

The company, created in 1938, is best known for baseball cards. But Topps also makes products for Major League Soccer, UEFA Champions League, Bundesliga, National Hockey League, Formula 1, Star Wars and WWE and Garbage Pail Kids. Its confections division has brands including Ring Pop, Push Pop and Bazooka bubble gum.



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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).

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

Please submit your application to the City Clerk Department by 4:30 pm Monday, September 13, 2021.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk
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E-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

BYLAW #4680 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE BYLAW #4168 HAMPTONS PHASE 3

Postponement of Public Hearing

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Monday, July 5, 2021 to Bylaw #4680, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend the Land Use Bylaw #4168 to rezone the subject property from Future Urban Development (FUD) to Low Density Residential (R-LD), Neighborhood Commercial (C-N) and Open Space (OS). The re-zoning is to align the zoning of Hamptons Phase 3 to the Hamptons Area Structure Plan to allow the construction of houses and neighbourhood commercial uses.

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 #4680 was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the Regular City Council Meeting. The Public Hearing has been postponed and a continuation will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at the Regular City Council Meeting beginning at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers (580 First Street SE). 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.

Anyone wishing to have a written/electronic submission (that will be handled as a public document) 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, September 1, 2021.

For further information, or to view copy of proposed Bylaw #4680 and related documents, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403.529.8374. Bylaw #4680 may also be accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 21st day of August, 2021.

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'It's time': Star goaltender Henrik Lundqvist retires at 39

The Canadian Press

The King has called it a career. Henrik Lundqvist, one of the greatest goaltenders of his generation, announced his retirement Friday less than nine months after heart surgery.

"It's time," the 39-year-old Lundqvist wrote in a social media post. "For the last 30 years, I have devoted my life to the game of hockey and now it's time to walk away from the game I love and begin a new chapter."

Lundqvist also told the *Göteborgs-Posten* newspaper he needs a new heart procedure. "We will see how extensive it will be," he said. "Treatments are getting better, so we will see if they'll open up the chest or not. But that will be a problem for the future."

The Swede starred for years for the New York Rangers, where he piled up 459 wins along with a 2.43 goals-against average and 64 shutouts in 15 seasons.

He is sixth in NHL history in wins, seventh in saves (23,509), eighth in games played (887), ninth in starts (871), ninth in time on ice (51,816:51) and 17th in shutouts.

He also helped Sweden win gold at the 2006 Turin Olympics.

The Rangers bought out Lundqvist's contract in September 2020 and he signed a one-year, \$1.5 million contract with the Washington Capitals in October. He never took the ice after announcing he had a heart condition. The five-time All Star had surgery in January, but didn't begin workouts until last month and became an unrestricted free agent July 28.

The man known as "King Henrik" was wildly popular and his departure from the Rangers was painful to many fans, even if it was expected with Igor Shesterkin and Alexandar Georgiev waiting in the wings. His deal with Washington came with the hope of Lundqvist earning his first Stanley Cup championship.

Instead, he will head into retirement. Lundqvist said he was excited about the future but did not detail specific plans.

"There are many things I love about the game: From the excitement I felt as an 8-year-old at my first practice to the 15 years of butterflies I had every time I took the ice in the greatest city in the world," he wrote. "I'm extremely grateful for what hockey has brought me and taught me in life. These lessons will never leave me."

Lundqvist appeared in 887 NHL regular-season games, plus another 130 in the playoffs. He won the Vezina Trophy as the league's top goalie in 2011-12 and he came close to a championship in 2014, leading the Rangers to the Cup Final. He lost postseason series to the Capitals in 2009 and 2011, then eliminated them in 2012, 2013 and 2015.

The Rangers released a statement that ended with the line: "Henrik is, and always will be, a Ranger."

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