

# Market Watch

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| <b>S&amp;P/TSX</b><br>20,633.27<br>-128.76 | <b>S&amp;P 500</b><br>4,528.43<br>-38.67 | <b>DOW</b><br>34,580.08<br>-59.71 | <b>NASDAQ</b><br>15,085.47<br>295.85 | <b>DOLLAR</b><br>78.05¢US<br>+0.02¢ | <b>OIL per barrel</b><br>US\$66.26<br>+\$0.24 | <b>GOLD</b><br>US\$1,783.90<br>+\$21.20 |
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## One in four Canadian shoppers overshot their Black Friday budget: report

**AMANDA STEPHENSON**  
The Canadian Press

CALGARY

One in four Canadian shoppers blew past their budgets on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, according to a new survey.

The online survey — conducted by the Angus Reid Forum on behalf of FP Canada, the national professional body that certifies Canadian financial planners — found the average Canadian spent about \$385 in total between the two retail events this year.

While 60 per cent of the shoppers surveyed said they stayed on budget, 23 per cent said they overspent significantly (by more than \$250 on average.)

Those who did go overbudget said they spent, on average, more than three times as much as they'd planned to.

Shoppers in Saskatchewan and Manitoba were most likely to be frugal, spending an average of \$266 during Black Friday and Cyber Monday — nearly a third less than the national average.

Alberta shoppers were the most likely to overspend, with one-third

saying they spent more than they had planned and nearly 15 per cent saying they spent more than \$500.

For those who struggled to stick to their budgets, the impact of the first major spending event of the holidays could lead to less cash on hand this holiday season and more credit card debt as they head into 2022, said Tashia Batstone, president and CEO of FP Canada in a news release.

She added the survey shows that, on average, Canadians expect to carry \$814 more in credit card debt into the

new year than they had before the holiday spending season.

"With more bricks-and-mortar stores open due to easing pandemic restrictions, it's easy to understand the temptation to spend," Batstone said.

"But it's important for Canadians to be diligent about getting back on track financially if they've gone a little overboard already this holiday season."

The online survey of 1,511 Canadians was completed between Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 among members of the online Angus Reid Forum.

# 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 NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 1, 2021 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### RESIDENTIAL

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>1811 20 AVENUE SE</b>               | (Lot 3, Block 21, Plan 2662JK) PLDP20210097. Garage (Shed).                    |
| <b>35 COULEE RIDGE DRIVE SW</b>        | (Lot 5, Block 2, Plan 2011418) PLDP20211205. Single Detached House.            |
| <b>821 11 STREET SE</b>                | (Lot 4, Block 14, Plan 483M) PLDP20211236. Single Detached House (Demolition). |
| <b>126 &amp; 128 SOMERSIDE ROAD SE</b> | (Lot 3, Block 11, Plan 1012845) PLDP20211239. Duplex.                          |
| <b>59 TERRACE WAY NE</b>               | (Lot 15, Block 5, Plan 0513294) PLDP20211253. Garage.                          |
| <b>48 COULEE RIDGE DRIVE SW</b>        | (Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 2011418) PLDP20211254. Single Detached House.           |

#### COMMERCIAL

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>8 STRACHAN COURT SE</b>   | (Lot 15, Block 1, Plan 0412439) PLDP20210797. Health Care Office.  |
| <b>1860 STRACHAN ROAD SE</b> | (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 9710582) PLDP20211131. Business and Professional Office With Drive-Through Services. |

#### HOME OCCUPATION

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|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>966 ROSS GLEN DRIVE SE</b>  | (Lot 19, Block 23, Plan 7911087) PLDP20211175. Office Use Only. Home Repair.                      |
| <b>566 ROSS GLEN DRIVE SE</b>  | (Lot 2, Block 32, Plan 8110818) PLDP20211180. Office With Customers To Attend Site. Beauty Salon. |
| <b>1218 DOMINION STREET SE</b> | (Lot, Block, Plan) PLDP20211187. Office Use Only. Online Sales (Homemade Bath Products).          |
| <b>949 22 STREET NE</b>        | (Lot 26, Block 6, Plan 7410918) PLDP20211204. Office Use Only. Online Sales (Customized Gifts).   |

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](http://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 pen) 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](http://www.medicinehat.ca) or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

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### GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR DECEMBER

**Medicine Hat – The City of Medicine Hat has set its December energy commodity rates.**

#### Natural Gas

The December natural gas commodity rate of \$4.7920 per gigajoule (GJ), down from the previous month of \$5.3540 per GJ, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners.

| December 2021 (per GJ)                                  | Rate per GJ    |
|---|----------------|
| Direct Energy Regulated Services (North and South)      | \$4.936        |
| APEX Utilities Inc. (Formerly AltaGas Utilities Inc.)   | \$4.648        |
| <b>City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)</b> | <b>\$4.792</b> |

The City of Medicine Hat calculates the Monthly Reference Price based on the average of the rates approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

#### Electricity

The December electricity rate of \$0.13184 per kilowatt hour, up from the previous month of \$0.10635 per kilowatt hour, for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting, is based on the average of the rates for owners whose regulated rate tariffs are approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission under section 103(2) of the Electric Utilities Act for that calendar month as posted by the Alberta Utilities Commission on its internet page under *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*.

| December 2021 (per kilowatt hour)                       | Rate per kWh     |
|---|------------------|
| Direct Energy Regulated Services                        | \$0.13434        |
| ENMAX Energy Corporation                                | \$0.11972        |
| EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (Edmonton)                      | \$0.13779        |
| EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (outside Edmonton)              | \$0.13549        |
| <b>City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)</b> | <b>\$0.13184</b> |

The City of Medicine Hat calculates the Monthly Reference Price based on the average of the rates using the four Regulated Rate Option providers approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission under section 103(2) of the Electric Utilities Act.

The December default electricity rate for Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting customers is based on the monthly average Alberta Power Pool price as established and published by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plus \$0.02 per kilowatt hour. The rate for November was \$0.11907 per kilowatt hour.

#### Fixed Rate Option

The City of Medicine Hat also offers a fixed electric commodity price for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial customers. The fixed rate for 2021 is \$0.06800 per kilowatt hour.

The Gas Utility offers a fixed natural gas commodity price for all rate class customers. The fixed rate for 2021 is \$3.50 per GJ.

#### Going Green Charge

Customers also have a "Going Green" surcharge on their bill. This surcharge is for renewable energy purchased for residential, farm, small and medium commercial customers.

The Going Green surcharge is calculated monthly to recover costs incurred to purchase renewable energy.

The Going Green surcharge for December is \$0.0005 per kilowatt hour.

For further information, please contact: [media@medicinehat.ca](mailto:media@medicinehat.ca)

## CN looks to reopen tracks in southern B.C. after second network shutdown

The Canadian Press

MONTREAL

Canadian National Railway Co. says it aims to reopen its network in southern British Columbia this weekend after another bout of rain and wind prompted a second shutdown.

CN said Friday that engineers and construction crews continue to work on the Vancouver-Kamloops corridor, which was first cut by landslides and washouts amid torrential downpours in mid-November.

The country's largest railroad operator restored limited service along the vital supply link last week before opting to "proactively close" the line again Monday as more rain triggered further mudslides, flooding and debris.

"The company continues to move limited amounts of trains through the region on other available rail infrastructure," spokesman Jonathan Abecassis said in an email.

The Montreal-based railway has also been able to divert some traffic to the Port of Prince Rupert, which remains fully operational and unaffected by the severe weather.

Meanwhile, Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. says service in the region is ongoing, including to the Port of Vancouver.

CP cars loaded with Prairie grain and fuel entered Vancouver last week for the first time in days after its rail corridor sustained heavy damage in some 30 locations between Vancouver and Kamloops, B.C.

However, the Calgary railway has said it needs access to CN tracks on its busiest corridor where they share rail infrastructure in order to maximize capacity.



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