

Market Watch

S&P/TSX 21,639.10 -59.01	S&P 500 5,431.60 -2.14	DOW 38,589.16 -57.94	NASDAQ 17,688.88 +21.32	DOLLAR 72.72¢US -0.03¢	OIL per barrel US\$78.45 -\$0.17	Nat. Gas/mmBTU US\$2.89 -\$0.07	GOLD US\$2,349.10 +\$31.10
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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 JUNE 6 TO JUNE 12, 2023 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

54 EAST GLEN STREET SE	(Lot 22, Block 12, Plan 7910917) PLDP20240370. Garage With Interior Side Setback Variance.
71 RANCHVIEW WAY NE	(Lot 90, Block 13, Plan 0910426) PLDP20240372. Single Detached House.
434 12 STREET SE	(Lot 23, Block 22, Plan 1132M) PLDP20240373. Garage (Similar Use).
35 SIERRA ROAD SW	(Lot 95, Block 33, Plan 1511751) PLDP20240376. Single Detached House (Variance For Site Coverage).
27 VALLEYVIEW DRIVE SW	(Lot 25, Block 40, Plan 6280JK) PLDP20240386. Single Detached House (Addition).

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL

704 REDCLIFF DRIVE SW	(Lot 3, Block 8, Plan 5247JK) PLDP20240362. Change Of Use To Retail & Consumer Services (Vape Retail).
1554 BRIER PARK CRESCENT NW	(Lot 2, Block 4, Plan 9511281) PLDP20240375. Accessory Building.
954 FACTORY STREET SE	(Lot 11-13, Block 5, Plan 1992b) PLDP20240381. Installation Of One Fascia Sign.

HOME BUSINESS

632 STARK WAY SE	(Lot 49, Block 4, Plan 0113115) PLDP20240368. Home Business Minor. Bookkeeping.
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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).

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.

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Red Lobster Canada to ask court to recognize stalking horse bid, approve sales process

TARA DESCHAMPS
The Canadian Press

Red Lobster Canada will ask an Ontario court next week to recognize a stalking horse bid from its lenders and approve a sales process for its assets.

Court filings made on behalf of the beleaguered seafood chain's Canadian operations earlier this week say the matter will be heard by the Superior Court of Justice on June 18, as long as a U.S. court approves the sales process before then.

The filings made on June 11 say the steps are meant to "preserve" Red Lobster's business in Canada and the employment of the company's 2,000 workers stationed at 27 restaurants across the country.

A stalking horse bid is an offer to buy a bankrupt firm or its assets that is arranged ahead of an auction and typically sets a floor price for the assets. The documents say the bid will give lenders a chance to sell the company's assets in a way that maximizes their value and helps them avoid the risk of them being sold for an unreasonably low price.

The sale procedures, which could include an auction, "are designed to encourage all prospective bidders to put forward their highest and best bid, bring finality to the debtors' sale process, and create a path toward approval of a sale order," court records say.

They add the bid will be "market-tested" to ensure the company nabs the highest or otherwise best offer, or combination of offers, for the Red Lobster business as a whole or its assets.

Linc Rogers, a lawyer repre-



CP PHOTO JEFF MCINTOSH

A family leaves a Red Lobster location in Calgary on May 28.

sending Red Lobster Canada, declined to comment further on the matter. Red Lobster Canada did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The filings made in Canada come after Florida-based Red Lobster Management LLC shuttered dozens of locations in the U.S. recently and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, which a Canadian court agreed to recognize last month.

Jonathan Tibus, chief executive of Red Lobster Management, said in an affidavit that since an Ontario court recognized the U.S. proceedings, "Canadian restaurants have continued to operate in the ordinary course."

The chain, which was founded in the U.S. in 1968 and counts 550 restaurants in its home country, expanded to Canada in 1983, but only has a presence in four provinces — Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Stuart Brotman, a lawyer representing information officer FTI Consulting, previously told an Ontario court that Red

Lobster Canada "has been and is expected to continue to be cash flow positive."

Tibus, however, has noted that the entire company is facing challenges, including "disruptions to its supply chain, hyperinflation affecting food, labour and delivery costs, substantial increases in the cost of capital and real property leases, and shifts in casual dining trends both during and after the COVID-19 pandemic."

Since the health crisis, filings show Red Lobster's annual customer count has only "marginally improved" and is down 30 per cent from 2019.

The company heavily promoted its "Ultimate Endless Shrimp" deals to combat the headwinds it was facing, but Tibus said in court records that they amounted to a "significant cash drain" that cost Red Lobster US\$11 million.

Since June 2023, he's been working to reduce spending, "simplify" the menu and "implement a sensible promotional calendar with fewer limited-time offers."

Major airports demand millions in unpaid fees from defunct Lynx Air

The Canadian Press

Airports are knocking on Lynx Air's cabin door to demand \$4.1 million in unpaid fees and debt from the defunct discount carrier, which already faces \$200-plus million in claims from creditors.

In court filings late last month, authorities for the Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton, Halifax and Winnipeg airports asked for an order instructing Lynx to hand over airport improvement fees that the Alberta-based airline held in reserve.

"It would be unjust if Lynx's creditors were to receive a windfall by gaining access to the (airport improvement fee) funds," the airport authorities said in an application to the Alberta's Court of King's Bench.

The documents show Calgary is owed the most, with the airport claiming to be out of pocket \$2 million after the carrier shut down in February.

The unpaid airport improvement fees — amassed from charges of \$5 to \$38 per passenger, depending on the airport and destination — appear to come on top of the \$206 million Lynx owed when it sought creditor protection four months ago.

Lynx did not appear to dispute the airport authorities' claims,

affirming the amounts owed in fees and "other debt," according to a May 31 affidavit from interim chief financial officer Michael Woodward.

The Calgary-based carrier, which launched in April 2022, said in earlier filings that airport charges, rising costs and "a competitive aviation landscape have proved disastrous" for the airline.

It has said customers seeking refunds for cancelled flights should request chargebacks through their credit card providers before Sept. 1, 2025.

Lynx hopes to sell off everything from life-jackets to oxygen masks as it tries to recoup a portion of its losses. In court filings last month, the carrier said it has worked out deals with a pair of aviation companies abroad to sell plane parts and equipment ranging from seats to tires, transponders and even a few food carts and a single garbage bin.

The shutdown marks another step toward airline market consolidation over the past year, raising the likelihood of higher fares and fewer flight options.

Summer airfares for routes to major Canadian cities have risen 14 per cent year-over-year, according to the Flight Centre travel agency.

Wholesale sales up 2.4% in April: Statistics Canada

The Canadian Press

Statistics Canada says wholesale sales, excluding petroleum, petroleum products, and other hydrocarbons and excluding oilseed and grain, rose 2.4 per cent to \$83.3 billion in April.

The overall increase came as sales increased in five of the seven subsectors.

The motor vehicle and motor vehicle parts and accessories subsector increased 10.2 per cent to \$14.6 billion in April, its highest level since November 2023, as the motor vehicles industry group gained 12.4 per cent.

The miscellaneous subsector increased 5.1 per cent to \$10.6 billion in April as sales increased in five of the seven industry groups included in the category with agriculture supplies up 6.9 per cent.

In volume terms, wholesale sales increased 2.0 per cent in April.

Manufacturing sales up 1.1%

Manufacturing sales rose 1.1 per cent to \$70.8 billion in April, helped by gains in sales of transportation equipment, primary metals and chemical products.

The rise follows a 1.8 per cent decline in March.

Statistics Canada says sales of transportation equipment rose 4.1 per cent in April as sales of motor vehicles increased 5.6 per cent and motor vehicle parts gained 7.7 per cent.

Meanwhile, sales in the primary metal subsector rose 4.7 per cent, helped by higher sales in the non-ferrous metal (except aluminum) production and processing industry group, which gained 15.7 per cent.

Chemical product sales gained 4.0 per cent, while the aerospace product and parts industry fell 6.8.

HAPPY Father's DAY

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