

Market Watch

S&P/TSX 34,339.99 -161.97	S&P 500 6,878.88 -29.98	DOW 48,977.92 -521.28	NASDAQ 22,668.21 -210.17	DOLLAR 73.30¢US +0.24¢	OIL per barrel US\$67.02 + 1.81	GOLD US\$5,247.90 + \$53.70
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PUBLIC NOTICES



DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED FEBRUARY 19 TO FEBRUARY 25, 2026

RESIDENTIAL

15 TURNER CLOSE SE - Single Detached Swimming Pool (In-Ground)
96 SIERRA ROAD SW - Single Detached House With Secondary Suite And Site Width Variance

HOME BUSINESS

277 1 STREET SE - Home Business Minor - Service (Junk Removal/Janitorial Service).
14 FINLAY COURT SW - Home Business Minor - Electrician.
588 3 STREET NW - Home Business Minor. Bookkeeping/Consultant.
328 COULEE RIDGE DRIVE SW - Home Business Minor - Consultant (HR)
48 HUDSON WAY NE - Home Business Minor - General Contractor/Project Manager.
358 4 STREET SW - Home Business Minor - Property Management.



Scan code to view development notices online (updated weekly)

8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages.....403.529.8260
Gas Emergency.....403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency.....403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services403.526.2828

THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT LAND USE BYLAW 4871-2026 CITY OWNED LAND TITLE DESIGNATION CHANGE

TAKE NOTICE that the Medicine Hat City Council gave first reading on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 to the following City of Medicine Hat Bylaw:

Bylaw 4871-2026, proposes to change the boundaries of City owned Municipal Reserve and Environmental Reserve designated parcels to create Public Utility Lots for the existing berm infrastructure to accommodate its ongoing maintenance.

If passed, the Bylaw would change the land title designation and amalgamate the following City owned parcels to create new Public Utility Lots:

- Plan 7811667 Block R2 and Plan 0614673 Block 6 Lot 23ER within the NW ¼ 31 12 5 W4M;
- Plan 5822 JK Block 1 Lot R1 and Plan 7058 JK Block 4 Lot R1 within the NE ¼ 35 12 6 W4M and West ½ 36-12-6-W4M; and
- Plan 5765 JK Block 1 Lots R1 and R2, Plan 7610455 Block E Lot R1, Plan 9011191 Block 9 Lots 4 and 6 ER, Plan 0614781 Block E Lot 13ER, Plan 1510920 Area A, Plan 1611366 Block E Lot 16PUL, Plan 1612927 Block 20 Lot 10, Plan 2510004 Block 9 Lot 7PUL within the NE ¼ 31-12-5-W4M, NW ¼ and South ½ 32-12-5-W4M

A public hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of second/third readings of proposed Bylaw 4871-2026 will be held on **Monday, March 16, 2026**, at approximately **6:30 p.m.** in City Hall Council Chambers (580 First Street SE).

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.

Written/electronic submissions – all written submissions received prior to the public hearing will be provided to City Council. Submissions received by end of day on Monday, March 9, 2026, will be published in the Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

All written/electronic submissions become public documents and must be submitted to the City Clerk Department at 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6 or via e-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

For further information or to view related documents, please contact Land & Real Estate at 403-529-8248. Additional information 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 28th day of February 2026.

Stephanie Zubrecki
Interim City Clerk

THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT LAND USE BYLAW 4870-2026 REZONING OF 1850 SOUTH BOUNDARY ROAD SW

TAKE NOTICE that the Medicine Hat City Council gave first reading on Monday, February 17, 2026, to the following City of Medicine Hat Bylaw:

Bylaw 4870-2026, proposes to rezone the parcel located at 1850 South Boundary Road SW from Future Urban Development (FUD) District to Direct Control (DC) District.

A public hearing in general accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* and the City's *Procedure Bylaw*, and consideration of second/third readings of proposed Bylaw 4870-2026 will be held on **Monday, March 16, 2026**, at approximately **6:30 p.m.** in City Hall Council Chambers (580 First Street SE).

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.

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For further information or to view related documents, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403-529-8374. Additional information 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 28th day of February 2026.

Stephanie Zubrecki
Interim City Clerk

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority 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. Forms available from: City Clerk Dept., 3rd Floor, City Hall or City website: www.medicinehat.ca.

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. For more information, contact Planning and Development Services, 2nd Floor, City Hall. Ph. (403) 529-8374.

2026 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Property Assessment Roll for the City of Medicine Hat has been prepared and the Assessment Notices will be mailed on February 27, 2026.

The Assessment Roll is open for inspection as of February 27, 2026. The roll is available to view at www.medicinehat.ca/viewmyassessment. Inquiries may be directed to the Assessment Department, City Hall, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on every day of the week except Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays by calling 403-529-8114. The complaint deadline is May 6, 2026.

Prior to filing a complaint, property owners are encouraged to contact the Assessment Department, Main Floor, City Hall, or phone (403) 529-8114, to resolve any concerns and possibly avoid a formal complaint to the Assessment Review Board.

If you wish to object to the entry or omission of your name, or that of any other person, or to the assessment of your property or any other property upon the said roll, you must complete and submit the Assessment Review Board Complaint form together with the applicable complaint registration fee. An agent may file a complaint on your behalf if you, the assessed owner, complete an Assessment Complaint Agent Authorization form. Submit completed forms to the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board at the following address:

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT
CITY HALL, 580 FIRST STREET SE
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA T1A 8E6
ATTENTION: CLERK OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

Your complaint must include the following:

- indicate what information shown on an assessment notice or tax notice is incorrect,
- explain in what respect that information is incorrect,
- indicate what the correct information is, and
- identify the requested assessed value, if the complaint relates to an assessment.
- include the appropriate complaint registration fee.

Please ensure your complaint form includes all reasons for appealing. The Assessment Review Board cannot consider matters not included on your form.

Forms are available at the Assessment Department, Main floor, City Hall or at www.medicinehat.ca.

Dated this 21st day of February 2026, updated this 28th day of February 2026.

Sue Sterkenburg, AMAA
Manager & City Assessor

COMMEMORATIVE DRILLING RIG REMOVAL

In the coming weeks, the City of Medicine Hat will remove the display drill rig located near Tourism Medicine Hat's Visitor Information Centre due to safety concerns.

The rig was built in 1948 and drilled City of Medicine Hat gas wells between 1950-1969 and used until 1981 to service existing gas wells. In 1998, the Medicine Hat's Oilmen's Association restored the retired rig to commemorate their organization's 25th Anniversary and placed fencing and lighting at the prominent display location. It has stood since as a beacon of Medicine Hat's proud legacy in the oil and gas industry.

Those wishing to learn more about the history of Medicine Hat's public gas utility can visit medicinehat.ca/gas or visit the Esplanade Archives.

PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines from freezing during the cold weather months:

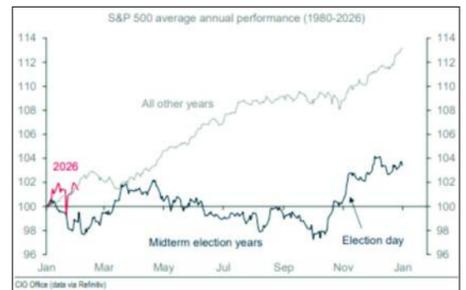
- Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
- Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, including crawl spaces.
- For sinks located against a non-insulated outside wall:
 - o Open the vanity door to allow warm air to reach the water pipes.
 - o A light bulb placed near the water pipe may generate enough heat to keep the water flowing.
 - o 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 an unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box and water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape.

- Outside water faucets and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the faucet/hose bib.
- Sprinkler lines and faucets should be drained/blown out.
- Run a stream of cold-water, with a flow of approximately 250ml per 10 seconds, continuously from one faucet.
- 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.
 - o 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/frozenwaterlines or contact Environmental Utilities at 403-529-8176.

www.medicinehat.ca



SOURCE: NATIONAL BANK FINANCIAL

Market performance in mid-term election years

It's been an interesting start to 2026 for financial markets with considerable volatility and widespread uncertainty regarding market direction. A lot of this uncertainty is a result of geopolitical events including Ukraine, Iran, Venezuela, etc. We've also seen President Trump continue his tariff rhetoric which adds to market uncertainty. Fortunately for markets, fourth quarter earnings season has generally been positive with earnings growth reported ahead of market expectations. This week's chart provides insight into what we might expect for the balance of 2026 given it is a midterm election year in the U.S.



Eric Van Enk
Economics 101

The chart shows the average annual performance for the S&P 500 index over the past ~45 years (1980 – 2026). Midterm election years are depicted in dark blue while all other years are shown in grey. Thus far, 2026 (red line) is tracking closer to the 'all other' average vs. the midterm average, yet the year is young.

Notice the average performance of the S&P 500 for U.S. midterm election years is substantially lower than non-midterm election years (~4% return vs. ~13%). Also notice the typical seasonality of midterm election years with the average annual positive performance of ~4% being earned post-election day in November.

This traditional 'Santa Clause' rally occurs once the market receives certainty from the election. This appears to be logical as markets dislike uncertainty.

Will 2026 be different? Time will tell, however, there are a few factors which I consider to be positive at time of writing. First, earnings growth for companies which comprise the S&P 500 have been strong and are accelerating.

Reasons for this include productivity growth driven by advances in artificial intelligence, declining interest rates as well as a U.S. administration which is supporting the economy by reducing taxes and promoting pro-growth policies.

Second, advanced polling for the U.S. midterm election in November is currently predicting the most likely outcome being a split between control of the House and Senate, followed by Democrats taking control of both the House and the Senate due to the declining popularity of President Trump and his policies.

Markets generally respond well to a balance of power between the Executive branch (pPresident), House of Representatives and Senate. If polls remain relatively consistent heading into November, the market may not have significant midterm uncertainty to overcome. However, if polls move back into President Trump's favour, this could lead to additional market uncertainty and volatility.

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CPP Investments and Equinix buying data centre company

The Canadian Press

Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Equinix, Inc. have signed a deal to buy data centre company atNorth from Partners Group.

The agreement values atNorth at an enterprise value of US\$4 billion.

CPP Investments will invest approximately US\$1.6 billion, owning an about a 60 per cent controlling interest, while Equinix will own about 40 per cent.

atNorth's portfolio includes eight operational data centers as well as several sites under development across Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

As part of the deal, CPP Investments and Equinix have provisionally agreed to a US\$4.2-billion financing package to fund the transaction as well as to pay for an expansion of the business.

Maximilian Biagosch, senior managing director and global head of real Assets at CPP Investments, says the deal builds on the fund's long-standing relationship with Equinix.

"The Nordics are an attractive market for data centre growth and the opportunity to partner with Equinix on this acquisition allows us to deploy capital at scale into a high-quality platform, helping us deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns for CPP contributors and beneficiaries," Biagosch said in a statement.