

Market Watch

S&P/TSX 27,036.16 +1.90	S&P 500 6,279.35 +51.93	DOW 44,828.53 +344.11	NASDAQ 20,601.10 +207.97	DOLLAR 73.50¢US -0.16¢	OIL per barrel US\$66.50 -\$0.50	Nat. Gas/mmBTU US\$3.38 -\$0.06	GOLD US\$3,346.50 +\$3.60
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A strike by air traffic controllers is disrupting travel to, from and over France

The Canadian Press

About 40% of flights were canceled Friday at all Paris airports and tens of thousands of passengers were rearranging plans at the height of the summer travel season because of a strike by French air traffic controllers seeking better working conditions.

Disruptions started hitting airports around France on Thursday and intensified Friday. The national civil aviation authority asked airlines to cancel 40% of flights Friday at Charles de Gaulle, Orly and Beauvais airports serving Paris, half of flights in Nice and 30% of flights in Marseille, Lyon and some other cities.

Despite the preventive cancellations, the authority warned in a statement that “disruptions and long delays are to be expected at all French airports.”

Ryanair was among airlines

that announced widespread disruptions, saying in a statement it canceled more than 400 flights affecting 70,000 passengers. The company said the strike affects all its flights over French airspace, as well as traffic in and out of French airports, and urged the European Union to reform air traffic rules.

One of the two unions leading the strike, UNSA-ICNA, said in a statement there are not enough employees to handle surging air travel and that inflation is eating away at salaries. The unions also are protesting new reform measures aiming to more tightly monitor their work, prompted by a near-collision at the Bordeaux airport.

Transport Minister Philippe Tabarot called the union demands — and their decision to strike just as French schools close for the summer and many families head on vacation — “unacceptable.”



AP PHOTO AURELIEN MORISSARD

A departures information board is seen at Orly airport, near Paris, as French air traffic controllers launched a two-day strike to demand better working conditions on Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICES



DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JUNE 26 TO JULY 2, 2025

RESIDENTIAL

91 SIERRA ROAD SW - Single Detached House With Variances To Front Setback And Site Coverage

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/ INSTITUTIONAL

102 2882 BOX SPRINGS BOULEVARD NW - Change Of Use To Restaurant

3 721 QUEEN STREET SE - Retail & Consumer Services (Fascia Sign)

HOME BUSINESS

2655 15 AVENUE SE - Home Business Minor. Esthetician.

401 12 STREET NW - Home Business Minor. General Contractor

768 BLACK BOULEVARD NW - Home Business Minor. Personal Care Aid.

28 TERRACE CIRCLE NE - Home Business Minor. Non-Profit.

356 STRATTON ROAD SE - Home Business Minor. Online Sales (Clothing).

28 RICE COURT SE - Home Business Minor. Janitorial Service.

51 COLLIER COURT SE - Home Business Minor. General Contractor/ Project Manager.

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.

FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTION & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Environmental Utilities Maintenance crews perform regular, routine maintenance to uphold the waterworks system infrastructure and water quality 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.

ASSESSMENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PACKAGES

The City of Medicine Hat Tax Assessment department has mailed out Assessment Request for Information (ARFI) packages to property owners of improved non-residential and multi-family property classes.

This process of collecting property related data is the first step towards developing the 2025 assessment roll for tax year 2026. Collecting data annually ensures the assessment roll reflects current market information.

Completing the ARFI is an important part of the tax assessment process. Assessment values are established to allow for equitable distribution of taxes. Higher response rates will increase the statistical confidence level in the resulting assessment values. It is important for property owners to retain their ability to participate in the assessment appeal process. For property owners to be eligible to appeal their 2025 assessment, they must respond completely to an ARFI by the July 9, 2025 deadline.

As always, property owners are encouraged to contact the Assessment department directly if they have questions regarding their property assessment or if they require any assistance in completing their request for information forms.

Dated this 9th day of May 2025.

Sue Sterkenburg, AMAA
Manger & City Assessor



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 Services.....	403.526.2828

GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR JULY

Medicine Hat - The City of Medicine Hat has set its July energy commodity rates.

Natural Gas - all customers

The July natural gas default rate is \$1.238 per gigajoule (GJ), down from the previous month of \$1.927 per GJ.

The rate is based on the weighted average cost of the City's natural gas purchases for the month of consumption, plus \$0.07/GJ to recover transactional costs and a small rate of return, in accordance with the Gas Utility Bylaw 2489.

Electricity - Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting

The calculated electricity rate for July, August and September 2025 is \$0.05269/kWh which, under the Electric Utility Bylaw 2244, defaults to the minimum \$0.07000/kWh for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting customers.

The rate is based on a 12-month, volume weighted forecast as per the ICE-NGX wholesale electricity energy market, not to exceed a maximum of 11 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) or go below a minimum rate of seven cents per kWh, and is recalculated on the first business day of January, April, July, and October.

Electricity - Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting Customers

The current default electricity rate for Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting customers is \$0.12025 per kilowatt hour.

The rate 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 Rate of Last Resort (ROLR) Regulation.

Under the new ROLR Regulation, this fixed rate is expected to remain in place until December 31, 2026.

Rate of Last Resort	Rate per kWh
Direct Energy Regulated Services	\$0.12020
ENMAX Energy Corporation	\$0.12060
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (Edmonton)	\$0.12010
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (outside Edmonton)	\$0.12010
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.12025

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 July is \$0.0040 per kilowatt hour.

For more details about energy rates, visit medicinehat.ca/energyplans.

U.S. Markets closed Friday for 4th of July

Medicine Hat News

Friday was a low-volume trading day with the U.S. markets were closed for the Fourth of July.

The S&P 500, DOW Jones, NASDAQ and Natural Gas numbers are from Thursday's stock market close.

The U.S. stock markets will re-open on Monday.

Major Quebec aluminum smelter announces \$1.5B investment with new electricity deal

The Canadian Press

The company operating a major Quebec aluminum smelter says it will invest at least \$1.5 billion in its North Shore facilities over the next 20 years.

Representatives of Aluminerie Alouette say the announcement is tied to an agreement in principle with the province's hydro utility on electricity rates until Dec. 31, 2045.

At a news conference in Sept-Îles, Que., the company said it has committed to investing \$750 million by 2030, for a total of at least \$1.5 billion by 2045.

Quebec Premier François Legault told the news conference the electricity deal is a positive sign for an industry that has been hit by 50 per cent tariffs on imports to the U.S.

The government says the agreement allows Hydro-Québec to share in the profits when aluminum prices are high, and permits the company to stay competitive when market prices for the metal drop.

The smelter employs approximately 950 people and has an annual production capacity of 630,000 tons of aluminum, representing 20 per cent of the aluminum produced in the province.

Multinational Rio Tinto is the main shareholder with a 40 per cent stake in the company.

H&R REIT confirms strategic review, units up more than 10 per cent

The Canadian Press

Units in H&R Real Estate Investment Trust were up more than 10 per cent after the trust said it is reviewing strategic alternatives after receiving an unsolicited expression of interest.

The trust says the board of trustees formed a special committee of independent trustees in February after receiving the interest.

It adds that the special committee has since received other proposals for potential transactions and is in talks regarding non-binding offers from a number of interested parties.

However, H&R says no decision has been made as to whether the trust should proceed with a potential transaction and that there can be no assurance that the process will result in a deal.

H&R holds a portfolio of residential, industrial, office and retail properties in Canada and the United States.

Units in the trust were up \$1.53 at \$12.16 in late-morning trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange, though still off the more than \$25 they often traded at during the 2010s.