

Market Watch

S&P/TSX 34,346.29 +294.06	S&P 500 7,126.06 +84.78	DOW 49,447.43 +868.71	NASDAQ 24,468.48 +365.78	DOLLAR 73.15¢US +0.21¢	OIL per barrel US\$82.59 +\$8.58	GOLD US\$4,879.60 +\$71.30
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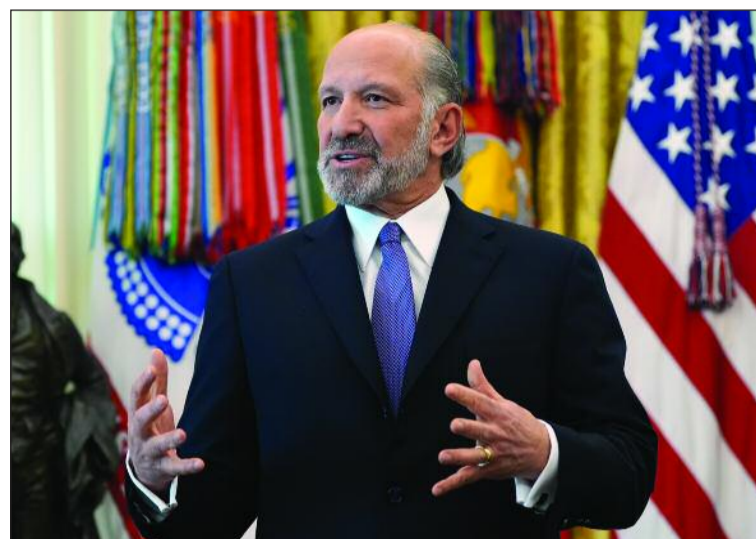
'They suck': Howard Lutnick criticizes Canada's trade strategy

CATHERINE MORRISON
The Canadian Press

U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick attacked Canada's trade strategy on Friday, adding, "They suck." Lutnick was responding to a report in the Financial Post quoting Canada's former chief trade negotiator Steve Verheul saying time is on Canada's side in trade talks because the pressures on the U.S. will only increase. During a discussion with Semafor World Economy in Washington, D.C., Lutnick said that is "the worst strategy" and the U.S. is "the consumer of the world." He went on to claim that Prime Minister Mark Carney

"has a problem" with the U.S. and criticized his recent outreach to China. "He gets on a plane and he goes to China. Does he think China, the Chinese economy is going to buy his stuff? China is entirely an export-driven economy," he said. "He came back and said, oh, we'll take their electric cars. I mean, is this nuts?" U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said earlier this month that he doesn't expect negotiations on the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement on trade to be resolved by July 1. That is the deadline for the United States to notify Canada and Mexico about its plans for the trilateral trade pact, known

as CUSMA. Speaking to the House of Commons international trade committee Thursday, Canada-U.S. Trade Minister Dominic LeBlanc said the Canadian government is prepared to quickly sign a deal that's in the interest of the Canadian economy. "It is moving forward," he said in French. "We're not just in contact with the Americans. Things are also moving forward with our counterparts in Mexico. "I believe that we have a lot of things that the American economy needs. That's why I remain optimistic that we will get there." -- with files from Kelly Geraldine Malone



AP PHOTO ALEX BRANDON
Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick speaks in the Oval Office of the White House on March 31 in Washington.

PUBLIC NOTICES



8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages.....403.529.8260	Water & Sewer Emergency403.502.8042
Gas Emergency.....403.529.8191	After Hours Special Services403.526.2828

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED APRIL 9 TO APRIL 15, 2026

RESIDENTIAL

106 3 STREET NW - Garage With Rear Setback Variance.

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/ INSTITUTIONAL

97 CARRY DRIVE SE - Change Of Use To Office.

84 BRIER ESTATES WAY NW - Self Storage Facility With Front Setback Variance.

1250 SOUTH BOUNDARY ROAD SW - Two Portable Signs.

HOME BUSINESS

9 ROSSDALE STREET SE - Home Business Minor - Roofing/Siding Contractor.

180 SHEPHERD CRESCENT SE - Home Business Minor - Service (Face Painting).

66 4000 13 AVENUE SE - Home Business Minor - Consultant.

24 RAE COURT SE - Home Business Minor - Sprinkler Installation.

28 ROSSDALE STREET SE - Home Business Minor - Painting.



Scan code to view development notices online (updated weekly)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD APPEAL #1-2026 352 PRIMROSE DRIVE SE (LOT 1, BLOCK 2, PLAN 7711650)

TAKE NOTICE THAT the following appeal will be heard by the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at a Public Hearing in City Hall Council Chambers, commencing at 10:00 am on Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

Development Permit application PLDP 20260032 submitted by Newrock Developments proposes a multi unit (40 unit) residential development at 352 Primrose Drive SE. The current zoning is Medium Density Residential (R-MD).

If you wish to view any documentation with regard to this matter, you may do so by attending the City Clerk Department, 3rd Floor, City Hall between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Written/electronic submissions, regarding the above, will be accepted and placed before the Board. All submissions will be treated as public documents and must be received by the undersigned by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday April 22, 2026. Oral submissions are limited to five (5) minutes.

Cyndi Cogbill,
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerk
580 First Street SE
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8E6
Phone: 403.529.8221
e-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT LAND USE BYLAWS REZONING OF BYLAW 4873-2026 - 201 2 STREET NW BYLAW 4875-2026 - 800 GERSHAW DRIVE SW BYLAW 4876-2026 - 2 & 6 SIERRA GREEN SW BYLAW 4877-2026 - 2 & 4 RANCHERO PL NE

TAKE NOTICE that the Medicine Hat City Council gave first reading on Monday, April 7, 2026, to the following City of Medicine Hat Bylaws:

Bylaw 4873-2026, proposes to rezone 201 2 Street NW, the former Riverside School site, from Direct Control (DC) District to Low Density Residential (R-LD) District.

Bylaw 4875-2026, proposes to rezone 800 Gershaw Drive SW from Mixed Use (MU) District to Highway Commercial (C-H) District.

Bylaw 4876-2026, proposes to rezone 2 & 6 Sierra Green SW from Medium Density Residential (R-MD) District to Low Density Residential (R-LD) District.

Bylaw 4877-2026, proposes to rezone 2 & 4 Ranchero PL NE from Low Density Residential (R-LD) District to Medium Density Residential (R-MD) 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 Bylaws 4873-2026, 4875-2026, 4876-2026, 4877-2026 will be held on **Monday, May 4, 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 bylaws 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 hearings will be provided to City Council. Submissions received by end of day on Monday, April 27, 2026, will be published in the Regular City Council Meeting agenda. Please include the Bylaw number you are submitting for in your submission.

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 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 18th day of April, 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.

FREE SUREGROW COMPOST & USED BATTERY COLLECTION!

Load up on free compost compliments of City of Medicine Hat!

When: Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 10am to 3pm

Where: 1453 Hutchinson Ave SE
across the avenue from the Kipling Street Recycling Depot

Bring your own container to transport and help yourself to free compost while quantities last. There will be a limit of 10 gallons of compost per household on a first come first served basis.

Learn more about SureGrow compost at medicinehat.ca/suregrow

Bring your used batteries too! The City will be set up to collect used household batteries to ensure safe transport for recycling through Recycle Your Batteries, Canada!

Batteries contain chemicals that can harm the environment and certain batteries, like lithium-ion batteries, can be easily damaged causing fires if not properly handled and recycled.

Bring your used batteries when you drop by for free compost and check two items off your spring "to-do" list!

For more information about battery recycling, visit recycleyourbatteries.ca or medicinehat.ca/whatgoeswhere

FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS & 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.

It is important to note that discoloured water should not be used for laundry, and that fluctuating water pressure may also be noticed.

Should discoloration persist over 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.

Alberta producers sound alarm over high fertilizer prices

DAVID BOLES
Local Journalism Initiative

Alberta producers say while the federal government temporarily cutting the fuel excise tax is appreciated, it won't be a massive help.

Prime Minister Mark Carney announced on Tuesday, April 14 that the federal fuel levy is being cut by 10 cents a litre on gasoline, while diesel fuel taxes are being reduced by four cents a litre.

The temporary suspension will take effect on April 20 and end Sept. 7.

John Guelly farms in the Westlock area and says the big problem is the cost of fertilizer.

"Urea last fall was \$600 a tonne and that was relatively high for the last five, 10 year average. Now it's \$1200, \$1300 a tonne, if you can get it," said Guelly. "When you see prices double beyond what they normally would be, it's crippling."

It's a figure that vice-president of fertilizer at StoneX Josh Linville says checks out.

"When you look across the nitrogen and phosphate they're going to use to grow this crop, it's excessively high," said Linville. "The problem is, you haven't seen the grain markets move a lot either."

According to Farm Credit Canada's Leigh Anderson, fertilizer prices have risen sharply since the war in Iran broke out around six weeks ago.

"Fertilizer is a globally traded commodity," said Anderson. "About a third of almost all global fertilizers do pass through the Strait of Hormuz."

Anderson says fertilizer was under pressure before, with contributing factors being the Russian war in Ukraine and high natural gas prices curtailing production for fertilizer supplies in Europe.

China has also moved to ban exports of fertilizer, which Anderson says is keeping prices higher than they typically would be.

With costs being as high they are for fertilizer, many producers are turning their focus to their 2027 crop, including Guelly, who knows it's a tough time to be a producer in this day and age.

"Farmers don't need to go to Vegas to gamble. They're gambling every day when they're deciding when to purchase inputs and (when) to sell your crops for the next year."

PM announces new summit in Toronto aimed at attracting \$1 trillion in investment

The Canadian Press

Prime Minister Mark Carney on Friday announced a new "Canada Investment Summit" that will invite investors, CEOs and business leaders to Toronto this fall.

In a media release, the Prime Minister's Office said the goal of the summit is to pull in \$1 trillion in investment over the next five years to advance nation-building projects.

The summit comes after a globe-trotting year for the prime minister, who has held meetings with investors and businesses around the world to gin up interest in putting money into the Canadian economy.

The prime minister has touted Canada's strengths as an energy producer and its highly educated workforce.

The goal of the summit is to help businesses expand, unlock job opportunities and build a stronger economy, said the release.

Finance Minister François Philippe Champagne said during a media conference in Washington, D.C., that Canada is well positioned to attract international investment, especially in the energy sector, given the supply uncertainty caused by the war in Iran.

"Investors are looking for places to invest which offer that stability, predictability, and the rule of law. That kind of message is resonating very loud and clear today," Champagne said.

"Investors are rediscovering Canada, in a way. They see us now as an energy superpower. The conflict in the Middle East just highlights how much we need to diversify the source of energy."