PUBLIC NOTICES

Medicine Hat

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 JULY 30 TO AUGUST 5, 2026

What's Happening IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Scan code
to view development notices online
(updated weekly)

RESIDENTIAL

134 ANSON AVENUE SW - Residential Accessory Building (Garage)

36 TERRACE PLACE NE - Residential Accessory Building (Garage)

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/ INSTITUTIONAL

1572 BRIER PARK ROAD NW - Accessory Use

2431 10 AVENUE SW - Change Of Use To Veterinary Clinic

HOME BUSINESS

36 PRONGHORN STREET NE - Home Business Minor – Electrician. (Refused. No application fee payment / Incomplete application).

76 TURNER DRIVE SE - Home Business Minor - Carpentry/Cabinets/Acoustical Installation. (Refused. No application fee payment / Incomplete application).

262 5 STREET SE - Home Business Minor. Photography and Equipment.

71 VISTA CLOSE SE - Home Business Minor. Foot Care.

277 SOMERSET WAY SE - Home Business Minor. Health Studio/Fitness Centre.

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 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 discolouration 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 discolouration 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.

GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR AUGUST

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

Natural Gas – all customers

The August natural gas default rate is $1.537 per gigajoule (GJ), up from the previous month of $1.362 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 2026 is $0.0447/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 August is $0.0043 per kilowatt hour.

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

For further information, please contact:
media@medicinehat.ca

www.medicinehat.ca

Market Watch

S&P/TSX	S&P 500	DOW	NASDAQ
36,381.23	7,757.64	54,036.93	26,690.62
+244.92	+47.68	+151.83	+342.26

DOLLAR	OIL per barrel	GOLD
71.72¢US	US$78.18	US$4,399.70
+0.38¢	+$0.89	+$100.10

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Signage marks the Statistics Canada offices in Ottawa.

'NOT YET STRONG'

Canada adds surprise 75,000 jobs in July but recovery still ongoing

NICK MURRAY
The Canadian Press

Canada's job market took a leap toward recovery in July, adding 75,000 jobs, but economists say there's still a long road ahead before the Bank of Canada considers tightening policy.

Statistics Canada said on Friday the unemployment rate fell to its lowest level in two years to 6.4 per cent.

Economists in a Reuters poll ahead of the release predicted a modest 15,000-job gain.

July's job growth was split between full- and part-time work, with Ontario adding 52,000 jobs.

Statistics Canada said the country is now up 181,000 jobs since April, and 196,000 from a year ago.

"It's stronger growth than we were maybe anticipating a few months ago," said CIBC senior economist Andrew Grantham in an interview.

"It is consistent with what we're seeing in terms of the GDP figures that the Canadian economy is recovering, even though we do see that there's more slack in the economy to go and this recovery will need to continue before we really have to worry about Bank of Canada interest rate hikes."

Statistics Canada said the unemployment rate is down half a percentage point from a year ago as more people who were looking for work had been successful at finding jobs than this time last year.

"The labour market is not yet strong," RBC assistant chief economist Nathan Janzen said in a note to clients.

"The unemployment rate is still higher than normal, and wage growth slowed in July. But it has been improving despite still significant U.S. tariff uncertainty and higher energy prices."

Average hourly wages were up 2.8 per cent in July year-over-year, though it decelerated from 3.3 per cent growth in June.

Much of July's job gains were in the wholesale and retail trade sectors, which added 21,000 positions — though the sector is still down 50,000 jobs from a year ago.

Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing added 18,000 jobs last month, while professional, scientific and technical services added 17,000.

The public administration sector shed 15,000 jobs last month, and the agricultural sector lost 9,600 jobs.

Desjardins managing director Royce Mendes said the labour market still has a long road to recovery.

"The latest jobs numbers add to the evidence that businesses are finding ways to navigate the current trade-related uncertainty," Mendes said, adding a Bank of Canada interest rate hike isn't likely to come until 2027.

"That said, even with the big gains seen in July, the labour market isn't back to full health. As evidence of that, the annual pace of wage growth decelerated further … right around the rate of inflation."

The Bank of Canada held its key policy rate steady at 2.25 per cent for the sixth straight time at its meeting in mid-July.

Financial market odds were about 96 per cent in favour of a hold from the central bank at its Sept. 2 meeting, according to LSEG Data & Analytics.

The unemployment rate among young people remained virtually unchanged in July at 12.6 per cent, Statistics Canada said, which is down 1.9 percentage points from a year ago.

"This is definitely a better summer than what we've seen in the last two years for young people trying to find jobs," Grantham said.

Canada's old military transport aircraft to get new lease on life as waterbombers

KYLE DUGGAN
The Canadian Press

The federal government said Friday it is selling 10 of its used CC-130H Hercules aircraft to B.C.-based aerospace company Coulson Aviation, which will convert them into firefighting aircraft.

They're part of a fleet of 12 retired by the Royal Canadian Air Force back in January. The remaining two Hercs will be put on public display at bases and museums.

Secretary of State for Defence Procurement Stephen Fuhr announced the conditional sale of the recently retired aircraft in Abbotsford, B.C., where an international air show is being held.

Fuhr called the sale a "gold standard" divestment project that will give the military assets a new lease on life.

"I can't honestly think of a better divestiture," Fuhr told The Canadian Press. "There's jobs in the aerospace industry. We desperately need more firefighting capacity pretty much everywhere … whether it be Canada, Europe, Australia, the U.S. You can't have too many of these assets."

Countries around the world are coping with a waterbomber shortage as wildfires become more intense and frequent. More than 4,500 wildfires have blazed across Canada so far this year.

Coulson Aviation CEO Wayne Coulson said his company "has an expectation" that it can have the first of the aircraft ready for the next wildfire season.

While the company's best-case timeline could see two of the Hercs converted by next year, it's likely to receive the aircraft faster than it can convert them.

Coulson Aviation will convert and fly the aircraft on its own dime and offer their services under contract to governments. The conversion will happen in Port Alberni, B.C., and possibly also in Abbotsford and Kelowna.

"We don't want to hang on to these things any longer than we have to. They cost money just sitting there. They're needed doing the firefighting role," Fuhr told the Friday news conference.

"Everybody's pushing to get these airplanes moved from where they are now to the end user."

The C-130H aircraft served as the backbone of the military's airlift capability for decades. They were used for transporting personnel and large cargo loads, search-and-rescue operations and air-to-air refuelling.

Ottawa has since replaced them with the more advanced C-130J tactical aircraft.

The 10 Hercules aircraft being sold will become large tankers that can carry thousands of litres of retardant and deploy to anywhere in the world. The conversion of a single aircraft is expected to take roughly 20,000 hours of work.

Both the company and the government refused to disclose the total price of the sale, saying that's confidential information and part of the commercial agreement.

The federal government doesn't always have the option of selling off old military assets. Sometimes they're used to their end of life spans and Ottawa has no choice but to dispose of them.