



Medicine Hat

Medicine Hat was founded in 1883 when the Canadian Pacific Railway built through the area. The company stopped to build a bridge and drill for water, but instead they discovered one of the largest natural gas fields in Canada.

Medicine Hat is named for local First Nations legends and stories about the head piece worn by medicine men, and possibly for a medicine man who lost his head piece after a battle in the area.

The city is located halfway between Winnipeg and Vancouver, and has thrived for more than a century due to its rich landscape and prosperous natural gas field. The city owns the natural gas supplied to residents, making it one of the most affordable places to live in Alberta.

To this day, Medicine Hat's historic downtown is lit by gas-powered lamps supplied by the area's plentiful natural gas, in operation since the early 1900s.

