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Vote Medicine Hat onto Canadian Monopoly Board *22 Canadian Cities vie for a Space*

Medicine Hat – Mr. MONOPOLY may be promoting Medicine Hat if we are successful in getting the most votes for our city.

Hasbro Canada, the distributors of *MONOPOLY* in Canada, is launching a new edition of the famous game. Sixty-five Canadian cities have been chosen to be in the nation-wide vote to fill up spaces on the board. The cities with the most votes will become part of history. The final 20 and two *wild card* cities will be announced in June 2010 with the game available in stores starting this summer.

“We felt this was a great opportunity for Medicine Hat and we’re glad Hasbro asked our city to be a part of it,” says Mayor Norm Boucher. “We are encouraging everyone who loves Medicine Hat to cast their votes for our city. The rules allow you to vote everyday.”

To vote, residents must visit www.monopolyvote.ca. To register you need a valid email address. Each person is allowed to vote for their top three choices daily until February 7.

Earlier this morning Mayor Norm Boucher cast his vote. With attendants wearing top hats to celebrate the launch of the vote, Medicine Hat is hoping to create some excitement with residents in order to secure their votes each day.

“Hasbro Canada has chosen the image of the Saamis Tepee to represent Medicine Hat on the board if successful,” says Carol Beatty, manager of cultural development whose department is responsible for the Tepee site. “The Tepee is an iconic symbol of our city and is recognized across the country.”

You can also access Hasbro Canada’s voting site via the City’s web page at www.medicinehat.ca and clicking on the link located on the main page.

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