

NEWS DOWNTOWN *Asphalt Patios for Restos AND Retail + more | May 7, 2021

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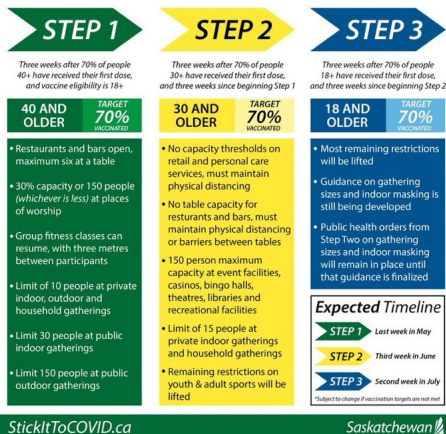
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Re-Opening Roadmap

A three-step plan to gradually lift the current public health orders as Saskatchewan reaches significant vaccination levels.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Downtown Saskatoon is very pleased with the **Province's Re-Opening Roadmap**, announced Tuesday of this week. Excited to see our community's % of people receiving their first dose of the COVID vaccine, here's some of what this can mean for our return **#BACKDOWNTOWN!**

Step 1 (hopefully as soon as the last week in May)

- You can sit with 5 friends at a restaurant table
- Outdoor events can run with 150 people - watch for a special **NOON TUNES**, coming soon!

Step 2 (hopefully as soon as the third week in June)

- Shop til you drop, then get your massage! Retail + personal services will no longer have a cap.
- Sit with as many people as you want at our restaurants! Bring your entire staff for a lunch Downtown!
- We'll be able to go watch a movie at the theatre, with 149 of our closest community neighbours!
- Deals, deals, deals! With outdoor events still at 150, watch for DOWNTOWN Sidewalk Sale plans to continue in virtual + in-store format. Save the dates: July 8-10

Step 3 (hopefully as soon as the second week in July)

- Although these aren't totally determined yet, our fingers are crossed for lifted restrictions allowing us, dare we say, back to normal!
- Jazz Fest has announced their August plans, and plenty other events will give us many reasons to gather **#BACKDOWNTOWN** - which we'll be allowed to do safely!

Of course, masking + physical distancing will continue throughout + afterward, until we're regulated otherwise, but that continues to be a small price to pay, for the sake of the economic recovery, health + vibrancy of our district!

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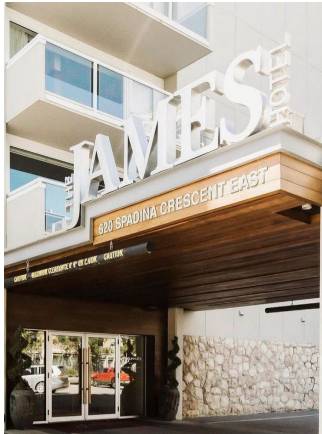
RE-OPENING ROADMAP DETAILS

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2021/may/04/reopening-roadmap-a-gradual-measured-approach-to-easing-public-health-measures>

GOLD STARS



THE JAMES FLIES



The James is listed as one of Canada's top five hotels by Air Canada's En Route magazine. What, with the Egyptian cotton sheets and coolest lobby bar - we knew its worthiness, but did you!?

AIR CANADA EN ROUTE

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MIDTOWN IS GREEN



Midtown's commitment to numerous sustainability initiatives & programs has been recognized and awarded within the shopping centre industry.

Some green details you may not know about Midtown... gift cards are repurposed to create other products, use eco-friendly light bulbs + cleaning supplies, recycle lots, and washrooms are equipped with energy efficient hand-dryers + low flow toilets to conserve water.

MIDTOWN'S GREEN INITIATIVES

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MEEWASIN'S DIGITAL FUTURE



Congrats to the partnership between **Meewasin** + **RBC's Tech For Nature initiative** on *Building A Digital Conservation Community program*.

Meewasin's new program will engage volunteers through an enhanced online reporting tool to provide a better understanding to the ecological systems in the South Saskatchewan River valley.

MEEWASIN REPORTS

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://meewasin.com/resources/meewasins-conservation-efforts-find-digital-future-supported-by-rbc-tech-for-nature/>

WELCOMING RACHEL



Following an open call for submissions to Canadian IBPoC artists and a selection process steered by a committee of artistic peers, **Persephone Theatre** is proud to announce *Wake* by Rachel Mutombo as its inaugural IBPoC new play commission.

We look forward to seeing *Wake* in the theatre!

PERSEPHONE'S NEWS RELEASE

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://persephonetheatre.org/ibpoc-new-play-commission/>



JOY LEADS THE WAY

Even Joy of Etceteras Ladies Boutique didn't expect to find her [store online](#), but the pandemic has lead us to make necessary changes. She expects she'll continue this e-commerce #CovidAccomplishment for the new customers its bringing her!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

To all the Downtown Mothers - those who love Downtown, live Downtown, work Downtown, make Downtown things happen, or simply send their kids to work on time Downtown - thanks for your motherly love!

THE GLOBE AND MAIL REPORTS

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/article-it-was-kind-of-a-blessing-five-independent-businesses-on-what-they/>

In case you need to send a hint, we've got you covered...

IDEAS FOR 4 TYPES OF MOMS

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IN THE DISTRICT

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Downtown Saskatoon is a vibrant community comprised of great people, places and ideas. Each leaves a lasting, colourful legacy, making this district open and inviting. Here, with gratitude, we celebrate their contributions.

Accepting nominations for our 2021 celebration. Deadline May 25.

NOMINATE + READ ABOUT
LEGENDS

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MEEWASIN CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN



From vibrant streets to river's edge, Downtown Saskatoon offers #RoomToBreathe in the heart of Saskatchewan.

While our [Clean + Safe Team](#) contributes to cleaning all year long, we're proud to sponsor Meewasin's Clean Up Campaign for many reasons. We cherish this active side of the riverbank, and strive to keep the stunning views as vibrant as possible. We are fortunate to have 23.785 acres of Meewasin Valley green space within our district boundaries, and are excited to cultivate our knowledge and appreciation of the area!

Meewasin needs your help to keep beloved community spaces clean and enjoyable for all! **Register + Organize Your Own Clean Up** from Earth Day, April 22, to June 14, 2021.

REGISTER YOUR CLEAN UP
TEAM

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NEW BIKE RACKS WITH MEANING



These new City of Saskatoon bike racks were created in response to the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action No. 79: Participate in a strategy to commemorate the contributions and history of Aboriginal peoples to Canada.** [These medals](#) were chosen as meaningful symbols that could demonstrate respect for Saskatoon's Indigenous histories on one of the city's major historic streets.

Downtown Saskatoon is proud to host this project and that needed infrastructure was constructed in such a way to commemorate the many contributions of Indigenous peoples to Canada. We're a connected community, offering a #PlaceToBelong to all our neighbours.

NEWS RELEASE

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/news-releases/treaty-6-territory-homeland-metis-bike-racks-being-installed-along-21st-street-honour-indigenous>

SEXUAL
HARASSMENT

STREET SWEEPING
SCHEDULE

LIBRARY FINDINGS

HELLO NEIGHBOUR



PLEA is one of many organizations who do great work + call Downtown home! Shift is a program for anyone who may have experienced sexual harassment at a workplace in Saskatchewan, providing that person with the ability to obtain up to four hours of free legal advice. The program is available to people of any age or gender, regardless of income. It doesn't matter how long ago the incident occurred.

If a person is uncertain whether what they experienced was workplace sexual harassment, they can still receive a referral for free legal advice. Find more information or to share with employees:

- visit shift.plea.org
- call 306.974.3333
- toll free 1.855.258.9415
- text 306.994.8422

THE SHIFT PROJECT

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The City of Saskatoon street sweepers have rolled through once already, and will continue to do soon on the first Tuesday of the month, weather-permitting.

Please do your part to sweep in front of your business ahead of their anticipated arrival!

Downtown Saskatoon will continue to augment that with our little green machine in between + with our staff diligently hand sweeping, too.



The work on designing the new central library is underway, a process that likely will last about 18 months. The library is interested in community feedback and recently released a short report on what they've heard so far. Starting in June, the design team will begin a deeper dive into the building's interior and exterior, with a focus on building materials, floor plan development and what various rooms will look like.

For anyone wanting to review feedback received so far, please review the concept design phase report found on the Saskatoon Public Library website.

LIBRARY CONCEPT DESIGN REPORT

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Hello Neighbour is a new Downtown Saskatoon initiative that shines the spotlight on the people in our district – because it's them who make it all happen! This month, we feature **Shawna Nelson** from Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon and The James Hotel.

ALL OUR NEIGHBOURS

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IT'S PATIO SEASON!



The City of Saskatoon has waived fees again for Parking + Asphalt Patios!

Note these could be done by any business - not just restaurants!

BOX PARKLETS



ROAD WORK PROJECTS



Two fairly large-scale construction projects are set to **start May 10**

As a result of trying to help businesses deal with the impact of COVID-19, last year the City allowed a patio to simply sit on the asphalt! Congress set one up last year and had expressed interest in doing that again, so we advocated with them before City Hall and received support for the 2021 season.

Note, there are some rules and safety considerations around patios, and they do still require approval from City Hall.

APPLY FOR PATIO

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<https://www.saskatoon.ca/business-development/business-licenses-permits/business-licenses/sidewalk-cafes-parking-patios>



At a recent conference DTNYXE attended, we met a Vancouver-based patio-maker. *This is not an endorsement of this product over another, but dream of the possibilities with these beauties!*

A **Parking Patio in Saskatoon** normally requires a boardwalk or structure that connects to the sidewalk height – as seen at DTNYXE's Hudsons, Shelter, or St. Tropez Bistro.

These Box Parklets would work. They're also relocatable, all-season proof, modular and can be designed how you'd like.

Let us know if you're interested - we can connect you.

BOX PARKLETS

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<https://www.boxparklets.com/>

weather-permitting. We understand that individual construction notices have been delivered (as will updates) to area businesses and residents already, but we wanted to alert the wider district, too. These may present a few detours and challenges, but in the end, better infrastructure for years to come. Please help ensure work zone safety so workers can be most efficient in their efforts to complete things in a timely fashion!

One project is on **5th Avenue between 23rd and 24th Streets and work is set to last about 5 weeks**. The first phase will be sidewalk rehabilitation starting May 10, scheduled to last two weeks. Once work begins, the sidewalk and parking lane will be closed with the remainder of the street open to traffic. Phase 2 is set to start May 24 and will also last two weeks consisting of water and sewer connection work. The final phase will last a week and is set to start on June 3 and will see the roadway resurfaced.

5TH AVE WORK

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<https://m365-e-marketing-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/images/56cc164835f821ad/5th%20Avenue%20North%20-%20Upcoming%20Construction%20Notice.pdf>

The other project starting on May 10 is on **Pacific Avenue between 22nd and 25th Street. This work will take about 7 weeks to complete**. Like the work on 5th Avenue, things will be done in a phased approach and sidewalks, water and sewer connection work, and finally road resurfacing will occur.

PACIFIC AVE WORK

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DON'T FORGET



Dandelion Walking Tour at the Brute

ART FOR YOUR SPACE?

We are contacted on a fairly regular basis by artists looking for spaces to display their art. With the recent success of our [Dandelion project](#), which animated 7 Downtown spaces, property owners + public were so pleased for the animation of the district. We captured so many photos of people peering into the windows, and dreaming of what the space could become... and that went viral!

Are you a property or store owner who would welcome temporary art for your space for display to public. Of course, art + spaces will only fit on a case-by-case basis, and could be anything from live performance, to murals or sculptures. **Please contact us, if you would like to be considered when artists come knocking!** We have a couple in the queue already...

I'D LIKE ART!

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