

NEWS DOWNTOWN *Geatros - LEGENDS DOWNTOWN + more | October 1, 2021

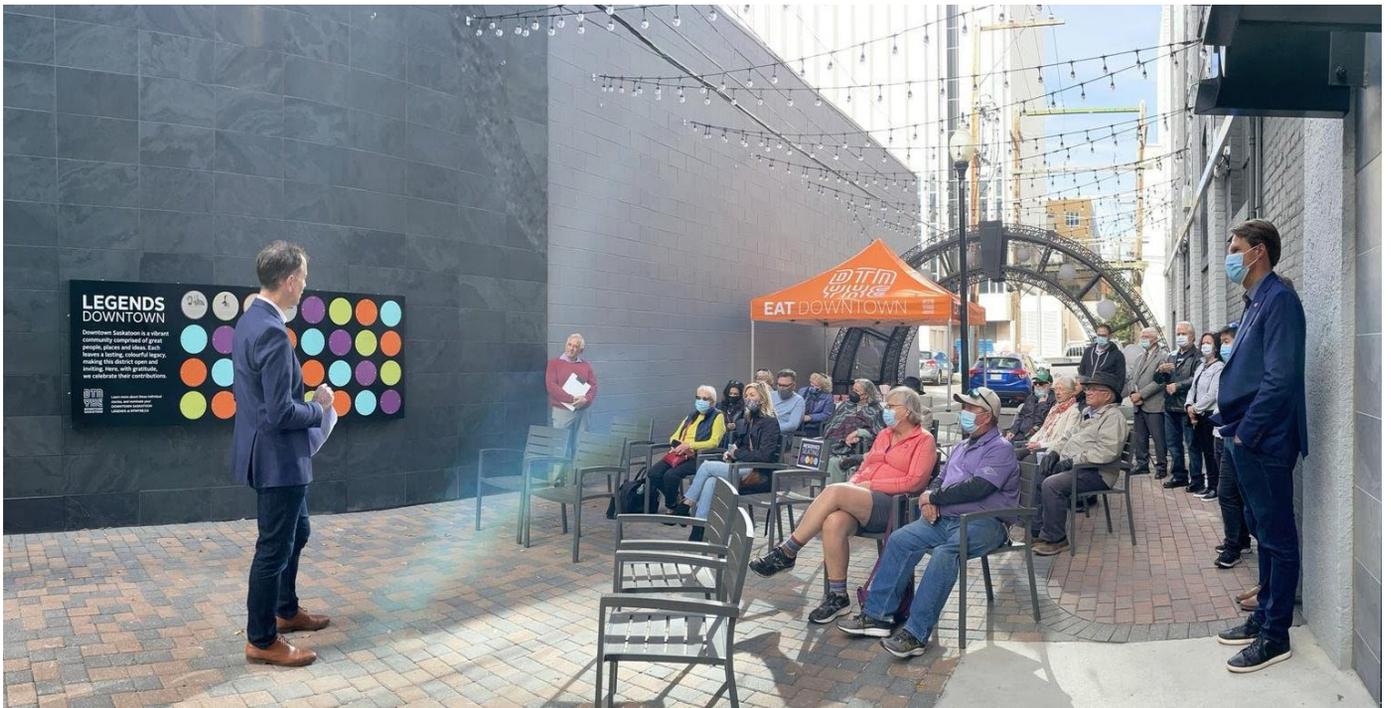
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FROM BRENT'S DESK

Brent emcees LEGENDS Ceremony, more details below

Yesterday marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day meant to serve as a day of reflection so people can recognize the harmful legacy of the residential school system in Canada for thousands of Indigenous people. Since 2013, September 30 has been observed as Orange Shirt Day across Canada, and was a day created by residential school survivor Phyllis (Jack) Webstad. The goal of Orange Shirt Day is to affirm our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters, and to recognize the harm the residential school system did to Indigenous self-esteem, well-being, and how it destroyed family connections and traditional Indigenous cultural practices. The colour orange is significant because it was the colour of the shirt Webstad wore on her first day of residential school – a shirt that was taken away from her once she arrived.

To recognize the significance of September 30, Downtown Saskatoon turned our lights next to Lululemon and Second Cup Coffee on 21st Street orange. In an effort for our own staff to learn more about this living in harmony and reconciliation is important, we headed to [Wanuskewin to take part in activities planned](#) at this special gathering place, one that has been home for the Northern Plains Indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Take care everyone, and may we continue to take time to further our understanding, for quiet reflection, or take part in community events.

I just saw a note from a former colleague of mine who now runs Fitness2J2. I think it's a fitting way to end today's message: *Learn about Indigenous Brilliance and Success as much as you learn about Indigenous Suffering and Trauma. Thank you, Joel, for posting that.*

Brent Penner

CONGRATULATIONS!



Nephew, Ken Pontikes accepts award



Bill + Effie Geatros

HONOURING THE GEATROS LEGENDS DOWNTOWN

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 (and on the wall between Lululemon + Second Cup), with gratitude, we celebrate their contributions.

Hailing from Greece, Bill + Effie grew their roots in Downtown Saskatoon. Owners of the Ritz Block, they also operated the Ritz Hotel and Café, and a post-prohibition parlour — the Apollo Room. Both were legendary mentors to Greek-community entrepreneurs. Bill's award-winning shot earned him the title of Saskatoon's Official Pigeon Exterminator, and Effie's colourful seeds + cuttings bloomed in City public gardens.

GEATROS - LEGENDS STORY

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SABEX AWARD FINALISTS

The SABEX Awards by the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce is Saskatoon's premier business awards program honouring Saskatoon businesses and non-profit organizations in our community that exemplify high performance, excellence and achievement.

Congrats to these DTNYXE finalists...

- **Blue M oose Media** - *COVID Grit Award + Business of the Year Award*
- **Federated Cooperatives Limited** - *Mistahi Mamichihitowin Award*
- **Meewasin Valley Authority** - *Saskatooning Award*
- **Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation** - *Community Impact Award*
- **SREDA** - *Community Impact Award*
- **TCU Place** - *Safety Culture Award + COVID Grit Award*
- **Vendasta Technologies** - *COVID Grit Award + Business of the Year Award*

CHAMBER'S FULL LIST

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INSIDE + OUTSIDE OF MIDTOWN

We've seen the signs that **Lululemon** will relocate from it's iconic 21st St location to join the main floor in Midtown. Congrats to the team on their move - proud you've remained Downtown! Which means... their current space is up for lease by DTNYXE's Reddee Properties - possibly the most prominent retail location in the district, 3,000 square feet, and those wheat sheaves!

A special **farewell to Janice Sander** as she retires from Midtown! Thank you for serving on the Board for Downtown Saskatoon for the past three years, and for all you've done to ensure Midtown remains the province's premiere shopping centre!

If you were vaccinated at the Saskatoon Tribal Council's SaskTel Centre venue, you know the Níkihk cleaning products we generously received in thanks. These products were born out of necessity, and will now be sold in a **Midtown storefront**, along with other quality Indigenous goods authentic to the Plains, and Indigenous artist space. Welcome **Níkihk** to our Downtown community!



GLOBAL REPORTS

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LE BURGER WEEK WINNERS!

Le Burger Week winners announced! Congrats to all participating restaurants, and these DTNYXEs who made it big!

[Parlor](#) won Canadian Judge's Choice + Top 5 in Saskatoon!
[The Rook and Raven Pub](#) made the Top 5 in Saskatoon list!
[Smokes Poutinerie](#) made the Top 5 in Saskatoon list!

**Parlor + Smokes LBW burgers still available!*

EVENT DETAILS

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A NOTE FROM SASKATOON TRANSIT!

"Thank you to the businesses who invited our bus operators to do their business at their facilities during the pandemic when many other locations were closed. Your commitment to supporting public transit and our community is appreciated. Congratulations on your own perseverance to pivot and succeed through these trying times!"

IN THE DISTRICT



VACCINE VERIFICATION: REGULATIONS AND PROTECTIONS SUMMARY FOR EMPLOYERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS

On October 1, **public employers + some mandated businesses*** will require their employees and/or customers to make a choice to show proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result at least every seven days. **All other employers can voluntarily opt in** should they wish to implement a proof of vaccination or negative test policy for employees.

The Chamber of Commerce has synthesized what you need to know as an employer + business owner - Here's how you manage.

** **Indoor dining at restaurants, Nightclubs, bars, taverns and other licensed establishments, Event and entertainment venues, including conference centres, casinos, movie theatres, concert venues, live-music venues, museums, and indoor facilities hosting ticketed sporting events, Indoor fitness centres, and gyms***

READ MORE

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Additionally, The Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission has created an educational resource for COVID 19 Vaccines, Vaccination Mandates, and Human Rights.

READ MORE

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CALL FOR RESTAURANTS

In celebration of [Persephone's 2021-2022 season announcement](#), we are eager to encourage people further into the district.

40,000 paper + many more electronic tickets will advertise **EAT + PLAY DOWNTOWN**, encouraging Persephone ticket holders to visit participating restaurants for a snack, meal or drink the day of their show!

CALLING RESTAURANTS to participate - you will be listed on [DTNYXE's event webpage](#). Refer there for ideas of what others are offering, and email Sarah your deal. **You may opt in + out, and change your deal as required.*

SUBMIT YOUR OFFER

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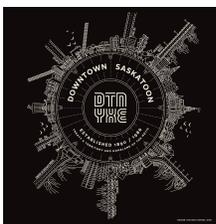


SILICON PRAIRIE

SREDA has compiled an impressive list of 140 Saskatoon-tech companies. We're proud to be host to 7 of them in our district! **Burnt Orange Solutions** Business Cents Technology **myComply** Nutrien **Sherpa HQ** Vendasta **Zu**

SREDA REPORTS

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PLANNED ROAD CLOSURES

OCT 5 | day: 21st St E between 3rd and 4th Aves S



LEAVES FALLING

Looking ahead to next week, Urban Camp is scheduled to be in the district helping with fall clean-up. A thanks in advance for their extra hands.

PLAY DOWNTOWN

NEVER A SHORTAGE OF REASONS TO BE # BACKDOWNTOWN!

OCT 1 | ICYMI at the Festival Site, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan's **MACBETH** available on film!

OCT 1 - 31 | DTNYXE-member PiNK presents **YXE HAUNTED HOUSE + BUS TOURS!** All ages are welcome to join for a Spooktacular time, in support of Jim Pattison Children's Hospital.

OCT 5 | **ALL IN FOR LITARACY** launched by DTNYXE-member Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation. Invitation to join field-tripping elementary students for the public portion over the lunch hour - \$5 burger/pop bbq + Smoke's Poutinerie will donate \$2 from every poutine sold. (21st St E between 3rd + 4th Aves S)

DTNYXE2021

OCT 6 | DTNYXE's lights (@Second Cup Patio) will be green for [WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY DAY](#). Consider showing your green, too!

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NOW - OCT 11 | REMAI MODERN'S FIRST OUTDOOR INSTALLATION [VA-ET-VIENT](#) situated west of the museum - the future site of the Sculpture Garden

NOW - MAR 1 | [THE COMEDY PIT](#) will fill Hudsons backroom every Tuesday, featuring + seeking Saskatoon's funniest clean comic

ONGOING | DTNYXE's [ALLEY GALLERY](#) is ready for self-guided tours!



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