

## NEWS DOWNTOWN \*Major Investment Downtown + more | April 22, 2021

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### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

There are many reasons to be optimistic and positive, and sometimes we just need to stop and think of all the reasons why...

I'm thankful for our great [Clean + Safe Team](#), and for the daily effort they put in to keeping our district clean. They're out there now power washing away the winter grit, and soon the little sweeper will start making its rounds to ensure our district is well maintained. Our small marketing team puts out great content like [Way Back Wednesday](#), and a new feature called [Hello Neighbour](#) where you'll meet and learn about the marvelous people who make our district what it is. It's the people who make any place special after all!

We are working to have some small musical performances happen on some street corners this summer and on some art ( see [below](#) to participate) and lighting installations that we think help make our district interesting and fun to visit. I'm thankful to be closely involved with the [Community Support Program](#) and to hear the difference they make in our district, and also Riversdale and Broadway through their efforts.

Let's focus on being positive and optimistic that soon we will be able to more easily smile at one another as we walk down the street.

Brent Penner

### ADVOCACY DOWNTOWN

#### DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

This past Monday, City Council received a report from Civic Administration that touched on several capital projects that are designed to improve current public assembly facilities and act as catalysts for future growth and vibrancy, not just for Downtown but for our entire city and region. While projects like an arena, convention centre, and Bus Rapid Transit are still years away, the positive news from this week was that **City Council voted unanimously** that a report be taken to their next Council meeting recommending the following:



Local History Room - Saskatoon Public Library  
PL-88-606  
Construction of Saskatchewan Place (now SaskTel Centre) - 1987

#### FUN FACT

Downtown Saskatoon began, then as the Partnership, based around the important vote to build the then-arena Downtown! Full circle, we still agree!

1. That Council **confirm pursuit of a Downtown entertainment district/BRT**, including the necessary transit and parking improvements, as a priority for the City of Saskatoon;
2. That the Administration be directed to work with stakeholders and other levels of government on **achieving a detailed funding plan** based on the Administration's presentation of April 19, 2021, (investigating all funding opportunities that include information on potential bonds for the arena) with the **goal of constructing the entertainment district with no contributions from property taxes**;
3. That a **key objective of the entertainment district be to provide public benefit to all residents of Saskatoon**;
4. That the Administration provide a report including a **public process map** outlining the anticipated reports and decision-making milestones related to a downtown entertainment district/BRT;
5. That as a component of ongoing engagement with stakeholders, the Administration lead an analysis of industry forecasts related to **events and tourism that would be relevant to the planning of a Downtown entertainment district/BRT**;
6. That the Administration report on options for **incorporating Indigenous placemaking and partnerships** in the development of the downtown entertainment district; and
7. That as considerations are made for planning and design of the Downtown entertainment district, the Administration report on opportunities to **align these projects with the City's High Performance Building Policy** and provide leadership by pursuing carbon neutrality in the district.

**Support is strong** from organizations like Tourism Saskatoon, the Chamber, NSBA, and of course, our own, to **ensure that Saskatoon has the right facilities to compete for events and conferences that bring millions of dollars into our economy each year**. As stated by Chamber CEO Jason Aebig, "we urge (the City) to move aggressively on identifying and selecting a Downtown site, developing a functional plan for the joint-use facility, and mapping out the district's development timeline to support the construction of the project. Drawing on best practices, and the experiences of comparable North American markets, we can accelerate our own efforts to put our city back on the map and provide incredible experiences and opportunities for businesses and residents who call Saskatoon home." Downtown Saskatoon is at the table on these conversations, and will advocate for and work towards viable solutions to make these facilities a reality + vibrant future for our community.

#### DTNYXE'S LETTER OF SUPPORT

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Above - Proposed Saskatoon

#### KNOX TOWER

Downtown Saskatoon continues to express our support for the construction of an apartment tower to be built on what is now a gravel parking lot immediately south of Knox United Church ([838 Spadina Crescent East](#)). This innovative residential development will benefit the district by providing new opportunities for people to choose to live here, helps protect and ensures the church survives, and removes an unsightly gravel lot from along Spadina Crescent. We do not see how maintaining a gravel parking lot benefits anyone!

*What is amazing about this project is the developer and church have agreed that a certain number of parking spaces in the apartment complex will be available to the church to rent. This cashflow will allow the church to maintain their property and ensure it remains viable for years to come.*

We strongly believe that this project is a home-run for the district. Downtown Saskatoon will be speaking in support of it at the **Provincial Public Hearing on May 6 (7 p.m.)** in front of a review board convened under The Heritage Property Act. If anyone would like to make a written submission or attend the Review Board, you must do so by April 26, 2021.

#### REVIEW BOARD PARTICIPATION

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## ALONG THE RIVER DOWNTOWN



## MEEWASIN RECEIVES MAJOR SUPPORT FOR TRAIL INFRASTRUCTURE

Meewasin Trail enhancements totaling \$5.5 million is planned for this summer! Federal + Provincial governments will combine to support \$4 million of the project cost, and Meewasin will combine resources + fundraising efforts to support the full investment. **This funding will start significant upgrades throughout Downtown to increase capacity, accessibility, safety and add many amenities.** Full plans for all Meewasin's upgrading projects can be found [here](#).

To learn about how organizations or individuals can get involved with donating, please contact Amy Wall at [awall@meewasin.com](mailto:awall@meewasin.com).

### 2021 WORK MAP

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## BROOKS' FINAL BOW

Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan + our Downtown community will miss Will Brooks as he steps down in November 2021 from his roll as Artistic Producer, SOTS.

*"There is so much good on the horizon for [SOTS]... I am proud of the position I will be leaving the company in and rest assured – the future is very bright." -Brooks*

### READ SOTS ANNOUNCEMENT

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## BEHIND THE SCENES



We couldn't resist sharing this for a peek behind-the-scenes of making DTNYXE's Remai Modern work:

"When an exhibition opens at Remai Modern, it's the culmination of a large and collaborative team effort. Watch this video for a behind-the-scenes look at the installation of **Thelma Pepper: Ordinary Women. A Retrospective** and meet some of the people who play critical roles in making exhibitions happen at the museum."

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## SAFE COMMUNITIES

### CONGRATS, REGINA DOWNTOWN!

### STUCK IT TO COVID



Thanks to the Lighthouse, the Community Support Program staff rolled up their sleeves to Stick It To COVID.

### EXTENDING REQUEST

Sawēyihtotān  
Mobile Services  
(SMS)

Phone:  
306-380-0835

As the StarPhoenix reported,  
the Saskatoon Tribal Council



Our friends in Regina will be starting a six-month pilot project for a Community Support Program (CSP).

**Imitation is the highest form of flattery** - As we do with industry colleagues, our own CSP + DTNYXE staff shared a great deal of information, material + support, and are honoured to see Regina launch their program. We dare say that Regina is the first city we're aware of that is modelling their initiative after what was created here, back in 2012!

Congrats to Regina Downtown BID + their pilot project colleagues. And congrats to [Saskatoon's CSP](#) for running a replicable + reputable program!

#### RDBID CSP JOB POSTING

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## DOWNTOWN GOINGS-ON



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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## WATER SHUT OFF

The City of Saskatoon Water + Sewer department will be doing a curb stop replacement to fix a shut off valve on 21st St E. This work is planned for **Sunday**

#### CBC REPORTS

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is asking city council for an additional \$100,000 to help cover the cost of extending an Indigenous pilot project aimed at solving addiction and homelessness in the downtown core...

"I believe the investment that's been made has shown a lot of dividends, and it's really important that we continue this together," said Arcand, whose request was backed by Saskatoon police Chief Troy Cooper.

#### STARPHOENIX

#### REPORTS

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**May 2nd** and will affect the water to the businesses along the 200 block of 21st St E. Affected businesses will be advised of water outage + drinking water advisory up to 72 hours afterward.

## CONCERTS PLANNED



Concerts are coming back to Saskatoon amid the pandemic - fingers crossed we'll be ready! DTNYXE's **Coors Event Centre** has a few shows advertised on their website for October + November, including Corb Lund. [Global News reports](#).

### COORS EVENT CENTRE SHOWS

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## DANDELIONS FOR SALE



Although the exhibition is packed up and moved to Vancouver, Monique has left behind memorable pieces - **DTNYXE is still selling the large format directory posters (sample pictured above) with proceeds to Saskatoon Community Foundation.** Remai Modern + SK Craft Council are still selling flowers.

### PURCHASE INFO

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## WHERE'S FRANK?



Proudly Supporting



Frank Atchison is the former proprietor of Downtown's Atch + Co. Menswear, which closed in 2017 when Frank was 91.

**Frank is walking from Saskatoon to Regina as a fundraiser** for the Jimmy Pattison Children's Hospital and the Shriner's Hospital in Montreal. Frank intends to walk 5K per day along Highway 11, ending the walk on June 15 in Regina, the day he turns 95! Talk about a way to celebrate your 95th birthday! Frank has always been a walker, and famously walked to work six days a week, six miles a day, for over 20 years!

In addition, Frank will receive his 50 year Shriners Service Pin in Regina. Frank wants all children to have hope and opportunity in life so they can succeed in whatever they wish to do. His 61 days of walking will create awareness for what these hospitals do for children, and raise funds to help purchase the specialized equipment needed.

Downtown Saskatoon has made a donation in recognition of the fact Frank owned and operated a store in our district for decades. Thank you, Frank, for your enthusiasm, strength + determination, and for continually giving back to our community!

### DONATIONS + MORE INFO

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