

NEWS DOWNTOWN *Would You Sidewalk Sale with us? + more | May 20, 2021

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DTNYXE staff cleaned up some of Downtown's 23.785 acres of Meewasin Valley green space.

REGISTER YOUR CLEAN UP TEAM

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<https://meewasin.com/get-involved/> + select Clean Up Campaign tab

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

With the return of warmer weather (and the confidence we'll get through this colder spell), I really felt a renewed sense of optimism for what lies ahead...

With a reopening plan in place for our province, and more businesses working on return-to-work plans (including the City of Saskatoon), these bring some well-needed good news to our district. Downtown's vibrancy is inextricably tied to people coming and going to work, restaurants, entertainment, and our city. All that coming and going is the lifeline to the hundreds of businesses who exist to service the approximately 20,000 people who work in our district. With our 9 large hotels (at about 2,000 hotel rooms), having them filled to normal occupancy provides a much needed clientele base for many neighbouring businesses. I realize the reopening is staged, and dependent on vaccine rollout and a need to continue following Dr. Shahab's sage advice - thanks to all of you who have worked so diligently over the past 14 months to do just that. The plan in place has me hopeful of our continued [return #BACKDOWNTOWN](#).

Our organization belongs to the International Downtown Association (IDA), a world-wide body representing BIDs and key commercial districts. While their annual conference last year was done virtually, they are only planning for an in-person conference this fall to be held in the United States. Recognizing that vaccine rollout in the US is ahead of Canada, it was still great to see the IDA planning to meet in person again. While virtual platforms have been great during the pandemic, they can't replace the value that comes from talking to someone in person, from getting out to experience and see what is happening in another city. While it remains to be seen what Canada's travel restrictions may be come fall, the IDA's conference is another positive sign that things are changing, and changing for the better!

Take care everyone, stay safe, and maybe this week consider supporting a Downtown business you've never visited before - there's about a thousand to choose from!

Brent Penner

CBC REPORTS BRENT'S POSITIVITY

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/sask-reaches-first-vaccination-threshold-for-reopening-step-1-expected-may-30-1.6020149>

HAVE YOUR SAY



HELP SHAPE RENEWABLE ENERGY IN SASKATOON

The City of Saskatoon wants to hear from businesses about renewable energy such as solar, wind or hydroelectric. As part of their [Renewable Energy Strategy](#), they currently have a **survey open until June 2** and encourage wide participation from all sectors. Please take an estimated 15 minutes to take the survey, and help shape the direction for our community and provide valuable feedback on the practical elements associated with this subject.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

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COMMUNITY MEMBERS

REPRESENTED ON CHAMBER BOARD



Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Chamber Board of Directors. Great to see so many leaders from Downtown businesses represented!

Steph Clovechok - **Tourism Saskatoon**, Tammy Sweeney - **TCU Place**, and Todd Denzen - **Nutrien** were newly elected. Together, along with Joseph Gill - **McKercher LLP**, and Heather Ryan - **Federated Co-operatives Limited**, there is a strong Downtown presence.

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<https://saskatoonchamber.com/saskatoon-chamber-announces-2021-2022-board-of-directors/>

POLICE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE TEAM



A new police program has seen the launch of five Alternative Response Officers (ARO), part of a one-year pilot project working on enforcement, outreach services, and responding to calls for service in a **small geographic area of Downtown** and the first 4-5 blocks into Riversdale.

The AROs started on the street last week, and their presence has immediately been noticed on our main pedestrian streets. The AROs work closely with regular police members, and have authority to ticket, arrest, and respond to calls. Their distinctive uniform and car markings is designed to make it easy to distinguish them from regular members of the Saskatoon Police Service.

Always remember that it is vital to report things to police – you really **ARE NOT** bothering them. Reporting supports them knowing where to go and what is happening, and allows them to respond to your concerns.

In emergencies, call 911, and for anything non-emergent, call 306-975-8300. AROs and/or another Constable will be dispatched accordingly. You may also approach them on the street.

CELEBRATE YOUR NEIGHBOURS



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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<https://dtnxe.ca/legends-downtown>

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<https://saskatoonpolice.ca/news/2021266>

AT A GLANCE



WOULD YOU JOIN US?

Downtown Saskatoon wants to position ourselves to best support you in regards to our annual Sidewalk Sale. No matter what event we host, we will follow all gathering-guidelines, and with the utmost safety. *Here's what we're thinking...*

JUL 8 - 10 | DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK SALE Virtual + In-Stores – hours dependent on each business' offerings + 24-hour online availability! Road closures and kids entertainment will NOT occur, but NOON TUNES-style concerts will! \$0 registration fee / \$100 tent rental for Downtown businesses.

AUG 12 - 14 | DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK SALE (Part 2!) with **traditional 2ND AVE road closures**, kids entertainment, and NOON TUNES-style concerts. \$100 registration fee / \$100 tent rental for Downtown businesses. Would not occur if gatherings were still limited.

To help us gauge interest, please tell us if you'd join us or not for one or both. This is not considered your registration - just seeking feedback.

PLEASE TELL US IF YOU'D JOIN US OR NOT

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MAY 20 7 p.m. | PERSEPHONE'S OPEN STAGE Virtual new performances + artistic conversations **live online**.

MAY 21 | BIKE TO WORK DAY For the exercise, family time, and prizes! [More info here](#).

MAY 22 - OCT 11 | REMAI MODERN'S FIRST OUTDOOR INSTALLATION Va-Et-Vient situated west of the museum - the future site of the Sculpture Garden.

MAY 26 | CALL FOR ARTISTS Seeking art for Downtown's all new **ALLEY GALLERY**. Deadline to apply May 26 - [here](#).

MAY 28 - JUN 6 | ARBOR WEEK Includes [many activities](#) of resurgence, including pop-up tree card making at the Remai Modern.

JUNE 5 + all summer! | NOON TUNES There'll be music in the streets again! Brought to you by Music Performers Trust Fund + Saskatoon Musicians' Association

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JUL 23 - AUG 22 | SHAKESPEARE ON THE SASKATCHEWAN announces their return to the stage with [Macbeth!](#)

JUL + AUG | Many event organizers are awaiting final permissions to present a fun-filled summer Downtown! We can't wait to share the details, including Sidewalk Sale, Foodtruck Wars, SaskTel Jazz Festival, Taste of Saskatchewan, Rock the River, YXE Beer Wars, and more...



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