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**NEWS DOWNTOWN \*Drinkle, Folkfest, Calls and more | August 11, 2022**

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### SUMMER TIME DAYS

It's hard to believe it's already August 11 – where does the summer go? Well, thankfully there are still lots of summer events coming and fun for the young and old.

For example, you can come Downtown and enjoy one of the largest car shows in western Canada on August 21, Rock 102 FM's Show and Shine. You can also look forward to the Nutrien Fireworks Festival happening on Labour Day weekend, and then Nuit Blanche coming on September 24. These three events are also all non-ticketed – just come down and take in the fun and excitement while experiencing your city's Downtown!

There is also always more going on Downtown, so check out [DTNYXE](#) for information on everything that is happening and coming up.

Brent Penner | Executive Director

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## DOWNTOWN HAPPENINGS



### NUTRIEN PRESIDENT + CEO

Nutrien Ltd. has named Ken Seitz their new president + CEO after a months-long global talent search. Seitz, who grew up on a dairy farm in Saskatchewan, said he's "honoured and humbled" to work alongside growers during challenging times.

Seitz had been serving in an interim position since January and previously headed up Nutrien's potash operation. Russ Girling, chairman of Nutrien's board of directors, says the company's record performance during some of the most turbulent times in the sector underscores the strength of Seitz's leadership.

Seitz says Nutrien is well positioned to help meet the global goals of food security and climate action.

#### STARPHOENIX REPORTS

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## WELLNESS CENTRE SEATING AREA

The Saskatoon Tribal Council has added an outdoor seating area to its Downtown Wellness Centre. The seating area will be fenced in order to help delineate it from the pedestrian pathway and to ensure the furniture remains within the designated area.

City Council has given approval for the outdoor seating area until October 31st.



## NEW FACES NEW PLACES

With products from over 150 handmade and homemade businesses, **Hobnobber** in the **Drinkle Mall** has covered everything from body care, clothing, snacks, jewelry, treats, and more.

Read more about this Downtown addition and pop in to say hi at **115 - 3rd Ave S inside the Drinkle Building.**

### STARPHOENIX REPORTS

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<https://thestarphenix.com/business/local-business/new-faces-new-places-a-little-bit-of-everything-from-saskatchewan-artisans-at-hobnobber>



## FOOD TRUCK WARS

Food Truck Wars celebrated their 8th year this past weekend. With over 20 food trucks and entertainment spread over a three-day period, Downtown's ears and taste buds were kept entertained.

Proceeds from this year's festival are going towards helping first responders such as **Stars Air Ambulance.**

### GLOBAL NEWS REPORTS

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<https://globalnews.ca/news/9038506/saskatoon-food-truck-wars-returns/>



## DRINKLE ART WALL

In 2020, Drinkle building owner Dave Denny created what is now known as the Drinkle Art Wall. Originally embracing the untapped creativity that was within our city, the Drinkle Art Wall has grown not only beyond its walls but also beyond our borders.

This month nearly 30 new pieces are being added to the wall, including works from Sherbrook Creative Arts, Future Artistic Minds, and a Ukrainian war victim. Ksenia Igolkina created her artwork under the sound of air raid sirens while living in Kyiv. She has since seen her artwork displayed in areas all around the world including Saskatoon. ([Global News Reports](#))

Dave is additionally adding exterior lighting to the building as he works on activating the alleyway and bringing life to the building's surroundings. Dave's hope is that people can realize that through creativity, we can all see how we are all alike.

Joy is universal and through joy, we can all unite.

### STARPHOENIX

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## ADVOCACY CONTINUES FOR SHELTERS + NEIGHBOURS

Together with the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Saskatoon wrote a letter to the City on July 26 discussing the importance of ensuring shelter facilities are in the right locations. We have many years of observing the implications when shelters are inserted into buildings ill-suited to support their activities, and the implications for all stakeholders, including those who rely on the services provided is significant. We believe that future shelter applications should involve dedicated public hearings with final approval resting with Saskatoon City Council. It is our understanding that the current approval process rests at the administrative level where applications for shelter facilities are reviewed against the requirements of zoning and other bylaws. We have also asked the city to consider zoning changes that would provide on-site outdoor spaces for shelters too, in proportion to the number of people they shelter. This would



provide residents with a safe and welcoming location to gather while safeguarding their dignity and well-being.

## LETTERS OF ADVOCACY

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## CALLS AND GIVEAWAYS

### DOWNTOWN THEATRE



Downtown's Mini Fridge Theatre Company is always on the lookout for exceptional local talent to take on a variety of roles.

Auditions are now being accepted year-round and via online video submission.

Prepare a 2 - 3 minute audition piece that showcases your acting chops and upload it now.

### MINI FRIDGE THEATER

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<https://minifridgetheatre.com/auditions/>

### POETRY DOWNTOWN



The City of Saskatoon invites local emerging and established poets to submit poems for the Poetry Downtown project. The theme of the project is Reconciliation.

Poetry Downtown was inspired by a challenge from Parliamentary Poet Laureate of Canada Louise Halfe encouraging municipalities to bring poetry to public places. The project is a partnership with Downtown Saskatoon.

See the attached Call for more information or visit the [City of Saskatoon](#)

### CALL FOR SUBMISSION

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<https://dtnyxe.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022-Poetry-Downtown-Call-for-Submissions.pdf>

### SASK FASHION WEEKEND



Applications are now open for this year's Saskatchewan Fashion Weekend events.

With three main events to apply for, Wearable Art Gala, SFA Runway, and SFA Marketplace taking place on November 12 and 13.

The deadline for applications is August 17th.

### SASK FASHION

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<https://saskfashion.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b3fbb1d25116f256c42da8382&id=9194704df6&e=6b4fd3efa5>



### FIREWORKS CRUISE TICKET RAFFLE

The Prairie Lily is setting sail on September 3rd for the Nutrien Fireworks Festival! Though the cruise is sold out, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan has 6 tickets to the cruise that could be yours!

Enter their draw and you could be the lucky winner of 6 tickets to the Prairie Lily Fireworks Cruise on September 3rd!

**\*Must be 19+ to enter**

### ENTER NOW

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## EVENTS

### FOLKFEST DTNYXE

Every year since 1980, people in Saskatoon have been travelling around the world



through Folkfest. People have been learning about all the different cultures that make this amazing city what it is by experiencing heritage and tradition through food, dance, and so much more.

Since 1982 the **Indian & Métis Pavilion** has been a constant presence at the annual festival. The Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre is located at 168 Wall St and invites you to come and join where you will learn about their culture, history, and traditions.

You will experience wonderful hospitality, exciting and interactive entertainment as well as amazing food. You will have the chance to watch and even learn how to do the Red River Jig, Hoop Dance or Roundance, which happens hourly. There will also be traditional jewellery, artwork and foods available.

Warm bannock and new friends are waiting for you on August 18, 19, and 20 at the **Indian & Métis Pavilion**.

FOLKFEST

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## IAGO SPEAKS



On August 6th Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan opened up their very first World Premier, Iago Speaks.

Written by Saskatoon's own Daniel MacDonald, the comedy is based on Iago after his vow of silence in Othello.

*Iago Speaks* is about Iago's jailor who spends endless time hanging out with Iago. You may be surprised what one man's silence can turn into.

TICKETS

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## WEGO RETURNS



On August 14, the free family-friendly festival WEGO returns to Remai Modern!

Visitors of all ages can take part in artmaking activities, and enjoy performances by a wide range of local and national artists.

REMAI MODERN

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## SONGWRITERS CIRCLE



The Indigenous Songwriters Circle takes place Sunday, August 14, from 7-8:30 PM in the Riverview Room at Remai Modern.

Aglukark will be joined by Saskatchewan musicians Raven Reid, Berk Jodoin, Mykal Gambull and Jarrid Lee. Each songwriter will play several songs and spend some time discussing their inspiration and process. It's a unique opportunity to learn more about these emerging local musicians and hear from a veteran of the Canadian music scene.

TICKETS

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## SHOW AND SHINE SUNDAY

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Rock 102 Show & Shine Sunday and we couldn't be more excited! With over 40,000 people coming Downtown to take in the event each year, we have an amazing opportunity to showcase all that Downtown has to offer. Additionally, Rock the River – Saskatchewan's Classic Rock Festival will be taking place in the Bess Gardens over the same weekend. With shows happening Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. This will be a busy weekend and one to prepare for an increase in customers. We will be sure to promote any SALES and SPECIALS offered this weekend through our social media channels.

**Road closures on Sunday, August 21. 5 A.M to 5 P.M.**



1st Avenue from 20th Street to 22nd Street  
 2nd Avenue from 20th Street to 23rd Street  
 3rd Avenue from 20th Street to 23rd Street

**Rock 102 Window Poster**

SHOW AND SHINE

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**AND THERE'S MORE...**

MORE DOWNTOWN EVENTS

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**CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

The following construction updates border or extend from the north edge of the Downtown district. Roadways in and out of the district will be affected.

**1st Avenue North from Princess Street to Duke Street & Duke Street from 1st Avenue North to 2nd Avenue North**

- Anticipated to begin August 15th

**1st Avenue North from Queen Street to Princess Street & King Street from City Yards to 2nd Avenue North**

- Anticipated to begin August 15th

**1st Avenue North from 24th Street East to Queen Street**

- Anticipated to begin August 15th

**King Street from 2nd Avenue North to 5th Avenue North**

- Anticipated to begin in early September

**King Street from 5th Avenue North to 7th Avenue North**

- Anticipated to begin in mid-September

WORK ZONE

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