



# NEWS DOWNTOWN

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## A LOOK AHEAD WITH VISION OF THE PAST

There is positive news this week with City Council approving a vision statement for the Downtown Event and Entertainment District. This entire project is about a vision for our city, region, and province. It is about ensuring that our city has the necessary amenities and facilities that will help drive economic development for decades to come. It's about more than the events centre and convention centre, although they are integral and key parts to be certain. But there is more – it is about creating a city that people want to call home, a city that has a strong center, about creating a district that will catalyze private investment. These elements are critical to make Saskatoon a more competitive city. When done properly, adding density and growth in the City Centre creates a more efficient city, as so much of the basic infrastructure and services already exist.

Earlier in the week, we had several historical images of Downtown Saskatoon go out on our social media channels. One of them was this photo – showing what Downtown Saskatoon used to look like when the CN rail yards separated Downtown from Riversdale. I am thankful that elected leaders in the 1960's had the foresight to consider the future, and steps were taken that led to the removal of the railyard, the building of Centennial Auditorium, and the establishment of Midtown in 1970. This is *our* time to have vision and foresight – to plan for the city we want to live in for the next 50 years. Let's capitalize on the opportunity in front of us. I am thankful for the resolve of those who made critical decisions then, and confident our elected leaders today will show the same level of determination and vision.

Brent Penner | Executive Director



## DOWNTOWN HAPPENINGS

## DEED CONVERSATIONS

Councillor **Cynthia Block** and Members of the city team that will help plan a proposed entertainment and event district in Downtown Saskatoon met to discuss the **Journey to the District** project's next milestone. Finalization of the vision statement and a set of principles meant to guide the creation of a master plan for the proposed district. The vision statement and guiding principles were then finalized and approved by City Council later on in the week, [the full document can be found on the City of Saskatoon website.](#)

Councillor Block said she sees the proposed district as a way to encourage more residential and commercial density in the city's center. She cited River Landing as an example of the city stepping up to create amenities that have helped to spur development.



### STARPHOENIX REPORTS

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## HOUSE OF HAKKA

The StarPhoenix sat down with **Inesh Rai**, operations manager at **House of Hakka**, which opened in November at **105 21st St E**. House of Hakka offers a flavourful Indochinese cuisine.

**House of Hakka** is open Tuesday to Sunday, 11 AM to 11 PM  
[houseofhakka.com](http://houseofhakka.com)



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## UKRAINIAN MUSEUM OF CANADA PRESENTS

"On February 24, 2022, the war knocked on the door of every Ukrainian," Kurt explains. His installation tells the stories of millions of Ukrainians who were forced to cross the doors of their homes to escape the war and terror brought by Russian soldiers.

**The doors come from Ukrainian homes, theatres, hospitals, kindergartens, and other everyday buildings.**

"Doors: Through the Horror of War" is a powerful and moving exhibition that offers a unique opportunity to see, touch, and even smell the devastating impact of war on the people of Ukraine.

[Doors: Through the Horror of War at Ukrainian Museum of Canada until April 29](#)  
**The Ukrainian Museum Of Canada, 910 Spadina Crescent E**



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## INCREASED PRE/POST-EVENT FANS DOWNTOWN

Saskatoon Transit provides direct transit service to/from SaskTel Centre for all public events; Pre-event pick-up is from a Special Event bus stop in front of the 2nd Avenue Loft building; Post-event drop-off is at the Downtown Terminal. **The City calculates 100+ attendees ride the bus from/to Downtown; That's where Downtown businesses come into the experience!**

The Saskatoon Blades are meeting Connor Bedard + the Regina Pats in the first round of this year's WHL Playoffs. Their upcoming games are expected to see an increase in fans (14,000) pack the arena, many of whom will be catching the bus from the Special Event stop Downtown. This can provide an extra opportunity to attract people to experience Downtown before and after the games by using this transit service. All standard transit fares apply.



**DTNYXE will share your pre/post-event promos on social media!** Stay current on the SaskTel Centre event service schedule to/from Downtown.

### ROUTE SCHEDULES + MORE

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1967, 21st St | Photo Credit: the Saskatoon Public Library Archives

## CALL TO ACTION

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS | POETRY DOWNTOWN

The deadline for applications is June 30, 2023.

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

### • Project Information

- The call is open to emerging and established poets who are Saskatoon residents
- Ten poems will be selected and displayed on 28" x 48" posters in the directory boxes on 3rd Avenue in Downtown Saskatoon
- Poems may be between 4 and 20 lines
- The project will take place from October 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024
- The selected poets will be provided with a \$250 fee
- The selected poets will be asked to participate in one of two public walking tours for the project, poets will receive a \$30 reading fee to participate in a walking tour
- Poets may submit a maximum of three poems; a maximum of one poem will be chosen per poet
- Selected poems will be designed into a themed poster design; each poster will include one poem
- Selected poets and images of poems/posters will be publicized by the City of Saskatoon and Downtown Saskatoon through newsletters, social media posts, websites, etc.

For more information on selection criteria visit [saskatoon.ca/artsandculture](https://saskatoon.ca/artsandculture).

### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/community-services/community-development/2023%20Poetry%20Downtown%20-%20Call%20for%20Submissions.pdf>



## EVENTS

### CELEBRITY BARTENDERS

**Congress Beer House** presents the **Congress Beer House** Celebrity Bartender Challenge. 8 local celebrity bartenders go head to head serving up their signature cocktail all while trying to generate as many 'tips' as possible.

You can "tip" at the event or [in advance through BBBSS website](#), your donation will receive an automated Tax Receipt from BBBS in return. All funds raised support BBBS Saskatoon to ignite the potential of youth in our community

5:30pm April 26, 2023.

### EVENT INFO

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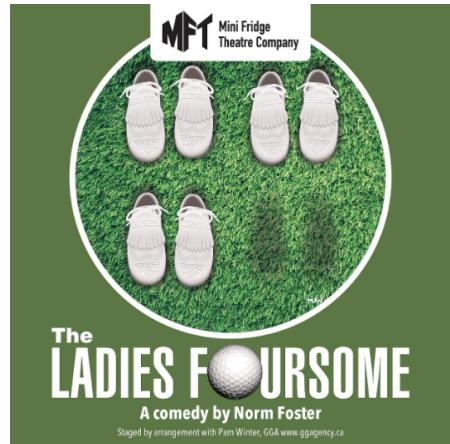
## MINI FRIDGE THEATRE COMPANY

It's the day after the funeral of a friend, and three women gather for a round of golf in honour of their recently deceased playing partner. They are joined by a fourth woman, another old friend of the deceased that the other three didn't know about. During the round the women discuss life, love, men, sex, children, careers ...everything but golf! Many surprises, secrets, and confessions come to the surface during this hilarious and heart-warming round of golf.

The Ladies Foursome is a female version of [The Foursome](#), but with a completely different story.

[SHOW DATES + TICKET INFO](#)

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## THE LIVE MIXTAPE, FEATURING CADENCE WEAPON

The Live Mixtape is a program of live music and public engagement that brings together a group of established and emerging prairie hip hop artists. Through collaboration, conversation and performances, the artists will reflect on the development of a vibrant music culture that explores the specificities and complexities of place, inherited histories, and Black experience on the prairies.

The program considers the latent political dimension of regional music and the ways hip hop music forms subjectivity, builds community and forges solidarity across geographical and cultural differences.



**REMAI MODERN - April 15**

[TICKETS + DETAILS](#)

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# HAPPY HOURS

Aroma – Wednesdays \$10 Pizza and Drink specials.  
Bokeh (Alt Hotel D - Tuesday thru Saturday 4-6, Food and Drink options.  
Bon Temps - VooDoo Hour Everyday 4-6 / 9-close, Food and Drink Options.  
Cactus Club – Happy Hour Everyday 2-5 + 9-Close, Food and Drink Options.  
Capitol Club - Happy Hour Everyday 2-5, Food and Drink Options.  
Cathedral Social Hall – Happy Hour Everyday 3-6, Food and Drink Options.  
Chianti Cafe - Happy Hour Everyday 2-5 + 8-10, Food and Drink Options.  
Congress Beer House – Rotating weekday specials.  
Flint Saloon – Happy Hour Everyday 4-7, Drink Options.  
High Key - Happy Hour All Day Tuesday + Sunday Night, Food and Drink Options  
Hudson's - \$4 Happy Hour Weekdays 2-6, All Day Thurs. Rotating daily specials.  
Jamaican Food Basket – Happy Hour 5-7 Friday, 7-11 Saturday.  
Oshea's Irish Pub - Rotating Daily Drink and Food specials.  
Parlor – Happy Hour Weds Sat 5-7 + all night Sunday, Food and Drink Options.  
Scarlet Craft Kitchen – Social Hour Mon-Thurs 2-6, Drink and Food Options.  
Shelter/Dylan and Cams – Everyday 3-5, All Day Weds, Food and Drink options  
State and Main – Happy Hour Everyday 2-5 / 9-Close, Food and Drink options.  
Stovin's Lounge (Delta Bess) – Happy Hour Friday and Saturday 3:30-5:30  
Winston's Pub – Happy Hour Everyday 5-7, Food and Drink Options.

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AND THERE'S MORE...

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