

TROUBLE VIEWING ?



NEWS DOWNTOWN | JANUARY 16, 2023

## A YEAR FOR GROWTH

2023 has started out with some positive news regarding the office vacancy numbers in the district. We all knew that with the addition of over 300,000 SF of office space with the East Tower at River Landing and Nutrien Tower, our office vacancy numbers were going to rise. With most of the tenants in this new AAA office space coming from existing Downtown offices, higher vacancy numbers were created.

The conversion of the former police station on 4th Avenue into 50,000 SF of office space also was a factor in increasing the vacancy percentage as that space had never been classified as commercial office space when it was the police HQ. The news of BHP heading to take much of this space at River Quarry is indeed positive.

Additionally, I have learned from property owners and commercial realtors that there is growing interest in Downtown locations, which bodes well for lowering the overall vacancy numbers. While it will take time, it appears that we are moving in the right direction which will be helped by a city and province poised to be a leader in economic growth in the country in 2023 and beyond.

Brent Penner | Executive Director



## DOWNTOWN HAPPENINGS

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Vendasta is celebrating its 15-year anniversary** with a special edition Ideas On Tap.

Rooted in success is happening Friday, Jan 20th from 5 PM to 7:30 PM at Vendasta Square (16th floor, [410 - 22nd St E](#)). Co-founders will be sharing stories about Vendasta's journey.

EVENT DETAILS

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ideas-on-tap-rooted-in-success-celebrating-15-years-of-growth-tickets-505022585147>



## LIGHTS UP

**A unique and new light installation was installed** Downtown recently through the back alley behind the south side of the 200 block of 21st St. The installation was made possible through partnership and funding from the **City of Saskatoon, Downtown Saskatoon, and local business and property owners.**

The programmable fibreglass mesh light orbs are permanent fixtures that add to the growing ambience of Downtown.

### CITY OF SASKATOON

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: [https://www.saskatoon.ca/news-releases/downtown-shines-night-21st-street-back-alley-lights-project?fbclid=IwAR15f\\_e\\_NqGvwxRiAdNouv5698rO\\_qeZvcXvGzkYYZMCzGpbe4oQ\\_gmqUyo](https://www.saskatoon.ca/news-releases/downtown-shines-night-21st-street-back-alley-lights-project?fbclid=IwAR15f_e_NqGvwxRiAdNouv5698rO_qeZvcXvGzkYYZMCzGpbe4oQ_gmqUyo)



## OFFICE SPACE FILLING UP

With their announcement recently that they plan to hire 600 more people this year, BHP has leased three floors in the River Quarry building on 4th Ave, the former police station. With 2,500 people on site, it is said their Jansen-based potash mine will be the biggest one on earth.

Additionally, Law firm Procido Law LLP, Jensen Stromberg LLP, and a telecommunications call centre now occupy the top three floors of the Birk's building.

### STARPHOENIX REPORTS

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://thestarphenix.com/opinion/columnists/joanne-paulson-saskatoons-downtown-office-vacancy-rate-improves-industrial-vacancies-remain-low>



## ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Starting January 3, 2023, approximately 15,000 residential and commercial property owners will receive a 2023 Assessment Notice by mail - only if there has been a change since January 1, 2022, to a property's assessment, tax status or ownership.

However, a property owner does not need to receive an assessment notice in 2023 to review the roll or file a formal assessment appeal in 2023. You may find it helpful to review your property's assessment online at [saskatoon.ca/taxtool](https://saskatoon.ca/taxtool) or to speak with an assessor at **307-975-3227**.

**To read more about the Opening of the City's 2023 Assessment Roll & 30-Day Assessment Review/Appeal period January 3 – February 3, 2023, click Below.**

### STAKEHOLDER INFORMATION PACKAGE

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://m365-emarketing-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/images/56cc164835f821ad/City%20of%20Saskatoon%20Stakeholder%20Information%202023%20Assessment%20Roll%20-%26%2030%20Day%20Assessment%20Review%20and%20Appeal%20Period.pdf>



---

## CALL TO ACTION

### LOVE DOWNTOWN

We have begun putting together our annual **LOVE DOWNTOWN** list. We want to make sure it has **everything Downtown Valentines Day related**. We kindly request that you [send us](#) any Valentine-themed events, sales, specials, and/or deals.

Additionally, for our own **LOVE DOWNTOWN** promotion, Downtown Saskatoon will be **giving away 5 Downtown experience packages**. Customers will be asked to submit receipts of \$25+ from any Downtown purchase between the dates of Feb 1-14. DTNYXE will purchase the prize items and distribute tent cards with a direct qr code for the promotion soon. Whether you have a qr code or not, customers can also be directed to [our website](#).

#### Prize package includes

\$100 gift card to a Downtown restaurant of winner's choice  
A one-night stay at a Downtown hotel of winner's choice  
2 Tickets to a show at The Bassment  
Chocolate from Purdy's Chocolatier  
Bath Bomb from The Refillery YXE

#### EVENT INFO

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://dtnyxe.ca/event/love-downtown/>



---

### ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT

**The competition for the 2023 Environmental Grant is now open!**

Funding is available to non-profit organizations implementing initiatives that support the City of Saskatoon's strategic goal of Environmental Leadership. Initiatives prioritized for funding in 2023 include those that:

- improve energy and water efficiencies;
- increase awareness and protection of our water resources;
- reduce the amount of waste going to landfills;
- provide stewardship, education and/or enhancements to the green network;
- encourage active transportation; and
- provide learning opportunities that support the City's environmental goals

#### APPLICATION + MORE

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/environmental-initiatives/environment/environmental-grant>



---

### GIFT IT FORWARD

**Don't re-gift it, gift it forward!**

Midtown is donating any and all **unwanted gift cards** to the **Royal University Hospital**. In exchange for donated gift cards, Midtown will provide you with an equivalent in value (**up to \$200**) Midtown Gift Card.

Donations and exchanges can be done at guest services within the mall.

#### RULES + REGULATION

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: [https://shopmidtown.ca/pages/midtown2-gift-it-forward-2022-rules-regulations?mmc\\_cache\\_key=1671816311233](https://shopmidtown.ca/pages/midtown2-gift-it-forward-2022-rules-regulations?mmc_cache_key=1671816311233)





## EVENTS

### TASTE DOWNTOWN

**TASTE DOWNTOWN** is happening throughout the Downtown district. With over a dozen participating restaurants offerings fixed-price options ranging from brunch and lunch to fine dining suppers.

**TASTE DOWNTOWN** is sure to have something for everyone from January 13 - 29.

TASTE MENUS

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://dtmxe.ca/taste-downtown>



### KERI PARNELL - PAUSE IN PLIGHT

Kerri Parnell is a Winnipeg artist who is using her talent to draw public attention to the legacy of the WWI internments in Canada.

The exhibition is laid out in five different sections: War posters, Light installation, Emotional Interpretation Series, Old Eyes Series, and To Hell with the Alien Enemy.

Parnell's exhibition of painting and sculpture, *Pause in Plight*, has been touring the country and is **on view at the Ukrainian Museum of Canada** until February 25th.

LEARN MORE

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://umcnational.ca/recipes/pause-in-plight-kerri-parnell/>



A FUNDRAISER FOR NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY RADIO CFR 90.5FM

# THE FEBREWARY FRIDAY SOCIAL

CRAFTING COMMUNITY WITH CRAFT BREWS

SK BREWS | PIZZA | DJs

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17 / 8PM-12AM

THE Avenue ROOM 119 3RD AVE S



PIZZA-BY-THE-SLICE



SANTA LUCIA PIZZA



ENTRY DONATION \$5 OR PWYC

DJs  
CPT PICKARD | 'BREW'SKI | GRUDGE JUDY  
AKA DREWSKI

LIGHTING EXPERIENCE BY DR. ISOCELLATOR



CFR  
CFR  
CFR

## SIP & SKATE

Skate and enjoy an evening with some delicious local treats by the fire. Select a **Savoury Charcuterie Box** and/or **Sweet Fireside S'Mores Box**, paired with a **hot cocktail** in a *take-home* Meewasin mug.

### SUNSET SKATE (3:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

Skate in sunset's glow on the edge of the beautiful South Saskatchewan River

### TWINKLE SKATE (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Skate under the stars and take in the twinkling lights as the city goes to sleep

This limited-time experience is capped at 34 skaters per session. 19+ only.

Jan 28, Feb 11 + 25.

BUY TICKETS

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/meewasin-sip-skate-tickets-478563736017>



## AND THERE'S MORE...

MORE DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Broken link? Sorry about that - copy this into your browser: <https://dtnyxe.ca/events/>

---

Have information for consideration in future editions of **NEWS DOWNTOWN**?

[SUBMIT CONTENT](#)

Broken link? Sorry about that - email: [info@dtnyxe.ca](mailto:info@dtnyxe.ca)



Having troubles reading this format, or finding us in your junk mail folder? Mark us safe +/or  
Find current + past editions of **NEWS DOWNTOWN** [here](#).

\* You have received this message either by way of being a Downtown Saskatoon member business/property, within the boundaries of our Business Improvement District (for more information, visit our website [dtnyxe.ca](http://dtnyxe.ca)), or by opting in. If you are not the person who should receive such emails on behalf of your business, we would be happy to help straighten that out with you. Please contact our office.

Your satisfaction with communications from Downtown Saskatoon is important to us. If you would like to unsubscribe, review or change your message preferences with us, [click here](#).

---