

NEWS DOWNTOWN *Parking Fee Increases, Construction Updates + so much more | August 3, 2023

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COUNCIL BACKS PARKING RATE INCREASE

If you haven't heard, City Council voted in favour of raising hourly parking rates by fifty cents to \$2.50 per hour effective January 1, 2024, at a special budget meeting last week. Additionally, council voted to add the cost of the app use to the end user resulting in another increase of 15 cents per use.

Downtown Saskatoon, along with the Broadway and Riversdale Business Improvement Districts had written to council advocating for no increase given the challenges these districts faced during the pandemic and while recovery is well underway, there are still challenges in these districts. The final decision on this issue will come this fall when city council votes on the entirety of the 2024 and 2025 civic budget. This measure was taken as council tries to close a \$50M funding gap for the 2024 budget year and another significant gap for 2025. If approved this fee change would result in approximately \$535,000 more in revenue for the city starting in 2024.

At the upcoming August special budget meeting, council will debate raising fines associated with parking violations. If passed, it would see the early payment amount rise from \$30 to \$40 and for late payments, they would rise from \$50 to \$70.

What do you think? Let us know at info@dtntyxe.ca.

BRENT PENNER | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



CALLS + OPPORTUNITIES

HOSPITALITY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open for the second annual **Hospitality Saskatchewan Awards**. The celebration will be a highlight of the Gather Again 2023 Conference & Tradeshow happening September 26th .

Criteria in most categories apply to tourism activities that took place between July 31, 2022-June 30, 2023. The Hospitality Saskatchewan Awards nomination deadline is August 7.

MORE INFO

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FIREWORKS FESTIVAL CALL FOR VENDORS

Vendor applications are OPEN for the annual **Nutrien Fireworks Festival**. Don't miss the pyromusical fireworks, entertainment and fun family activities. Spots are filling up fast so make sure you sign up now!

The festival will take place on **Fri Sept 1st (5pm-10pm) and Sat Sept 2nd (1pm-10pm) at River Landing, Traffic Bridge and Rotary Park.**

FOOD VENDOR REGISTRATION

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ART VENDOR REGISTRATION

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CALLING UKRAINIAN TALENT

Are you a Saskatchewan-based musician, performer, or poet, or part of a performing group? **The Ukrainian Museum of Canada** is compiling an internal talent list for various events, including their upcoming Yarmarok Christmas Market, exhibition receptions, fundraisers, and more! Whether you're an experienced professional, an emerging talent, a 3rd generation Canadian-Ukrainian, a newcomer or any combination of the above, they want to hear from you!

Register today by emailing info@umcnational.ca. Include your name, contact info, talent, and its connection to Ukrainian/Ukrainian-Canadian culture.

UKRAINIAN MUSEUM OF CANADA

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CHARGED UP VENDORS WANTED

TCU Place is partnering with Sask EV to bring you the 3rd annual **Charged Up Saskatoon Electric Vehicle Expo** on Saturday, September 16th, 2023

This free community event will showcase the best Electric Vehicle offerings, including not just vehicles, but home accessories, education, and other related products/services. Highlight your business at this exciting community event.

Book before August 31, limited spaces are available!

BOOKING INFORMATION

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DTNYXE IS HIRING

We are looking to add another member to our **Clean Team**. This permanent position starts immediately.

The Downtown Clean Team works under the direction of the Operations Manager to ensure that all areas of Downtown are kept clean and free of debris and litter, upholding and enhancing the image of the district. They are primarily responsible for sweeping sidewalks, collecting rubbish, removing litter from public amenities, and reporting and assisting with graffiti removal.

Get in touch to learn more, and apply.

DTNYXE JOB POSTING

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DOWNTOWN HAPPENINGS

FOOD TRUCK WARS

Food Truck Wars celebrated their 9th year this past weekend. With over 27 food trucks and entertainment spread over a three-day period, Downtown's ears and taste buds were kept entertained.

GLOBAL NEWS REPORTS

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ROADWAYS + PARKING LANES

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH ROAD RESTRICTIONS

August will see a variety of events resulting in **roadway restrictions or closures**.

- **Show & Shine, Sunday August 20th, 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

CITY OF SASKATOON OUTDOOR EVENTS

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EVENTS

FOLKFEST

Warm bannock and new friends are waiting for you on **August 17, 18, and 19 at the Indian and Metis Pavilion**.

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.

PAVILION INFO

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ROCK THE RIVER

Rock The River will be held on **August 18, 19, & 20** in the **Bessborough Gardens**.
Friday features Honeymoon Suite + Tom Cochrane.
Saturday features Crash Test Dummies + April Wine.
Sunday features A Flock Of Seagulls + Gowan



EVENT INFO

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AND THERE'S MORE...

MORE DOWNTOWN EVENTS

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

SUMMER SCHEDULED PHASES

The Downtown Construction Project continues, with Phase 4 completed and Phase 5 now underway. Below are the anticipated timelines for construction scheduled in the 2023 construction season, barring weather delays and unforeseen circumstances:

- Phase 1 – **22nd Street East** from 3rd Avenue North to 4th Avenue North – Completed.
- Phase 2 – 21st Street East from 2nd Avenue South to 3rd Avenue South – Completed.
- Phase 3 – 21st Street East from 4th Avenue South to Spadina Crescent East – Completed.
- Phase 4 – 21st Street East from 3rd Avenue South to 4th Avenue South – Completed.
- Phase 5 – 3rd Avenue North from 22nd Street East to 23rd Street East o Underway - Anticipated to be completed by August 17, 2023.
- Phase 6 – **Spadina Crescent East** from 21st Street East to 22nd Street East o Anticipated to begin August 14, 2023, until September 7, 2023.
- Phase 7 – **22nd Street East** from 4th Avenue North to 5th Avenue North o Anticipated to begin September 11, 2023, until September 17, 2023.
- Phase 8 – **23rd Street East** from 2nd Avenue North to 3rd Avenue North o Completed.
- Phase 9 – Road Rehabilitation
- Phase 9A - 21st Street East from 1st Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South - Completed.
- Phase 9B - 2nd Avenue South from 20th Street East to 21st Street East - Completed.
- Phase 9C – 2nd Avenue South from 21st Street East to 22nd Street East - Anticipated to begin in September.
- Phase 10 – 20th Street East from Idylwyld Drive South to 1st Avenue South o Details of this phase and timeline are anticipated to be finalized in the coming months.

For FULL + DETAILED information download the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project package below.

[Sign up with the City of Saskatoon to receive Construction notices directly to your email.](#)

FULL CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

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MEEWASIN TRAIL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The first phase of planned enhancements to the Meewasin trail in Kiwanis Memorial Park have begun. Trail users will be required to detour around worksites between the Broadway Bridge + Bessborough Hotel. The boat launch will remain open and functional during phase one.

Be sure to check www.meewasin.com for any updates on expected closures and detours.

Phase one includes enhancements to 300m of existing primary trail through **Kiwanis Memorial Park between the Broadway Bridge and Bessborough Hotel** including:

- Replacement of the existing asphalt trail to more than double its current width
- Site furniture replacements throughout the park
- Retention and protection of existing mature trees
- New tree plantings
- Two new river viewpoint nodes
- Upgraded trail lighting
- Replacement of the existing drinking fountain



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