



NEWS DOWNTOWN | SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

DOWNTOWN EVENT + ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

SASKATOON WOULD KEEP GROWING

Dr. Mark Rosentraub, who studies arenas and urban planning explains why SaskTel Centre should be replaced with a new **Downtown Entertainment District** in the StarPhoenix.

STARPHOENIX REPORTS

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BOOSTED ECONOMIC GROWTH

Stephanie Clovechok, the chief executive officer of **Discover Saskatoon** says the proposed event and entertainment district will combine innovation and nostalgia.

"As the CEO of [Discover Saskatoon](#), I stand at the intersection of business, culture, and opportunity. This district isn't just about infrastructure; it's about showcasing Saskatoon's unique strengths to the world."

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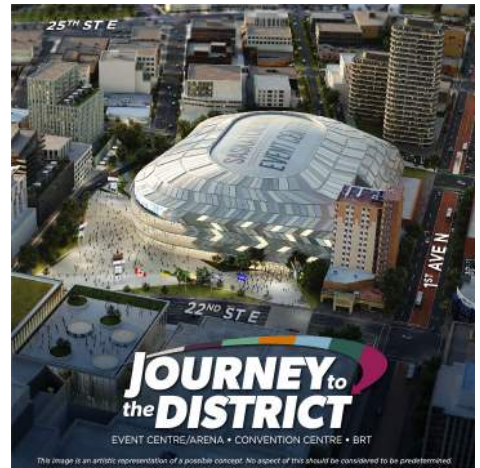
DOWNTOWN COULD GROW + SUCCEED

Financing options for the **Entertainment District** entail some risk, but so would any plan, including letting the current arena deteriorate and become a liability.

Read how much the project will cost and how the city proposes to pay for it.

STARPHOENIX REPORTS

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DOWNTOWN HAPPENINGS

JOIN FOR LUNCH TODAY

The entire YXE Community is invited to join the **Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation** for a burger, short program, and entertainment at 11:45 a.m. today outside their office building on 21st St.

All funds raised for the event will go toward the "All In Endowment" to continually fund SPSF's Early Learning Equal Start initiatives.

FULL EVENT INFO

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DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Phil Tank writes that the high usage of Saskatoon's current **Downtown Central Library** shows that libraries remain relevant, but the board must move out of the shadows. Saskatoon needs a Downtown library, lest its absence become a sad distinguishing feature among Canada cities.

Saskatoon Public Library says it still plans to build a new central library and will be ["working with the construction industry to reduce costs."](#)

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URBAN CANVAS STREET PARTY

Saskatoon's inaugural **Urban Canvas Street Party** brought painters out of the studios and into **Midtown** parking space, the site of the potential Downtown Event + Entertainment District, in a celebration of artistic diversity. The StarPhoenix spoke with the artists + more at the inaugural event.

STARPHOENIX REPORTS

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NEW DOWNTOWN MURALS

Downtown Saskatoon + Dream are proud to be working with **Kent Ness and Josh Jacobson** on two large-scale murals coming to life in the Downtown district.

You can watch the painting take form at the corner of **20th St + 1st Ave**, or follow along online.

WATCH THE PROGRESS

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CALLS, OPPORTUNITIES + UPDATES

EXTENSION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY LOAN REPAYMENT

Prime Minister announced extended deadlines for **Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan repayments** from December 31, 2023 to **January 18, 2024**. Businesses can make a refinancing application with their financial institution by January 18, 2024 further extending the partial loan forgiveness until **March 28, 2024**.

Small businesses and non-profits with outstanding loans as of January 19, 2024 **will no longer be eligible for the forgivable portion of the loan** but will have access to a three-year, low-interest loan of up to \$60,000.

MORE INFO

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MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Effective October 1, 2023, the minimum wage will be \$14.00 per hour, continuing the annual increase since 2022. Another increase will take place October 1, 2024, to \$15.00 per hour.

The increases to the minimum wage for 2022 to 2024 were made by an amendment to the Provincial *Minimum Wage Regulations*. After the final adjustment in 2024, the minimum wage will return to be calculated using an indexation formula.

MORE INFO

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FOOT TRAFFIC + ROADWAYS

KEEP THEM DOWNTOWN

How are you attracting TCU Place's 1000s of customers before and after their shows? [Let TCU Place know](#) to be included in their "Know Before You Go" - listing!

Let's give customers a full Downtown experience!
A tip from TCU - request their event ticket to receive promos!

TCU PLACE SEPT-DEC ATTENDANCE

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UPCOMING EVENTS WITH ROAD RESTRICTIONS

September will see a variety of events resulting in **roadway restrictions or closures**. (Fun event details below.)

- **All in for Literacy - Sept 28 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
21st E between 3rd Ave S & 4th Ave S Closure: 6:00AM-5:00PM
- **Friends of Fertility Walk - Oct 1 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**
Spadina Cr between 2nd Ave S & 3rd Ave S
- **AIDS Walk - Oct 1 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
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CITY OF SASKATOON OUTDOOR EVENTS

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EVENTS

PIFF THE MAGIC DRAGON

Piff the Magic Dragon hits the road with a brand new show for 2023 with Mr. Piffles, the World's Only Magic Performing Chihuahua and Jade Simone.

If you've seen him on America's Got Talent, Penn & Teller: Fool Us, or at his hit Las Vegas Residency you'll know what to expect and you're in for a treat.

TICKETS

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UNCORKED

Featuring more than 200 offerings from more than 50 exhibitors, **Uncorked Wine & Spirits YXE** is sure to awaken the wine and spirits enthusiast in anyone. This spectacular two-day event promises to delight your senses and features tastings, charcuterie grazing tables, mixology/culinary demos, wine/spirits vendors and entertainment.

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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 5 nearing completion and Phases 6 and 7 completed. Below are the anticipated timelines for construction scheduled in the 2023 construction season, barring weather delays and unforeseen circumstances:

- Phase 5 – 3rd Avenue North from 22nd Street East to 23rd Street East
The roadway is open, the contractor has completed testing the new water main. Temporary water main removal is scheduled for September 29th, 2023.
- Phase 10 – 20th Street East from Idylwyld Drive South to 1st Avenue South
Details of this phase and timeline are anticipated to be finalized in the coming months.
Spadina Crescent and 21st Street East Intersection
Anticipated to begin October 2, 2023, until October 8, 2023. Notices regarding this work were sent out to adjacent businesses and through the weekly update subscriber list on September 1, 2023.



- Phase 1 – 22nd Street East from 3rd Avenue North to 4th Avenue North – Complete.
- Phase 2 – 21st Street East from 2nd Avenue South to 3rd Avenue South – Complete.
- Phase 3 – 21st Street East from 4th Avenue South to Spadina Crescent East – Complete.
- Phase 4 – 21st Street East from 3rd Avenue South to 4th Avenue South – Complete.
- Phase 6 – Spadina Crescent East from 21st Street East to 22nd Street East – Complete.
- Phase 7 – 22nd Street East from 4th Avenue North to 5th Avenue North – Complete.
- Phase 8 – 23rd Street East from 2nd Avenue North to 3rd Avenue North – Complete.
- Phase 9 – Road Rehabilitation
- Phase 9A - 21st Street East from 1st Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South Complete.
- Phase 9B - 2nd Avenue South from 20th Street East to 21st Street East Complete.
- Phase 9C – 2nd Avenue South from 21st Street East to 22nd Street East Complete.

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

FULL CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

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