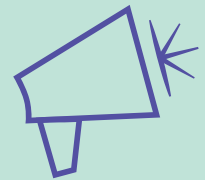


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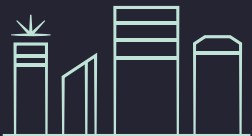
Our Work So Far







**We are a group of downtown
business and community
leaders, both for-profit
and not-for-profit,
united by our dedication
to downtown Edmonton's
post-pandemic recovery.**





Our Focus

We drive vibrancy and sustained economic recovery downtown by advocating for:

Safety and security

Infrastructure and cleanliness

Transformative projects



**Our advocacy
has helped
make Downtown
Edmonton...**



Safer

MORE AND BETTER SUPPORT FOR EDMONTONIANS IN CRISIS

- \$275M in GoA funding to combat the mental health and addictions crisis.
- HealthIM system to help police officers connect people in crisis with appropriate support.
- \$8.7M in funding from City Council for a Community Safety and Well-being Strategy to address immediate needs including responses to extreme weather and drug poisoning, creating an Indigenous-led shelter, and integrating call evaluation and dispatch.
- \$13M over four years to REACH's Crisis Diversion 24/7 program for non-criminal crisis resources.
- \$7.5M from the City for new 24/7 temporary emergency shelter, creating 209 additional spaces in partnership with the Tallcree Tribal Government.
- GoA commitment to fund 200 additional shelter spaces for a total of 1,727 this winter.
- GoA funding to help build and open 210 units of supportive housing in communities outside the downtown core.

MORE BOOTS ON THE GROUND

- GoA funding for additional police officers and 12 new Police and Crisis Teams (PACTs).
- EPS/Alberta Sheriffs partnership – more frequent ground patrols and more ground covered.
- City released recommendations to reduce criminal activity and disorderly behaviour in Chinatown in their Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) document.

BETTER PUBLIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT ON TRANSIT

- Bylaw amendment (*approved June 8, 2022*):
 - Ban on open drug use on transit property (stations, buses, trains).
 - Ban on loitering to stop gang-related gatherings in transit stations.
- City provided \$4.1M for to reduce harm in and around Edmonton's transit systems through Community Outreach Transit Teams (COTT) that combine Transit Peace Officers and Bent Arrow Society outreach workers to address concerns like housing, mental health and substance use.
- City staff motioned to develop a proposal to expand the City's Public Transit Safety Plan model throughout the downtown.
- City released its formal Downtown Core And Transit System Safety Plan outlining immediate, near-term, and longer-term actions at request of the provincial Justice Minister.



MORE COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS

- GoA formed a Community Response Task Force on addictions treatment and support, houselessness and public safety issues.
- \$15.2M to support Healthy Streets Operations Centre safety teams where police, peace officers, paramedics and fire rescue services all work together.
- \$250,000 from the City to expand REACH Edmonton's Crisis Diversion team.



Cleaner

- \$2.5M in City funding secured for:
 - 23 new cleaners.
 - 84 dedicated staff for garbage removal, space maintenance and graffiti cleaning.
- 700 volunteers rallied to remove garbage through the Corporate Cleanup Challenge.
- \$1.4M in city funding for a special waste team to help keep downtown clean and inviting.



Future-focused

- New building for MacEwan University's School of Business.
 - Potential to bring 25,500 students to the core by 2030.
- King Thunderbird Centre:
 - Boyle Street's new purpose-built facility will help people struggling with addictions, trauma, and houselessness recover.
- GoA commits \$25M to build 400 new publicly funded treatment beds in 5 recovery communities across Alberta.
- \$3.99M through GoA's Affordable Housing Partnership Program and \$11.9M from the City go towards the construction of new supportive housing for over 63 people.





Supporting your downtown success story.

Downtown Edmonton should be a great place for business, and we will keep working tirelessly to make sure it is. We see the potential, the opportunities, and the current drawbacks of our downtown with equal clarity.

If you choose to move your business here, we will be a committed advocate and resource for you. You will be joining a community where we look out for each other, and we are ready to help you resolve any challenges you face.

If you have any questions, we would love to talk to you more about our work. You can reach us at info@yegdowntown.ca.

It takes a village to make a city.





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