LLOYDMINSTER	**Downtown Area Redevelopment Committee** **Meeting Minutes** **Tuesday, September 1, 2026** **5:00 pm - 7:41 pm** Meridian Room, City Hall 4420 50 Avenue Lloydminster AB/SK	

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:	Ben Harrison, Kerry Million, Teri-Lynn Mackie, Steven Hickman, Dil Randhawa, Keegan Bendixen, Stephanie Lindsay, Eric Valois, Kristen Kenyon, Cheryl Ross
City of Lloydminster:	Councillor Justin Vance, Katlin Ducherer, Jana Rosychuk
Guests:	Andrew DeGruchy, Director, Public Safety, Tracy Simpson, Executive Manager Community Development Services
Regrets:	Amy Roper

	Motion No.	Item	Action
I.		**Call to Order** Ben Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.	
II.		**Land Acknowledgement** Presented by Kerry Million: *I would like to begin that we are on the lands referred to as Treaty 6 Territory and that we are all the beneficiaries of this peace and friendship treaty. Treaty 6 encompasses the unceded lands of Indigenous Nations and Peoples, including the Plains Cree, Woodland Cree, Saulteaux, Nakota, Dene and Metis. We pay our respect to the Indigenous Nations whose lands we are on and reaffirm the Treaty Relationship that we have as Canadians with Indigenous Nations and Peoples.*	
III.		**Welcome and Introductions**	
IV.	52-2026	**Adoption of September 1, 2026 Agenda** MOVED BY Dill Randhawa that the September 1, 2026 Meeting Agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Councillor Vance. **CARRIED**	
V.	53-2026	**Approval of July 21, 2026 Minutes** MOVED BY Keegan Bendixen that the July 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes be approved. Seconded by Teri-Lynn Mackie. **CARRIED**	
VI.		**Presentation** **1. Community Standards and Public Safety** Andrew DeGruchy, Director, Public Safety, was in attendance to provide information pertaining to the Q4 2026 Community Standards Bylaw review and update, along with Public Safety initiatives and outcomes in Downtown Lloydminster. • 503/504 order in the *Lloydminster Charter* (*Charter*) speaks to vacant and unsightly properties.	

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- Current engagement in the City as a whole – working with Economic Development on a neighborhood redevelopment program.
- Usually about a 3-4 month process to deal with unsightly properties.
- Provincial authority condemns business, not municipality.
- Bylaw review policy is every three years.
- *Charter* is reviewed on a regular basis; led by the Provincial governments (Alberta & Saskatchewan).
- Kudo's relayed by the DAR Committee pertaining to programs initiated in 2026; they are helping Downtown Lloydminster.
- Inquiry: food distribution being addressed in the Community Standard Bylaw or is this a Saskatchewan Health Authority piece?
  Response: Food distribution is not addressed through Community Standards Bylaw. Matters relating to food safety, handling, and public health are within the jurisdiction of the Saskatchewan Health Authority and applicable provincial regulations. Social Programs and Services and Public Safety Team are working collaboratively with community stakeholders to address concerns and support vulnerable residents.
- Inquiry: Street teams register for a Business License?
  Response: Currently, not all not-for-profits operating street teams hold a City of Lloydminster Business License. Administration will review this matter as part of the next update to the Business License Bylaw.
- Inquiry: Having health inspectors to derelict buildings?
  Response: Public Safety working with Provincial Inspectors on an number of aspects (i.e., the *SCAN Act)*.
- Inquiry: Impact on upgraded streets or maintenance? (potential to see a heatmap?).
  Response: Administration does not have available data to quantify impacts on upgraded streets or maintenance activities. Observations suggest that concerns shifted to other areas, particularly following removal of certain buildings and changes in activity patterns.
- Inquiry: Any other opportunities to better collaborate or be informed on a community safety perspective?
  Response: Public Safety will continue to participate in community stakeholder discussions and share information, updates, and initiatives as appropriate.

Eric Valois, Andrew DeGruchy and Tracy Simpson vacated the meeting at 6:07 pm.

VII. Old Business

1. **August 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting (RCM): Item 6.1.1 Downtown Social Disruption Impacts - Council Motion No. 246-2026 - Update**
   - Administration met with the Vice-Chair, Downtown Area Redevelopment Committee to gain clarification regarding the recommendation brought forward by Council at the August 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. Following the direction provided, Parks crews attended the area on Wednesday, August 19 and

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removed benches from various locations in the downtown, pruned trees, and tidied up shrubbery. The work was undertaken to improve visibility and support a cleaner and safer downtown environment.

- Parks Services - would there be value providing the DAR Committee with an update / presentation? Admin
- The DAR Committee commended Public Safety for its efforts and positive impact initiatives had on Downtown Lloydminster this year; appreciation expressed for the work and ongoing commitment to enhancing safety and supporting Downtown Lloydminster.

VIII. Administrative Updates

1. 2027 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget Update

- 2027 Operating and Capital budget amendment recommended to the Façade and Building Improvement Program by changing the amount to $116,000 instead of $350,000, with the understanding if the program is well subscribed to in 2027 a request for additional funding could be presented from City reserve account for Council's consideration during a future Regular Council meeting in 2027.
  - There has been significant investment in Downtown Lloydminster.
  - Concern expressed to reducing the ask. DAR Committee recommendation stands; this is an ELT budget consideration.
- The application submitted by City Administration to the Build Communities Strong Fund – Direct Delivery Stream grant intends to support the Central Business District Rehabilitation Program - Phase 2 (50 Avenue between 49 Street and 50 Street, and 49 Steet between 49 Avenue and 50 Avenue).

2. Safe + Inclusive Downtown/ Crime Prevention Recommendations

- Council presentation as well as ongoing communication plan.
- Through Downtown visitations collect information about how effective programs and construction has helped with Downtown Safety and how businesses are coping. Potential for a future survey? Admin
- For 2027 spring ensure the DAR Committee revisits what worked in 2026 and what didn't. Admin
- After the Point in Time count, extend an invitation to Social Programs and Services to present to the DAR Committee. Admin

IX. Sub Committee Updates

1. Budget and Policies

a) <u>Community Standards</u>

54-2026 MOVED BY Steven Hickman that the DAR Committee receive an annual update from Administration on Public Safety and be provided an

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opportunity to provide feedback on proposed initiatives prior to implementation in order to support the DAR Committee's advocacy role. Seconded by Kerry Million. Admin

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b) Façade and Building Grant Policy Annual Review

- When reviewing the Program/Policy consider targeting larger scaled projects. Sub-Committee
- Present updates to the DAR Committee no later than the November 3, 2026 DAR Committee meeting. Sub-Committee

2. Marketing and Events

a) Downtown Lloydminster Event Grant – Changes and Recommendations

55-2026 MOVED BY Teri-Lyn Mackie that the Downtown Event Grant changes and recommendations be tabled to the October 6, 2026 DAR Committee meeting. Seconded by Keegan Bendixen. Sub-Committee

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b) Marketing Statistics

i. Social Media July 2026 Analytics
July 2026 Social Media Analytics were circulated with the September 2, 2026 DAR Committee agenda package as information.

c) Creating More Vibrancy

i. Goal 1 DARP: Downtown Coordinator

- The DAR Committee was established to implement the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan, whereas activating a Downtown Coordinator would be supported by a Business Improvement District; currently part of the Business Retention Specialist position at 35% of the work scope.
- The Downtown Business community has discussed creating a committee that would have a concentrated focus on aspects of activating Downtown Lloydminster.

3. Capital

a) Downtown Lloydminster Façade and Building Improvement Program

i. Mural Intake Update

56-2026 MOVED BY Teri-Lynn Mackie that the Downtown Façade and Building Improvement - Mural Intake Update be tabled and incorporated into the broader review and update of the Downtown Lloydminster Façade and Building Improvement Program Guidelines and Policy. Seconded by Kerry Million. Sub-Committee

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ii. Parking: Leased Parking Lot (Atrium Centre) and Downtown Parklet

Based on the Parking Study, there is sufficient parking within Downtown Lloydminster overall. However, parking demand is concentrated in specific areas, resulting in localized congestion and limited availability.

57-2026 MOVED BY Steven Hickman that the DAR Committee support the recommendation to convert the Downtown Parklet located at 5025 49th Street back to leased parking spaces. In addition, the parking lot across from the Atrium Centre located at 5015 49th Street be converted from leased parking spaces to public parking spaces, with the ability to temporarily close the public parking lot during Downtown Lloydminster events as required. Seconded by Kristen Kenyon. Admin

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4. Recruitment

a) None.

5. Safe + Inclusive Downtown / Crime Prevention Program

a) Next Steps and Building Bridges Update

- Create an engagement plan to survey community on initiatives and construction impacts. Sub-Committee & Admin
- Since recommendations were implemented, consider seeking feedback to show results.
- Cross-sharing relevant information with other social committees. Teri-Lynn
- Inquiry: financial support for security at the Native Friendship Centre. Cheryl

X. New Business

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair, DAR Committee

i. Chair, Ben Harrison turned the Chair to Councillor Vance.

ii. Councillor Vance accepted the Chair for the Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the DAR Committee.

a. Election of Chair

i. Councillor Vance called for nominations for Chair, DAR Committee.

MOVED BY Dill Randhawa that Kerry Million be nominated for the position of Chair, DAR Committee.

- Kerry Million did not accept the nomination for the position of Chair, DAR Committee.

58-2026 MOVED BY Kerry Million that Ben Harrison be nominated for the position of Chair, DAR Committee.

- Ben Harrison accepted the nomination for the position of Chair.
- Councillor Vance called for further nominations.
- There were no further nominations.
- Councillor Vance declared the nominations closed.

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Seconded by Keegan Bendixen.

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b. Election of Vice Chair

i. Councillor Vance called for nominations for Vice Chair, DAR Committee.

59-2026 MOVED BY Cheryl Ross that Steven Hickman be nominated for the position of Vice Chair, DAR Committee.

- Steven Hickman accepted the nomination for the position of Vice Chair, DAR Committee.
- Councillor Vance called for further nominations.
- There were no further nominations.
- Councillor Vance declared the nominations closed.

Seconded by Teri-Lynn Mackie.

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Councillor Vance turned the Chair to newly elected Ben Harrison, Chair, DAR Committee.

Stephanie Lindsay vacated the meeting at 7:17 pm.

XI. Round Table

- Willow Creek was informed of Downtown Lloydminster incentives.
- Downtown business meeting with Lloydminster & Vermilion for Equity Foundation was communicated with City Administration. The DAR Committee may want to consider providing a list of recommendations to Social Programs and Services with regards to challenges and/or support options. — Sub-Committee & Admin
- Insights from a trip to Boseman, MT to be shared during a future DAR Committee meeting. — Kerry

XII. Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 5:00 pm – Meridian Room, City Hall.

XIII. Adjournment

60-2026 MOVED BY Cheryl Ross that the September 1, 2026 DAR Committee adjourn at 7:41pm.

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