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Panel discussions: how can Regina support a healthy, revitalized downtown?

A new series of events hosted by Regina Public Library (RPL) and Regina Downtown Business Improvement District (RDBID) bring local stakeholders together to have open discussion on the health and well-being of Regina's downtown.

Designed to invite the public to join the conversation about their city's downtown area, these panel events are free to attend and provide refreshments. The next two events both take place in Central Library's Film Theatre (2311 – 12th Ave).

"How do we effect real change in the issues we experience downtown? That's what we'll be talking about in these conversations," said Amber Christensen, Executive Director, Central Library, Regina Public Library. "We'll get to hear the impact that our panelists and their organizations are making with their own initiatives, and share ideas about how we can help each other make our downtown a safe, welcoming, thriving place."

"Panels like the *Downtown Safety and Community Well-being* and *City Builders: Local Edition* are critical ways to address challenges and share initiatives with our community," said Judith Veresuk, Executive Director, Regina Downtown Business Improvement District. "We're grateful to partner with Regina Public Library and other stakeholders on these thought-provoking discussions that can shape our downtown."

[Downtown Safety and Community Well-being](#)

August 28 at 7pm

Understand your downtown more thoroughly as panelists share and discuss challenges and opportunities related to safety and well-being in the downtown core, as well as strategies and initiatives that the represented organizations have taken or are undertaking to address these challenges.

Panelists include:

- Dave Slater, Manager, Community Well-Being, City of Regina
- Kendra Wren, General Manager, Cushman & Wakefield/Cornwall Mall
- Sgt. Laurie Alexander, Alternative Response Coordinator Regina Police Services
- Jason Knudsen, Outreach Program Manager, Regina Street Team
- Cecila Rands, Upstander Education Coordinator, YWCA Regina

Moderator: Judith Veresuk, Executive Director, RDBID



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[RDBID City Builder: Local Edition - Downtown Revitalization](#)

September 25 at 7pm

Join us for a lively discussion that brings together a diversity of perspectives and visions for downtown Regina.

Panelists will include:

- Eric de Waal Director, City Centre and Community Standards, City of Regina
- Kelly Cairns, Co-Owner, The Cure Kitchen and Bar
- Mitch Molnar, Chief Executive Officer, Mitchell Developments Ltd.
- David Froh, Vice President Community, Regina Food Bank
- Kendra Wren, General Manager, Cushman & Wakefield/Cornwall Mall
- Judith Veresuk, Executive Director, RDBID

Introduction by Jeff Barber, Library Director and CEO, Regina Public Library

Moderator: J.C. Garden, News Director, CTV/Bell Media

Find out more about these events at reginalibrary.ca/featured-events.

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