

ATTENDEES:

- Committee Members: Ben Harrison, Kerry Million, Tyler Lorenz, Steven Hickman, Dil Randhawa, Stephanie Lindsay, Kristen Kenyon, Teri-Lynn Mackie
- City Administration: Councillor Justin Vance, Jana Rosychuk, Dorothy MacMillan
- Guest: Andrew DeGruchy, Director, Public Safety, City of Lloydminster
- Regrets Cheryl Ross, Becky Schille, Eric Valois, Amy Roper, Katlin Ducherer

Motion No.	Item	Action
I.	Call to Order Ben Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.	
II.	Land Acknowledgement Presented by Ben Harrison: <i>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.</i>	
III.	New Member and DAR Committee Introductions	
IV.	Adoption of September 2, 2025 Agenda	
42-2025	MOVED BY Steven Hickman that the September 2, 2025 Meeting Agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Teri-Lyn Mackie.	CARRIED
V.	Approval of August 5, 2025 Minutes	
43-2025	MOVED BY Tyler Lorenz that the August 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes be approved. Seconded by Councillor Vance.	CARRIED
VI.	Presentation	
	1. <u>Presentation: City of Lloydminster Public Safety</u> Andrew DeGruchy, Director, Public Safety, City of Lloydminster was in attendance to provide information on Public Safety’s roles, and available statistics pertaining to Downtown Lloydminster, as well as provide the DAR Committee with the opportunity to provide feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing: one Bylaw Enforcement Officer is assigned to unsightly premises, snow removal, etc., while another Bylaw Enforcement Officer is dedicated to parking enforcement. 	

- March to May 2025 there were 92 downtown parking infractions and from June to August only 17 parking infractions.
DAR Committee comment: some salons require 3-hour parking for hair appointments, and they inform their customers prior to of the downtown street parking requirement; most businesses are happy there is no longer all day parking occurring in front of stores/businesses. No survey has been completed seeking feedback. However, Administration (Ec Dev) visited 17 downtown businesses and received feedback. Public Safety has received comments for and against steps that are being taken to enforce the 2-hour street parking requirement in the downtown.
- Requests for accessible parking stalls have been submitted to the City. The review of these requests involves three (3) city departments, Engineering, Transportation and Public Safety to ensure the request meets requirements; two have been approved.
- Prairie North raised concerns for more loading/unloading to the DAR Committee, however, a formal request has not been submitted to Public Safety.
- Can Bylaw remove vehicles from roadways? Yes, from public roadways.
- What type of response should DAR Committee provide with regards to those who have concerns with a 'feeling of safety' and/or 'heckling'? 'Heckling' could be a response by Bylaw for mischief, however if it's not threatening and illegal there are not a lot of options with regards to having Public Safety and RCMP respond.
- It was noted changes made at the Men's Shelter in the past year have been positive for the downtown.
- Has there been an increase in violent crime in the downtown? To date, there are no concerns with violent crimes against people downtown; there have been property crimes noted.
- When meeting with local businesses to discuss unhoused concerns and ways to deter mischief, Public Safety promotes infrastructure enhancement design such as upgrading building facades, improved lighting, removing litter from sidewalks and alleys, graffiti removal, etc.
- What can you do with homeless camps? From a policing service all they can do is respond once they've been identified; as a business owner they need to authorize having RCMP/Public Safety come in to remove the encampment. It is best to continue to educate those that set up encampments that they cannot be there and call RCMP/Bylaw to have it removed.
- Crime statistics downtown: approximately 2,000 files/year, with 40% of these files being pro-active initiatives by RCMP, meaning officers are seeing a crime and responding to it immediately. Municipal Enforcement is completing foot and vehicle patrols as well as plain clothes RCMP officers have been in the downtown. GIS team try to complete watches daily; however other priorities do arise. Overall, it has been very consistent with the walk through usually occurring morning and afternoon.
- Would it be of benefit if a survey was completed pertaining to parking, public safety, etc.? This could be considered in future.

- What happens if a business is boarded up? The Community Standards Bylaw has regulations to be adhered to, i.e., somewhat aesthetically pleasing. An example to address an unsightly premise is by completing a 503 Order, in which it informs the property owner that if not cleaned up within a certain amount of time any and all clean-up to the property will be done by the city (this may involve hiring of a contractor), with all costs charged back to the property owner.
- What is occurring with regards to encampments along railway lines? CN and CP police officers are permitted to provide enforcement within 100 metres of their property. City is working to build relationships with CN and CP Rail. CN has a process regarding encampment removal. For encampments that are on private property Public Safety has to have landowner permission remove the encampment, and the business is responsible for the clean-up.

Andrew DeGruchy vacated the meeting at 5:43 pm.

VII. Old Business

1. Façade and Building Improvement Program – Mural – Level 5 – Hair Studio
The Hair Studio is awaiting final renderings for the proposed Mural (re:Level 5 Downtown Façade and Building Improvement grant application).

VIII. Administrative Updates

1. None

IX. Sub Committee Updates

1. Budget and Policies

- a) Terms of Reference – Annual Review

Members of the Budget and Policies Sub-Committee will conduct a review of the DAR Committee Terms of Reference and bring recommendations forward to a future DAR Committee meeting for discussion and acceptance prior to presenting to City Council for their consideration.

2. Marketing and Events

- a) Downtown Lloydminster Event Grant

- i. Sunset & Soul Event

Event took place even though the temperature was very hot.

- b) Parklet

- i. Bookings and Use

Public events hosted in the downtown Parklet require that they be booked through Economic Development; this is because of logistics such as turning on power, clean-up, extra garbage receptacles, etc.

- c) Statistics

Social Media statistics presented to the DAR Committee. It has been noted more are taking the time to learn about Downtown Lloydminster.

3. Capital

- a) Downtown Lloydminster Façade and Building Improvement Program
 - i. None

4. Recruitment

- a) 2025/26 Recruitment Update

There is one vacant seat on the DAR Committee.

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.

a. Election of Chair

- i. Councillor Vance called for nominations for Chair, DAR Committee.
- 44-2025 MOVED BY Tyler Lorenz 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.

Seconded by Teri-Lyn Mackie

CARRIED

b. Election of Vice Chair

- i. Councillor Vance called for nominations for Vice Chair, DAR Committee.
- 45-2025 MOVED BY Tyler Lorenz that Kerry Million be nominated for the position of Vice Chair, DAR Committee.
- Kerry Million accepted the nomination for the position of Vice Chair.
 - Councillor Vance called for further nominations.
 - There were no further nominations.
 - Councillor Vance declared the nominations closed.

Seconded by Stephanie Lindsay.

CARRIED

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

- iii. Ben Harrison, Chair, DAR Committee accepted the Chair.

c. Sub-Committee Appointments

DAR Committee members are asked to review sub-committees as appointments to the 2025/26 Sub-Committees will occur at the October 7, 2025 DAR Committee meeting.

All

d. DAR Committee Annual Reorientation

A condensed reorientation for the DAR Committee members was conducted.

XI. Round Table

- Monthly DAR Committee meeting schedule – being cognizant of DAR Committee member’s time, if there are limited agenda items to present to the DAR Committee the Chair, Vice-Chair and Administration may cancel a DAR Committee meeting and carry forward the limited DAR Committee agenda items to a future DAR Committee meeting. For items such as the Downtown Event Grant awards and the Downtown Façade and Building Improvement awards they will be circulated via email for vote and ratified at a future DAR Committee meeting.
- Chamber Connect: September 11, 2025 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Integrated Therapies.

XII. Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 5:00 pm – Meridian Room, City Hall

XIII. Adjournment

46-2025 MOVED BY Dil Randhawa that the September 2, 2025 DAR Committee adjourn at 6:42 pm.

CARRIED

APPROVED