



Late Night Downtown Task Force Gets to Work

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VICTORIA, BC — Mayor Dean Fortin announced the details of a targeted task force to address late night downtown disorder in his keynote address at the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting this afternoon.

Composed of Mayor Dean Fortin, Police Chief Jaime Graham, and Charlayne Thornton-Joe, Councillor Liaison to the downtown neighbourhood, the task force will focus on targeted information gathering from downtown stakeholders and make recommendations for Council consideration in September.

“I am tired of people saying that they don’t feel safe downtown at night, of businesses having to deal with broken windows, and our police being diverted from other needs,” said Mayor Dean Fortin. “It is time for action.”

Mayor Fortin called on the entire community to engage in finding solutions. “I am ready to work together to tackle these late night issues but the City cannot do this alone – we will require your insight, your expertise, your experience and your commitment to act.”

“Our downtown serves this entire region – it is not just Victoria’s downtown, it is everyone’s downtown. It is time for short, sharp and focused actions that result in lasting solutions to the challenges we face. The work starts today.”

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