

CLEAN AND SAFE INITIATIVES

COORDINATED BY THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE

EXISTING

GENERAL

- **Safe Community Call Centre:** Administered by the Canadian Mental Health Association, the call centre coordinates the community response to biohazard clean up, encampment removal and deployment of the Diversion Outreach Team (DOT).

ENFORCEMENT

- **LPS Downtown Policing Unit (DPU):** An expanded police presence that includes four teams to patrol the downtown, primarily on foot and via bike.
- **LPS Community Peace Officers (CPOs):** Trained officers with specific duties and enhanced authorities to address shoplifting, trespassing, mischief and obstruction.

SECURITY

- **Public Facility Security:** Private security coverage for Galt Gardens, SAAG, CASA, and Park 'n' Ride.

OUTREACH

- **LPS Watch and Safe Walk Program:** Volunteer patrols to promote community, increase visibility and enhance the sense of public safety downtown. This includes a safe walk service for community members to be accompanied to a business or their car.
- **Galt Gardens Outreach Team:** Provide outreach, connections and assistance that better suits the needs of park users.

CLEANING

- **Needle Debris Hotline:** Community hotline for needle and drug debris pickup and disposal.
- **Clean Sweep Program:** Provides individuals experiencing homelessness the opportunity to engage in employment related activities to enhance the cleanliness of downtown and surrounding areas.

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

- **Downtown Ambassador Program:** Visible and welcoming year-round engagement that offers warm daily connections with businesses, residents and tourists in the downtown core.
- **Downtown Safety Education Program:** Business education program to increase awareness of downtown safety and security.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENTS (URBAN REVITALIZATION)

- **Mainstreet CPTED Grant Program:** Provides matching grant funding for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) evaluations and improvements.
- **City Department Tasks and Actions:** Ongoing operational work through various departments to address downtown cleanliness and safety.
- **City Care Safety and Security Evaluation and Strategy:** Initiative to advance CPTED evaluation from single sites to community-wide assessments and recommendations to enhance the urban built environment in the downtown core.

NEW

- **Portable Washrooms:** Temporary portable toilets have been installed to provide vulnerable people with access to washroom facilities to reduce public defecation in the community.
- **Locker Access:** Lockers to be available for vulnerable people to store their belongings in key locations within the community.

