

## Victoria Downtown Clean and Safe Committee

### Terms of Reference 2022

In the current City of Victoria Council Strategic Plan was a call for the formation of a Downtown Clean and Safe Committee. The DVBA was identified as the lead partner in this action.

In December 2021 the inaugural meeting of this Committee occurred (virtually). The initial Committee is comprised of the following members:

Jeff Bray – Executive Director DVBA (Convenor)  
Rob Caunter – DVBA Clean Team Manager  
DRA Rep  
Quinn Anglin – City of Victoria  
Mike Hill – City of Victoria  
VicPD (Downtown Liaison officer, Carol Lee Jones)  
Geoff Young - Council Rep for DVBA/DRA  
John Tomchick – Jawl Properties  
Darlene Holstein – GM Bay Centre  
Stef Hartwig – DVBA Board Member and Hartwig Industries  
Representative from Victoria Bylaw (Jeff to enquire)

At this initial meeting it was determined that a Terms of Reference should be developed. The following is proposed:

**Vision:** Downtown Victoria is perceived by the region's population as a safe and orderly place to live, work, shop, dine, visit and enjoy.

**Mission:** To meet and identify current challenges; provide Council data as to what is currently happening downtown; provide guidance and solutions for Council to act on deal with identified issues and make Downtown clean and safe and welcoming for all.

The Committee with work toward this by:

- Meeting quarterly
- Collate data, stats, observations on both negative and positive activities occurring downtown
- Focusing on local issues and actions the City can reasonably undertake and recommending actions on the smaller issues the City is capable delivering
- Understanding the bigger issues that may be in play (housing, addiction, mental illness) and identifying who should advocate solutions to other levels of government but
- Collect and disseminate good news stories
- Identify things that are working and things that can be improved
- More members may be asked to join this Committee to enhance effectiveness
- Make recommendations on actions that can be addressed at the City staff level
- **Present a report through our Council Liaison to Council on formal requests that require Council approval/direction**