

# Introduction

- Responsible Industry Edmonton is a group of licensed premise including restaurants, pubs, lounges, and nightclubs who have come together to create a safer more vibrant Edmonton
- It is our hope to work with the different government bodies, AGLC, EPS, City of Edmonton, PSCT etc to achieve this goal

# Stakeholders Represented Today

- Backstage Support Services
- Billiards Club
- Boodang Music Canada
- Cactus Club (Jasper Ave)
- Cactus Club (West Edmonton Mall)
- Central Social Hall
- Connected Entertainment
- Cook County Saloon
- Diamonds
- E-Bar
- Eden
- Encore
- Filthy McNasty's
- Hudsons Canadian Taphouse (All Locations)
- Invinceable Events
- Joeys (Various Locations)
- Julios Barrio
- Knoxville Tavern
- Lloyd Sadd Insurance Brokers Ltd.
- Mixx Nightclub
- On The Rocks
- Original Joes (Various Locations)
- Pawn Shop
- Public House
- Servall Data Systems
- SET Nightclub
- Showgirls
- Sou Kawai Zen Lounge
- Squires
- Studio 107
- The Buckingham
- The Druid
- The Pint (Downtown)
- The Pint (Whyte Ave)
- The Ranch
- Twist Ultra Lounge
- Union Hall
- Upstares Ultra Lounge
- Urban Metropolis Entertainment
- Whiskey Rock

# Background

- In 2010 an Economic Impact Assessment was done by Responsible Hospitality Edmonton. Their findings were that this industry has a huge impact on the economy of Edmonton:

• Total Economic Output	\$686,511,073
• Gross Domestic Product	\$310,008,796
• # of Full-Time Equivalent Jobs	5,807
• Estimated Attendance	20,622,000
• # Of Licensed Seats	79,900
- This is only inclusive of late night venues open after midnight. Which accounts for only 23% of licensed establishments in the city

# Reason For Today's Meeting

- ▶ As Edmonton is a booming city we have began to see an increase in violent activity over the recent years.
  - ▶ Such initiatives as the formation of entertainment zones with beat patrol, strong enforcement of the gaming and liquor act 69.1, best bar none, the PSCT, and other such programs have been widely successful in combating problems caused by being a large city. However from the trends we as industry have noticed they are not enough.
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# The Problem

- ▶ As an industry one of our strongest focus's is having a safe environment for our clientele.
  - ▶ Everyone knows that one act of violence can ruin a business.
  - ▶ Currently we are working closely with EPS on the initiative of violence suppression.
  - ▶ The problem that we are seeing is that displacement is occurring when the beat patrols are not present, the dangerous people are having their way. For instance in the entertainment zones it is well known there are no beats Sunday–Tuesday. So those are when the bad guys come out.
  - ▶ Again due to displacement; In non Entertainment Zones the EPS Patrol Divisions are so busy dealing with whatever might come their way they do not have time to give the licensed premises any attention. When they have shown up more often than not it has been officers who are not trained in how to properly handle the situations and wind up putting the venue, it's staff, and patrons at risk.
  - ▶ The majority of violent acts are not happening inside licensed premise but outside where we as business owners and operators have little or no power to intervene.
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# Possible Solutions

- Responsible Industry Edmonton strongly supports violence reduction and we are here to offer our experience as a tool to help the police commission in it's decision making. By working together we can make Edmonton's licensed premise a reason to attract new and exciting industry and people to our city.
- "Social offerings, such as entertainment venues and places to meet, are among the top 3 reasons people choose where they live" Knights Foundation – Soul of the Community Report.
- In other large cities across Canada we have seen the formation of Violence Suppression teams where that is all they focus on and it has been largely successful. These teams work 24/7 and have specialized training in dealing with licensed establishments. Cities such as Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary and even Winnipeg! It is our hope that the police commission looks at these other models in deciding how to handle the gaps in policing created by the removal of special duty officers.

# Summary

- Edmonton's safe and vibrant hospitality industry is a big part of the city
- Responsible industry Edmonton hopes to work with government bodies on solutions to benefit the city as a whole
- There is a problem with violence in the city
- What can we all do to ensure this threat to our city is minimized and eventually eliminated?