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Alberta raises the bar on bar safety

New council to coordinate provincial efforts to combat liquor related violence

Edmonton... Creating a safe environment for patrons and staff at bars and nightclubs in Alberta is the goal of the new Alberta Safer Bars Council (ASBC).

The new council will provide input to the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) on policy development and implementation of best practices to help reduce the number of violent incidents in and around licensed venues.

Members were chosen based on their knowledge of Alberta's liquor industry and the issues surrounding violence in and around licensed premises. The 24 individuals represent police agencies, municipalities, liquor and hospitality industries and several government departments.

"This is a growing concern in our society that government can't solve in isolation," said Fred Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, responsible for the AGLC. "Everyone has a role to play and I'm pleased to see such a broad range of knowledge, experience and diverse perspectives around the table to address this issue."

Members of the council were appointed by the AGLC and will serve a two-year term.

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Backgrounder: List of organizations represented on the ASBC

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The Alberta Safer Bars Council

Edmonton... Membership in the Alberta Safer Bars Council consists of 24 individuals representing a broad range of liquor industry partners who possess extensive knowledge, diverse perspectives and valuable experience. The council includes representatives from:

- Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission
- Alberta liquor licensees (6)
- Alberta Liquor Store Association
- Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission
- Alberta Health and Wellness
- Alberta Hotel and Lodging Association
- Alberta Justice and Attorney General
- Alberta Liquor Industry Round Table
- Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
- Calgary Police Service
- Canada's National Brewers
- Canadian Restaurant Foodservices Association
- City of Calgary
- City of Edmonton
- City of Red Deer (2)
- Edmonton Police Service
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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