

CONTINUING ABATEMENT

Along with this pamphlet you'll receive a description of the removal technique applied to your unique building, including a description of any removal product used, the associated application procedure, and similar products and suppliers to aid you with your ongoing upkeep.

All graffiti, including reoccurrence, should be reported to Katie Grubbe at Downtown Kingston! prior to removal in order for it to be photographed and documented.

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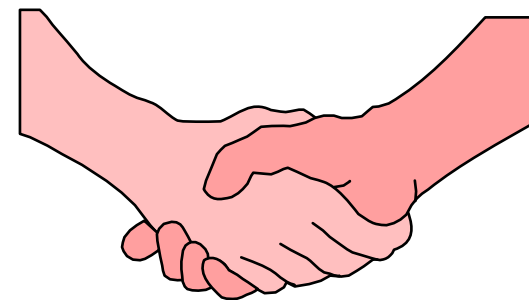
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Graffiti Prevention

A Proactive Community
Eradication Program



KEEPING OUR STREETS
CLEAN AND OUR
DOWNTOWN VIBRANT
AND INVITING

WHAT IS GRAFFITI?

Graffiti is any writing, drawing or symbols applied to, including the placement of posters or advertisements, any public or private property without consent.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A major contributor to graffiti prevention is community involvement. In order to accomplish successful graffiti eradication in the downtown core, all community parties need to participate. This includes the businesses, property owners, police, the city, BIA, etc.

A partnership between the Downtown Kingston! BIA, The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston and the Davies Charitable Foundation has recently began a graffiti removal and prevention program for Kingston. This program is supplemented by a new property standards by-law that includes graffiti on commercial buildings as well as on “structures” – that is, lamp posts, benches, utility boxes etc.

HOW GRAFFITI AFFECTS YOU

Graffiti affects the local economy. It conveys a sense of disorder and neglect towards the overall state of the community. Vacant buildings littered with graffiti are less likely to be sold or leased than clean, well-kept buildings. These vacancies increase the impression of a downward spiral.

DETECTING GRAFFITI

1. **Rapid Removal:** Prompt removal is most effective method of deterring vandals. If the graffiti is removed within 24 hours after initial instances as well as reoccurrence, offenders will cease to waste their time and supplies as it undermines their efforts for peer recognition. New graffiti is also considerably easier to remove, as the paint will not have had adequate time to set.
2. **Exterior Upkeep:** Keep the exterior of your building and surrounding area clean and tidy. An unkempt surrounding gives the

impression that the owner is not attentive to the property and thus it becomes a target, in the hope that the tag will remain longer. Also, proper lighting lifts the cloaking that the night provides and thus deters potential vandals.

3. **Control Access:** Limit access to rooftops by moving dumpsters away from walls. Plant shrubs, thorny plants or vines to restrict access, as well as cover exposed, blank walls.
 4. **Chronically Hit Walls:** Due to location and accessibility some walls are plagued with a much higher incidence of graffiti. For these cases other options include the application of an anti-graffiti protective coating or the commissioning of a mural. It is rare that a wall adorned by a mural will be tagged.
 5. **Keep Your Eyes Opened:** Report any suspicious activity directly to the police at 549-4660. Ask for the zone officer or foot patrol officer.
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