

Municipal Policies and Programs that Reduce Poverty

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City/strategy	Food Security	Homelessness	Housing	Recreation	Affordable Transportation	Poverty Reduction
Vancouver	What Feeds Us: Vancouver Food Strategy 2013	Vancouver's Housing and Homelessness Strategy, 2012-2021, A Home for Everyone, Approved 2011.	Associated work: 1. Affordable Homes for Everyone , 2. Housing the Homeless and At Risk , 3. Resources for Renters , 4. Resources for Homeless Renters	Vancouver Sport Strategy 2008	Transportation 2040 2012	None currently. Supportive initiatives: 1. Community Grants , 2. Diversity in Hiring , 3. Vancouver Economic Commission , 4. Vancouver's Housing and Homelessness Strategy
Calgary	Calgary EATS! Vision&Action Plan, 2012	1. 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, 2008, updated 2011 2. Updated Plan, 2015 3. Plan to End Youth Homelessness in Calgary, 2011 4. Plan to End Aboriginal Homeless in Calgary, 2012 (all administered by Calgary Homeless Foundation)	City's Role in Affordable Housing	Fee Assistance for Recreation	Low Income Monthly Pass	Enough for All Poverty Reduction Strategy, 2015 Additional: FCSS Family and Community Support Services (supports locally-driven preventive initiatives) FCSSAA Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta
Edmonton	fresh: Edmonton's Food & Urban Agricultural Strategy, 2012 Food Council established, 2014	A Place to Call Home: 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, 2009	Housing & Economic Sustainability Branch , work includes: Cornerstones II: 2012-16 . A 2 nd 5-year plan for Affordable Housing	Leisure Access Program for low-income earners	May 2014, summary report begun of the low-income transit pass pilot project.	EndPovertyEdmonton (Mayor's Task Force), 2014. Strategy due September 2015.
Toronto	Toronto Food Strategy (currently under review)	Homelessness Partnership Strategy supports: 2014-2019 Housing Stability Service Planning Framework	2014-2019 Housing Stability Service Planning Framework	Welcome Policy: Financial Assistance for Low-Income Families	July 2014: Council votes to study fare discounts for low-income residents	TOProsperity: Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy will be submitted to City Council in summer 2015 Research on Poverty
Montréal	definitions, descriptions	Parce que la rue est une impasse, Homelessness policy, 2014-17	Accès-Logis (social housing components: low rent, rent	Lower-cost access, membership card: Accès Montréal Card		Social economy focus: The Social Economy Partnership for Community-Based Sustainable

Montréal (continued)			supplement, affordable) Strategy for the inclusion of affordable housing in new residential projects 2014-2017 Action Plan to Combat Unsanitary Housing <i>Plan de fidélisation des familles 2014-2017</i> Counters suburban flight for cheaper housing			Development (begun in 2006). Overview
Halifax*			City's role in Affordable Housing			Mayor's note, Healthy and Livable Community
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* The Halifax municipal website states: “The management and employees support council decision making, recognize and encourage diversity and deliver efficient, effective and responsive services for the residents of Halifax.” Currently favouring programmatic responses over policy or strategy development, watch this space for details on municipal services in the areas under review.

Other related policies

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City/strategy	Overall Direction	Sustainability-focused	Neighbourhood-focused	Equity-focused
Vancouver		Greenest City 2020 Action Plan	Neighbourhood Planning	Accessible City Aboriginal Communities Diversity and Multiculturalism Seniors, Women and Youth
Calgary		Sustainability Directions for 2020, 2014 annual report (goals) Triple Bottom Line (economic, social, environmental) Fair Calgary (ensuring equity of access to programming), 2012	Strong Neighbourhoods Initiative	Fair Entry (single entry system for all City subsidy programs) Accessibility Policy Age-Friendly Strategy (under development) Diversity issues: Welcoming Community Policy Aboriginal Policy Payday Lending, Municipal Oversight
Edmonton	Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan (to 2010)	Sustainable Development	Neighbourhood Revitalization	Edmonton Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (volunteer, Council appointed) Age Friendly Edmonton People with Disabilities
Toronto	Official Plan (to 2031) Indicators (2015 Q1): Toronto Social Development Dashboard Q2 due June 24, 2015 Indicators explained, PowerPoint slides	Environment and Energy Division Climate Change Action Plan (2007)	Neighbourhoods and Communities	Newcomers – Access T.O. Toronto's Seniors Forum Working Group: "Building an Equitable City Together"
Montréal	Building Montreal 2025 Master Plan, English Indicators (French only)	Montréal Community Sustainable Development Plan, 2010-15 (progress reports every two years) Montreal Urban Agglomeration Land Use and Development Plan (draft Sept. 2014)	Revitalisation urbaine intégrée (integrated urban revitalization, by borough)	
Halifax	Regional Plan (2014-31): long-range, region-wide planning policies for growth and development 2015-16 Priority Outcome Discussion and Direction	HRM Energy and Environment Office, corporate lead for sustainability and environmental policy, strategy, reporting, and performance monitoring	Neighbourhood Placemaking provides guidance, funding and support to community members interested in hosting a project in their neighbourhood.	Halifax Accessibility, Accessibility Advisory Cte. Age-Friendly Cities Project (prov)

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Other resources

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – [Quality of Life Reporting System](#)
- FCM – [Roadmap for Election 2015](#)
- [Neighbourhood Change](#) (launched in 2012)
- City of Toronto – [Municipal Poverty Reduction Strategies Across Canada: A Summary Report of Emerging Principles and Practices](#), (September 2014)