

Municipal Policies and Programs that Reduce Poverty (published January, June, September)

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City/strategy	Food Security	Homelessness	Housing	Recreation	Affordable Transportation	Poverty Reduction
Vancouver	<p>What Feeds Us: Vancouver Food Strategy 2013</p> <p>Strategy background, news</p> <p>Sole Food Street Farms – transforming pavement to food, jobs; City funding</p>	<p>Vancouver’s Housing and Homelessness Strategy, 2012-2021, A Home for Everyone, Approved 2011.</p> <p>Homelessness Count 2015</p>	<p>Housing page, consolidates research & housing information</p>	<p>Leisure Access Program, OneCard discount card for low-income residents</p>	<p>(BC Bus Pass; province offers low-cost pass for seniors, low-income earners)</p>	<p>No specific plan.</p> <p>Goal 5 of “A Healthy City for All” aims to reduce the city’s poverty rate by 75% by 2025 and increase the median income by at least 3% every year</p> <p>City Council reviewing plan to support BC Poverty Reduction Coalition’s Poverty Reduction Strategy</p> <p>Supportive initiatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Childcare initiatives Community Grants, Diversity in Hiring, Vancouver Economic Commission, Vancouver’s Housing and Homelessness Strategy
Calgary	<p>Calgary EATS! Vision&Action Plan, 2012</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	<p>City’s Role in Affordable Housing</p>	<p>Fee Assistance for Recreation</p>	<p>Low Income Monthly Pass</p>	<p>Enough for All Poverty Reduction Strategy, 2015</p> <p>Enough for All Quarterly Report, Jan. 20 edition</p> <p>Additional: FCSS Family and Community Support Services (supports locally-driven preventive initiatives)</p> <p>FCSSAA Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta</p>
Edmonton	<p>fresh: Edmonton’s Food & Urban Agricultural Strategy, 2012</p> <p>Food Council established,</p>	<p>A Place to Call Home: 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, 2009</p>	<p>Housing & Economic Sustainability Branch, work includes: Cornerstones II: 2012-16. A 2nd 5-year</p>	<p>Leisure Access Program for low-income earners</p>	<p>May 2014, summary report begun of the low-income transit pass pilot project.</p>	<p>EndPovertyEdmonton Strategy, updated & approved by City Council, Dec.2015, 28 priorities</p> <p>Strategy News</p>

	2013. Food Council 2016 work plan focusing on food security.		plan for Affordable Housing; First Place Program, an affordable housing program for 1 st time home buyers			10-year EndPovertyEdmonton Roadmap due in Spring 2016
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	TO Prosperity Poverty reduction strategy adopted by Council, Nov.2015 Research on Poverty
Montréal Montréal (continued)	definitions, descriptions	<i>Parce que la rue est une impasse</i> , Homelessness policy, 2014-17 July 2015 Release of the homelessness count report Link Position created for a homelessness 'protector' Two warming room grants renewed	Accès-Logis (social housing components: low rent, rent supplement, affordable) Updated, Dec '15 Strategy for the inclusion of affordable housing in new residential projects Updated, Dec '15 2014-2017 Action Plan to Combat Unsanitary Housing <i>Plan de fidélisation des familles 2014-2017</i> Counters suburban flight for cheaper housing	Lower-cost access, membership card: Accès Montréal Card		Social economy focus: The Social Economy Partnership for Community-Based Sustainable Development (begun in 2006). Overview
Halifax*	Mobile Food Market Project		City's role in Affordable Housing Halifax Housing Needs Assessment		3 affordable transportation projects , assistance from the province	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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Vancouver	A Healthy City for All (12 areas, goals & targets, 2014-25) First 4-year Action Plan adopted July '15	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 (approved by Council June 2015) Diversity issues: Welcoming Community Policy and Welcoming Calgary Local Immigration Partnership Aboriginal Policy Payday Lending, Municipal Oversight	Monthly Labour Market Review Calgary and Area Labour Market 2015 - Q1 Report
Edmonton	Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan (to 2010) City Vision and The Way strategic plans	Energy & Climate Change in Edmonton Edmonton's Energy Transition Strategy The Way We Green: Edmonton's Environmental Strategic Plan	Neighbourhood Strategy and Supports Program (formerly "Great Neighbourhoods")	Edmonton Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (volunteer, Council appointed) Aboriginal Relations Office Multicultural Relations Services Age Friendly Edmonton Child Friendly Edmonton and Nextgen People with Disabilities	Monthly Labour Force Survey Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative
Toronto	Official Plan (to 2031) City of Toronto Strategic Actions (2013-18)	Environment and Energy Division Climate Change Action Plan (2007) Transformation Toronto 2050	Neighbourhoods and Communities Wellbeing Toronto, web app allows viewer to combine various indicators about neighbourhood wellbeing	Newcomers – Access T.O. Toronto's Seniors Forum and Progress report, Dec.9/15	Toronto Labour Market and Information

	<p>Indicators (November 2015): Toronto Social Development Dashboard</p> <p><i>Indicators explained, PowerPoint slides</i></p>	<p>project; terms of reference adopted May 2015 (2-year project)</p>	<p>(to access, Google “Wellbeing Toronto”)</p>	<p>Working Group: “Building an Equitable City Together”</p>	
Montréal	<p>Building Montréal 2025 Master Plan, English</p> <p>Indicators (French only)</p>	<p>Montréal Community Sustainable Development Plan, 2010-15 (progress reports every two years)</p> <p>Montréal Urban Agglomeration Land Use and Development Plan (enacted April 1, 2015)</p>	<p>Revitalisation urbaine intégrée (integrated urban revitalization, by borough)</p>		<p>Provincial Government (Emploi Quebec) employment and labour market report, Region of Montreal (available in French)</p>
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Another resource

City of Toronto – [Municipal Poverty Reduction Strategies Across Canada: A Summary Report of Emerging Principles and Practices](#)