

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

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Victoria	<p>Urban Food Systems</p> <p>Growing in the City initiative - kitchen gardens, community orchards and gardens, City Studio downtown garden project</p> <p>Boulevard Gardening Guidelines</p>	<p>Mayor's Task Force on Affordable Housing</p> <p>RFP for storage of shopping carts used by the homeless population. [See City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2015-2018, Objective 7, p.12]</p> <p>Participation in 2016 Homeless Count</p>	<p>2014 Housing Report</p> <p>Municipal Housing Strategy</p> <p>Secondary Suites guidelines</p> <p>Garden Suites policy</p> <p>Council resolution to CRD for affordable housing levy</p>	<p>LIFE program provides annual credit and program savings to eligible low-income individuals and families</p> <p>Community Centres – operated by neighbourhood associations</p> <p>Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan Process</p> <p>Crystal Pool public engagement process</p>	<p>(BC Bus Pass; province offers low-cost pass for seniors, low-income earners)</p> <p>Biketoria initiative to build protected bike lanes</p> <p>Douglas Street dedicated bus lanes</p>	<p>[See City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2015-2018, Objective 5, p.9]</p>
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>May 2016: City releases 2016 homeless count results and updates on low-income housing</p>	<p>Housing page, consolidates research & housing information</p> <p>Jan.31/16: City set to approve first Downtown Eastside tower with 60% social housing requirement</p> <p>Aug.2016: City building 400 new affordable homes on four City-owned sites worth \$50 million</p> <p>Aug.2016: Province introduces Property Transfer Tax, (PTT)</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>July 2016: Mobi bike share program launched</p>	<p>No specific plan. 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 supports BC Poverty Reduction Coalition's call for a provincial poverty reduction plan</p> <p>Supportive initiatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Childcare initiatives 2.Community Grants, 3.Diversity in Hiring, 4.Vancouver Economic Commission, 5.Vancouver's Housing and Homelessness Strategy

			Sept.10, 2016 PTT rules clarification			
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Calgary	Calgary Eats: A Food System Assessment and Action Plan for Calgary	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)	July 2016: Foundations for Home: Calgary's Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy	Fee Assistance for Recreation Fair Entry Program established – 1 application for City subsidized programs (Including Calgary Recreation's Fee Assistance program)	Fair Entry Program established – 1 application for City subsidized programs (including Calgary Transit's Low Income Monthly Pass (adult and youth) May 2016: Province invests \$13.5 million over 3 years in city's Low Income Transit Pass July 2016 , City of Calgary approves a sliding scale fare structure for Transit's Low Income Monthly pass (see Sliding Scale report, Council Minutes 6.1)	Enough for All Poverty Reduction Strategy, 2015 Enough for All Quarterly report, April 2016 edition Additional: FCSS Family and Community Support Services. Partnership with AB govt; supports preventive social programs including poverty reduction
Edmonton	fresh: Edmonton's Food & Urban Agricultural Strategy, 2012 Food Council established, 2013. Food Council 2016 work plan focusing on food security.	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; First Place Program for 1 st time home buyers	Leisure Access Program for low-income earners	May 2016: Province invests \$6.2 million over 3 years towards a Low Income Transit Pass in Edmonton	EndPovertyEdmonton Strategy, updated & approved by City Council, Dec.2015, 28 priorities May 2016: City approves End Poverty in a Generation: A Road Map to Guide Our Journey
Toronto	Toronto Food Strategy (currently under review) May 2016: Grab Some Good initiative (food trucks, pop-up markets, cornerstore involvement)	Homelessness Partnership Strategy supports December 2013: 2014-2019 Housing Stability Service Planning Framework	2014-2019 Housing Stability Service Planning Framework Housing Opportunities Toronto, the 10-year affordable housing action plan, is undergoing a 5-year review	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 Sept.24 workshop to shape the work of the Lived Experience Advisory Group

			June 2016: City to review key aspects of the Housing Stabilization Fund			
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Montréal	<p>definitions, descriptions</p> <p>portrait of food security</p>	<p><i>Parce que la rue est une impasse</i>, Homelessness policy, 2014-17</p> <p>July 2015 Release of the homelessness count report Link Complementary Survey of homeless people, August 2015</p> <p>Homelessness 'protector' hired April 2016, former director of L'itinéraire</p> <p>Two warming room grants renewed</p> <p>Public consultation for the redevelopment of Viger Square</p>	<p>Accès-Logis (social housing components: low rent, rent supplement, affordable)</p> <p>Strategy for the inclusion of affordable housing in new residential projects</p> <p>2014-2017 Action Plan to Combat Unsanitary Housing</p> <p><i>Plan de fidélisation des familles 2014-2017</i> Counters suburban flight for cheaper housing</p> <p>July 2016: Report on <i>accessible and adapted housing</i> in the social and community housing stock</p>	<p>Lower-cost access, membership card: Accès Montréal Card</p>		<p>Social economy focus: The Social Economy Partnership for Community-Based Sustainable Development (begun in 2006). Overview</p>
Halifax*	<p>Mobile Food Market Project</p>		<p>City's role in Affordable Housing</p> <p>Sept.2015: Halifax Housing Needs Assessment</p> <p>Sept.2016: affordable housing report; awaiting Council approval</p> <p>Sept.2016: density incentive housing report; awaiting Council approval</p>	<p>Community Facility Master Plan</p> <p>The Playbook – a sports and rec guide for people with disabilities</p>	<p>3 affordable transportation projects, assistance from the province</p> <p>Low-income transit pass pilot project, Sept.2016-Feb.2017</p>	<p>Mayor's note, Healthy and Livable Community</p>

Other related policies

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Victoria	<p>Official Community Plan, Updated March 2016. Annual Review, Dec. 2015</p> <p>City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2015-2018, amended Feb. 2016</p> <p>Strategic Plan website area</p> <p>Civic Engagement Strategy</p>	<p>Economic Development and Downtown Prosperity Task Force</p> <p>Action plan: Making Victoria, Unleashing Potential. 6 economic dev. engines: Advanced Education and Research & Development; Ocean & Marine sector; Experiential Tourism; Government; Techno-logy; Entrepreneurship, Start-Ups & Social Enterprise</p> <p>E-vehicle city fleet</p>	<p>Neighbourhood plans 2016 posting: 10 new plans will be created over the next 4 years. They will focus on neighbourhood village centres, transportation corridors community priorities</p> <p>Great Neighbourhoods Initiative (link includes information on the Great Neighbourhood Placemaking grant program)</p>	<p>Accessibility Task Force</p> <p>Recreation Integration Victoria (RIV): “Facilitating active lifestyles for people with disabilities.”</p> <p>Youth Council</p> <p>2016 action: Council Liaison to work with Esquimalt and Songhees Nations [See City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2015-2018, Objective 2, p.5]</p> <p>Truth and Reconciliation [See City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2015-2018, Objective 7, p.13]</p> <p>Youth Strategy “For Youth, By Youth” [See City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2015-2018, Objective 2, p.5]</p>	
Vancouver	<p>A Healthy City for All (12 areas, goals & targets, 2014-25) First 4-year Action Plan adopted July '15</p>	<p>Webpage: Greenest City Action Plan</p> <p>Greenest City 2020 Action Plan</p> <p>Greenest City 2020 Action Plan Part Two: 2015-2020</p> <p>2014-15 Implementation Update</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Planning</p> <p>July 2016: New Grandview-Woodland Community Plan, affordable housing a top priority</p>	<p>Accessible City</p> <p>Aboriginal Communities</p> <p>Diversity and Multiculturalism</p> <p>Seniors, Women and Youth</p>	
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Calgary			Strong Neighbourhoods Initiative	<p>Fair Entry (single entry system for all City subsidy programs)</p> <p>Dec.2013: December 2013, Council directed Administration to move forward with design and implementation of a single-entry service model.)</p> <p>Fair Calgary (approved by Council November 2006)</p> <p>Dec. 2005: Accessibility Policy</p> <p>Age-Friendly Strategy and Implementation Plan 2015-18 (approved by Council June 2015)</p> <p>Diversity issues: Jan. 2011: Welcoming Community Policy and Welcoming Calgary Local Immigration Partnership</p> <p>June 2016: Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) Strategic Plan 2014 – 2023 and CAUAC’s White Goose Flying Report (a local adaptation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s calls to action)</p> <p>June 2016: Payday Lending and Financial Inclusion Task Force Report,</p>	<p>Monthly Labour Market Review</p> <p>Calgary and Area Labour Market 2016 - Q1 Report</p>
Edmonton	<p>Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan (to 2010)</p> <p>City Vision and <i>The Way</i> strategic plans</p>	<p>Energy & Climate Change in Edmonton</p> <p>Edmonton’s Energy Transition Strategy</p> <p><i>The Way We Green: Edmonton’s</i></p>	<p>Neighbourhood Strategy and Supports Program (formerly “Great Neighbourhoods”)</p>	<p>Edmonton Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (volunteer, Council appointed)</p> <p>Aboriginal Relations Office</p> <p>Multicultural Relations Services</p>	<p>Monthly Labour Force Survey</p> <p>Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative</p>

		Environmental Strategic Plan		Age Friendly Edmonton (part of a global movement) Child Friendly Edmonton and Nextgen People with Disabilities	
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Toronto	Official Plan (to 2031) City of Toronto Strategic Actions (2013-18) Indicators (March 2016) next edition expected Oct. 13 2016 Toronto Social Development Dashboard website Indicators explained, PowerPoint slides	Environment and Energy Division Climate Change Action Plan (2007) Transformation Toronto 2050 project; terms of reference adopted May 2015 (2-year project) May 2016: City selected as new member of the 100 Resilient Cities Network	Neighbourhoods and Communities Wellbeing Toronto, web app allows viewer to combine various indicators about neighborhood wellbeing (to access, Google “Wellbeing Toronto”)	Newcomers – Access T.O. Toronto’s Seniors Forum and Progress report , Dec.9/15 Working Group: “ Building an Equitable City Together ”	Toronto Labour Market and Information
Montréal	Building Montréal 2025 Master Plan , English Indicators (French only)	Montréal Community Sustainable Development Plan, 2010-15 (progress reports every two years) Montréal Urban Agglomeration Land Use and Development Plan (enacted April 1, 2015)	Revitalisation urbaine intégrée (integrated urban revitalization, by borough) Stratégie Centre-Ville . Consultation document for Fall 2016 event.		Provincial Government (Emploi Quebec) employment and labour market report, Region of Montreal (available in French)
Halifax		Sustainability in HRM		Inclusion website Accessibility website The Playbook – a sports and rec guide for people with disabilities	
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Additional resources

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

Vibrant Communities Canada, Cities Reducing Poverty maintains a [web collection](#) of Canadian cities’ poverty reduction strategies.