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VICTORIA, BC

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<p>Growing in the City initiative - kitchen gardens, community orchards and gardens, urban food trees, bees and hens, boulevard gardening</p> <p>Food Production Businesses</p>	<p>Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability</p> <p>Participation in 2016 Homeless Count</p>	<p>2015 Annual Housing Report</p> <p>Victoria Housing Strategy 2016-25</p> <p>Secondary Suites staff report</p>	<p>LIFE program provides annual credit and program savings to eligible low-income individuals and families</p> <p>Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan Process</p> <p>Try It Free Program</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>

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<p>Official Community Plan, Updated June 2016. Annual Review, July 2016</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; Technology; Entrepreneurship, Start-Ups & Social Enterprise</p> <p>E-vehicle city fleet</p>	<p>Neighbourhood plans</p> <p>Great Neighbourhoods Initiative</p>	<p>Accessibility Working Group</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>	<p>Nov. 2016: Work BC, Vancouver Island/Coast regional profile</p>

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<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>Budget 2017 pledges \$80-million in affordable housing, the largest one-time investment in the city’s history</p> <p>Jan.2017: city introduces the Empty Homes Tax (to be reinvested in affordable housing)</p> <p>Aug.2016: Province introduces Property Transfer Tax, (PTT)</p> <p>Sept.10, 2016 PTT rules clarification</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 7 of “A Healthy City for All” (2015-18, Phase 2) 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

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<p>A Healthy City for All (12 areas, goals & targets, 2014-25)</p> <p>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

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<p>Calgary Food System Assessment and Action Plan</p>	<p>1.10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, 2008, updated 2011</p> <p>2.Updated Plan, 2015</p> <p>3.Plan to End Youth Homelessness in Calgary, 2011</p> <p>4.Plan to End Aboriginal Homeless in Calgary, 2012 (all administered by Calgary Homeless Foundation)</p>	<p>Role of the City in Affordable Housing</p>	<p>Fee Assistance for Recreation</p>	<p>Fair Entry Program established – 1 application for City subsidized programs (including Calgary Transit’s Low Income Monthly Pass (adult and youth))</p> <p>May 2016: Province invests \$13.5 million over 3 years in city’s Low Income Transit Pass</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>Enough for All website</p> <p>Enough for All Poverty Reduction Strategy, 2015</p> <p>Enough for All Quarterly report, October 2016 edition</p> <p>Additional: FCSS Family and Community Support Services. Partnership with AB govt; supports preventive social programs including poverty reduction</p> <p>June 2016: Payday Lending and Financial Inclusion Task Force Report</p>

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		<p>Strong Neighbourhoods Initiative</p>	<p>Fair Entry (single entry system for all City subsidy progs.)</p> <p>Nov. 2006: Fair Calgary</p> <p>Dec. 2005: Accessibility Policy</p> <p>June 2015: Age-Friendly Strategy and Implementation Plan 2015-18</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)</p> <p>CAUAC, May 2016: White Goose Flying Report (local response to TRC’s calls to action)</p>	<p>Monthly Labour Market Review</p> <p>December 2016</p>

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<p>fresh: Edmonton's Food & Urban Agricultural Strategy, 2012</p> <p>Food Council established, 2013. Website</p>	<p>A Place to Call Home: 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, 2009</p>	<p>Real Estate and Housing Branch, advocates for safe, affordable housing. 10 initiatives include: Cornerstones; First Place Program for 1st time home buyers</p> <p>Affordable Housing Strategy, 2016-2025</p>	<p>Leisure Access Program for low-income earners</p>	<p>May 2016: Province invests \$6.2 million over 3 years towards a Low Income Transit Pass in Edmonton (Sept.2017 start)</p>	<p>EndPoverty Edmonton Task Force</p> <p>EndPovertyEdmonton Strategy, updated & approved by City Council, Dec.2015, 28 priorities</p> <p>May 2016: City approves End Poverty in a Generation: A Road Map to Guide Our Journey</p>

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<p>Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan (approved May 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:</i> Edmonton's Environmental Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Strategy and Supports Program (formerly "Great Neighbourhoods")</p>	<p>Edmonton Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (volunteer, Council appointed)</p> <p>Indigenous Relations</p> <p>Multicultural Relations Services</p> <p>Age Friendly Edmonton (part of a global movement)</p> <p>Child Friendly Edmonton and Nextgen</p>	<p>Labour Force Survey Nov. 2016</p> <p>Indigenous recruitment and initiatives</p> <p>Disability recruitment and initiatives</p>

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<p>Toronto Food Strategy</p> <p>May 2016: Grab Some Good initiative (food trucks, pop-up markets, cornerstore involvement)</p> <p>Sept 2016: Who's Hungry? Toronto profile, Daily Bread Food Bank</p>	<p>Homelessness Partnering Strategy</p> <p>December 2013: 2014-2019 Housing Stability Service Planning Framework</p>	<p>2014-2019 Housing Stability Service Planning Framework</p> <p>Affordable Housing website area</p>	<p>Welcome Policy: Financial Assistance for Low-Income Families</p>	<p>Dec. 2016: Adoption of Toronto Fair Pass Program (will begin March 2018)</p>	<p>TO Prosperity Poverty reduction strategy adopted by Council, Nov.2015</p> <p>Research on Poverty</p> <p>Lived Experience Advisory Group</p>

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<p>Official Plan (to 2031)</p> <p>City of Toronto Strategic Actions (2013-18)</p> <p>Toronto Progress Portal (municipal performance dashboard)</p> <p>Social Development Dashboard, October 2016 (social conditions)</p>	<p>Environment and Energy Transformation Toronto 2050 project; terms of reference adopted May 2015 (2-year project)</p> <p>May 2016: City selected as new member of the 100 Resilient Cities Network</p>	<p>Neighbourhoods and Communities</p> <p>Includes link to Toronto Demographics portal</p>	<p>Newcomers – Access T.O.</p> <p>Toronto's Seniors Forum</p> <p>Working Group: "Building an Equitable City Together"</p> <p>Youth Equity Strategy</p>	<p>Toronto Employment and Labour Market Information</p>

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MONTRÉAL

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<p>definitions, descriptions</p> <p>portrait of food security</p> <p>Oct. 2016: CULTIVATING HOPE: locally grown food initiative for 25,000 families</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</p> <p>Complementary Survey of homeless people, August 2015</p> <p>October 2016: Release of the The 2015-20 Montréal region intersectoral action plan on homelessness first year progress report</p> <p>Dec 2016: Upcoming Montréal action plan on homelessness</p>	<p><i>Accès-Logis</i> (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>Nov.2016: 3-year pilot project extended - offers help to vulnerable families whose dwellings require pest extermination</p>	<p>Lower-cost access, membership card: Accès Montréal Card</p>		<p>Nov. 2016: Launch of the public consultation regarding the city's future Social Development Policy (includes a wide range of measures aimed at reducing inequality)</p>

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<p>Building Montréal 2025</p> <p>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><i>Revitalisation urbaine intégrée</i> (integrated urban revitalization, by borough)</p> <p><i>Stratégie Centre-Ville</i>. Consultation document for Fall 2016 event.</p>	<p>Montréal intercultural council</p> <p>Nov 2016: Montréal receives Child Friendly City Accreditation</p>	<p>Provincial Government (<i>Emploi Québec</i>) employment and labour market report, Region of Montréal (available in French)</p>

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HALIFAX

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<p>Mobile Food Market Project</p> <p>Jan. 2017: pending: request to extend Halifax's support of the mobile food market</p>		<p>City's role in Affordable Housing</p> <p>Dec. 2016: Council approves Halifax Housing needs assessment</p> <p>Dec. 2016: Council approves Halifax Housing affordable housing report</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>

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<p>Dec. 2016: Council approves new priorities, including Social Development. Summary.</p>	<p>Sustainability in HRM</p>		<p>Inclusion website</p> <p>Accessibility website</p> <p>The Playbook – a sports and rec guide for people with disabilities</p>	