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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>2016 Point in Time [Homeless] Count</p> <p>Red Gov. PIT 2016 highlights [next PIT in 2018]</p>	<p>2015 Annual Housing Report</p> <p>Victoria Housing Strategy 2016-25</p> <p>Secondary Suites staff report</p> <p>Apr.2017: City allows garden suites in single family zones</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>All Ages and Abilities cycling route initiative to build protected bike lanes</p>	<p>[See City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2015-2018, Objective 5, p.10,11] amended, Jan.2017</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 Jan.2017</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>Green city vehicle 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." CityNews, June 2017</p> <p>Youth Council</p> <p>Truth and Reconciliation [See City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2015-2018, Objective 7, p.15]</p> <p>Implement Youth Strategy [See City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2015-2018, Objective 2, p.6].</p>	<p>Work BC, Vancouver Island/Coast regional profile [March 2017 figures]</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>April 2017: Metro Vancouver Homeless Count results and actions</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>Swim to Survive Free drowning prevention program</p>	<p>(BC Bus Pass; province offers low-cost pass for seniors, low-income earners)</p> <p>Mobi bike share program</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. Page: “Making ends meet and working well.”</p> <p>City Council supports BC Poverty Reduction Coalition’s call for a provincial poverty reduction plan</p> <p>Community Grants: 1.Childcare initiatives 2.Diversity in Hiring, More at: Link</p>

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<p>Healthy City Strategy (13 long-term goals) Background</p> <p>April 2017: City joins “100 Resilient Cities,” names officer</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>2015-16 implementation update</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Planning</p>	<p>Accessible City</p> <p>Aboriginal Communities</p> <p>Diversity and Multiculturalism</p> <p>Healthy City Strategy Expressing Ourselves</p> <p>Seniors, Women and Youth</p>	<p>Work BC Mainland/Southwest regional profile [March 2017 figures]</p>

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CALGARY

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Calgary Food System Assessment and Action Plan	1.10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, 2008, updated 2011 2.Updated Plan, 2015 3.Plan to End Youth Homelessness in Calgary, 2011 (all administered by Calgary Homeless Foundation) 4.Plan to End Aboriginal Homeless in Calgary, 2012 (administered by Aboriginal Standing Committee on Housing & Homelessness)	Role of the City in Affordable Housing Affordable Housing Strategy: Foundations for Home 2016-17	Fee Assistance for Recreation	Fair Entry Program established – 1 application for City subsidized programs (including Calgary Transit’s Low Income Monthly Pass (adult and youth)) April 2017: Council institutes sliding scale May 2016: Province invests \$13.5 million over 3 years in city’s Low Income Transit Pass	Enough for All website Quarterly Newsletter April 2017 Enough for All Poverty Reduction Strategy , May 2013 Additional: FCSS Family and Community Support Services . Partnership with AB govt; supports preventive social programs including poverty reduction

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ImagineCalgary (2006)	Triple Bottom Line Policy (2004) The 2020 Sustainability Direction 2014 Annual Report	Strong Neighbourhoods Initiative	Fair Entry (single entry system for all City subsidy progs.) Nov. 2006, amended Jan. 2012: Fair Calgary Dec. 2005: Accessibility Policy June 2015: Age-Friendly Strategy and Implementation Plan 2015-18 Diversity issues: Jan. 2011: Welcoming Community Policy and Welcoming Calgary Local Immigration Partnership June 2016: Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) [See internal link to CAUAC, May 2016: White Goose Flying Report (local response to TRC’s calls to action)] April 2017: Indigenous Policy	Monthly Labour Market Review , April 2017

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EDMONTON

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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, the Trade Transit Program. Passes available Aug. 2017; same eligibility screen as the Leisure Access Program</p> <p>Trade Transit Program</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>Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Strategy – due in 2018</p> <p>Edmonton's Energy Transition</p> <p>July 2011: <i>The Way We Green</i>: Edmonton's Environmental Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Strategy and Supports Program (formerly "Great Neighbourhoods")</p>	<p>Indigenous Relations</p> <p>Age Friendly Edmonton (part of a UN-led global movement)</p> <p>July 2010: People Plan – The Way We Live</p> <p>Child Friendly Edmonton (Strategy) and Nextgen</p>	<p>Labour Force Survey May 5, 2017</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>2015: Accelerating construction – Open Door Affordable Housing Program</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>TO Prosperity 2016 progress report, 2017 work plan</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</p> <p>Transform TO Climate action for a healthy, equitable, prosperous Toronto</p> <p>May 2017: Report 2</p> <p>May 2017: City to hire a Resilience Officer for 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>October 2016: Release of the The 2015-20 Montréal region intersectoral action plan on homelessness first year progress report</p> <p>Feb 2017: <i>Le Conseil jeunesse de Montréal and le Conseil des Montréalaises submit briefs on issues touching homeless youth and women</i></p> <p>May 2017: Launch of the Social inclusion Strategy, <i>Un 375e pour tous!</i>- The City of Montreal commits over \$1 million for the homeless population</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>Plan de fidélisation des familles 2014-2017</p> <p>Counters suburban flight for cheaper housing</p> <p>July 2016: Report on accessible and adapted housing 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>March 2017: Report release: “Distribution of social and community housing on the island of Montreal”</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 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>Stratégie Centre-Ville. Consultation document for Fall 2016 event.</p>	<p>Montréal intercultural council</p> <p>Nov 2016: Montréal receives Child Friendly City Accreditation</p> <p>June 2017: Public consultation on racial and social profiling</p>	<p>Provincial Government (<i>Emploi Québec</i>) employment and labour market report, Region of Montréal (available in French)</p>

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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>2017: Fed. Gov. Homelessness Partnership Strategy 2016 report highlights</p>	<p>Community Facility Master Plan</p> <p>Jan. 2017 Council presented with Master Plan 2</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>May 2017: Update – Low-income transit pass pilot to commence July 2017</p>	<p>Mayor's note, Healthy and Livable Community</p>

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<p>Dec. 2016: Council approves new priorities 2017-21, 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>	<p>Nova Scotia Labour Market Report</p>