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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>Fed Gov. PiT 2016 highlights [next PiT in 2018]</p>	<p>Apr.2017:City allows garden suites in single-family zones</p> <p>Victoria Housing Strategy 2016-25</p> <p>2015 Annual Housing Report</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>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>City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2015-2018, amended Jan.2017</p> <p>Official Community Plan, Updated June 2016. Annual Review, July 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 &amp; Development; Ocean &amp; Marine sector; Experiential Tourism; Government; Technology; Entrepreneurship, Start-Ups &amp; 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." RivNews, 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 [July 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>April 2017: Metro Vancouver Homeless Count results and actions</p> <p>Vancouver’s Housing and Homelessness Strategy, 2012-2021, A Home for Everyone, Approved 2011.</p>	<p>Housing page, consolidates research &amp; housing information. Dates to note: July 27 – 600 new social housing units.</p> <p>July 26 – social housing, homeless, housing supply details</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. 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>June 8, 2017: City now a Certified Living Wage employer</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: <a href="#">Link</a></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>Zero Waste Vancouver</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 Healthy City Strategy: “Expressing Ourselves”</p> <p>Seniors, Women and Youth</p>	<p>Work BC, Mainland/Southwest regional profile [July 2017 figures]</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 (all administered by Calgary Homeless Foundation)</p> <p>4.Plan to End Aboriginal Homeless in Calgary, 2012 (administered by Aboriginal Standing Committee on Housing &amp; Homelessness)</p>	<p>Role of the City in Affordable Housing</p> <p>Affordable Housing Strategy: Foundations for Home 2016-25</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) April 2017: Council institutes sliding scale</p> <p>May 2016: Province invests \$13.5 million over 3 years in city’s Low Income Transit Pass</p>	<p>Enough for All <a href="#">website Quarterly Newsletter, August 2017</a></p> <p>Enough for All Poverty Reduction Strategy, May 2013</p> <p>Additional: FCSS Family and Community Support Services. Partnership with AB govt; supports preventive social programs including poverty reduction</p>

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

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<p>Food Council established, 2013 <a href="#">Website</a></p> <p><a href="#">fresh: Edmonton's Food &amp; Urban Agricultural Strategy, 2012</a></p> <p><b>July 2017:</b> <a href="#">Edmonton's NextGen and the Edmonton Food Council's Fresh MEAET micro-funding forum</a></p>	<p><a href="#">A Place to Call Home: 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, 2009</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Real Estate and Housing Branch</a>, advocates for safe, affordable housing. 10 initiatives include: <a href="#">Cornerstones; First Place Program</a> for 1<sup>st</sup> time home buyers</p> <p><a href="#">Affordable Housing Strategy, 2016-2025</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Leisure Access Program</a> for low-income earners</p>	<p><a href="#">RIDE Transit Program</a> for low income earners <b>launched in Fall 2017</b></p> <p><a href="#">Fact sheet</a></p>	<p><a href="#">EndPoverty Edmonton Task Force</a></p> <p>May 2016: City approves <a href="#">End Poverty in a Generation: A Road Map to Guide Our Journey</a></p> <p><a href="#">EndPovertyEdmonton Strategy</a>, updated &amp; approved by City Council, Dec.2015, 28 priorities</p>

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<p><a href="#">Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan</a> (approved May 2010)</p> <p><a href="#">City Vision and The Way strategic plans</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Strategy</a> – due in 2018</p> <p><a href="#">Edmonton's Energy Transition</a></p> <p>July 2011: <a href="#">The Way We Green: Edmonton's Environmental Strategic Plan</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Neighbourhood Strategy and Supports Program</a> (formerly "Great Neighbourhoods")</p>	<p><a href="#">Indigenous Relations Age Friendly Edmonton</a> (part of a UN-led global movement)</p> <p>July 2010: <a href="#">People Plan – The Way We Live</a></p> <p><a href="#">Child Friendly Edmonton (strategy) and Nextgen</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Labour Force Survey July 2017</a></p> <p><a href="#">Indigenous recruitment and initiatives</a></p> <p><a href="#">Disability recruitment and initiatives</a></p>

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<p><a href="#">Toronto Food Strategy</a></p> <p>Sept 2016: <a href="#">Who's Hungry?</a> Toronto profile, Daily Bread Food Bank</p> <p>May 2016: <a href="#">Grab Some Good</a> initiative (food trucks, pop-up markets, cornerstore involvement)</p>	<p><a href="#">Homelessness Partnering Strategy</a></p> <p>December 2013: <a href="#">2014-2019 Housing Stability Service Planning Framework</a></p>	<p>2014-2019 <a href="#">Housing Stability Service Planning Framework</a></p> <p><a href="#">Affordable Housing</a> website area</p> <p>2015: Accelerating construction – <a href="#">Open Door Affordable Housing Program</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Welcome Policy: Financial Assistance for Low-Income Families</a></p>	<p>Dec. 2016: Adoption of <a href="#">Toronto Fair Pass Program</a> (will begin March 2018)</p>	<p><a href="#">Increase in Fair Wages Rates Effective from August 1, 2017</a></p> <p><a href="#">TO Prosperity 2016 progress report, 2017 work plan</a></p> <p><a href="#">TO Prosperity Poverty reduction strategy adopted by Council, Nov.2015</a></p> <p><a href="#">Research on Poverty</a></p> <p><a href="#">Lived Experience Advisory Group</a></p>

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<p><a href="#">Official Plan</a> (to 2031)</p> <p><a href="#">City of Toronto Strategic Actions (2013-18)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Update: Toronto Progress Portal</a> – data summaries in six areas: Community Vulnerability, Crime, Development and Construction, Economy, Revenue, Services.</p> <p><a href="#">Community Vulnerability area</a> includes <a href="#">food bank usage</a>, <a href="#">size of social housing waiting list</a>, <a href="#">child care fee subsidy wait list</a>, <a href="#">shelter use</a>.</p>	<p><a href="#">July 4, 2017: Council approves long-term path to reduce city-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent by 2050</a></p> <p><a href="#">Environment and Energy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Transform TO</a> Climate action for a healthy, equitable, prosperous Toronto</p> <p>May 2017: <a href="#">Report 2</a></p> <p>May 2017: City to hire a Resilience Officer for <a href="#">100 Resilient Cities Network</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Neighbourhoods and Communities</a></p> <p>Includes link to <a href="#">Toronto Demographics</a> portal</p>	<p><a href="#">Council adopts staff report "Towards an Action Plan for Transgender Youth"</a></p> <p><a href="#">Newcomers – Access T.O.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Toronto's Seniors Forum</a></p> <p>Working Group: <a href="#">"Building an Equitable City Together"</a></p> <p><a href="#">Youth Equity Strategy</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Toronto Employment and Labour Market Information</a></p> <p><a href="#">Quarterly Workforce Statistics, June 2017</a></p>

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**MONTRÉAL**

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<p>definitions, descriptions</p> <p>portrait of food security</p> <p>Oct. 2016: <a href="#">CULTIVATING HOPE</a>: locally grown food initiative for 25,000 families</p>	<p><b>July 2017:</b> Launch of an <a href="#">online tool for monitoring homelessness</a></p> <p>May 2017: Launch of the Social inclusion Strategy, <a href="#">Un 375e pour tous!</a> Montréal commits \$1 million for the homeless population</p> <p>Feb 2017: <a href="#">Le Conseil jeunesse de Montréal and le Conseil des Montréalaises submit briefs on issues touching homeless youth and women</a></p> <p>October 2016: Release of the The 2015-20 Montréal region intersectoral action plan on homelessness <a href="#">first year progress report</a></p> <p>July 2015 Release of the homelessness count report <a href="#">Link</a></p> <p><a href="#">Parce que la rue est une impasse, Homelessness policy, 2014-17</a></p>	<p><b>Aug 2017:</b> <a href="#">Open source data</a> - social and community housing stock</p> <p>March 2017: <a href="#">"Distribution of social and community housing on the island of Montreal"</a></p> <p>Nov.2016: <a href="#">3-year pilot project extended</a> - offers help to vulnerable families whose dwellings require pest extermination</p> <p>July 2016: Report on <a href="#">accessible and adapted housing</a> in the social and community housing stock</p> <p><a href="#">Accès-Logis</a> (social housing components: low rent, rent supplement, affordable)</p> <p><a href="#">Strategy for the inclusion of affordable housing in new residential projects</a></p> <p><a href="#">Plan de fidélisation des familles 2014-2017</a> Counters suburban flight for cheaper housing</p>	<p>Lower-cost access, membership card: <a href="#">Accès Montréal Card</a></p>		<p>Nov. 2016: <a href="#">Launch of the public consultation</a> regarding the city's future Social Development Policy (includes a wide range of measures aimed at reducing inequality)</p>

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<p><a href="#">Building Montréal 2025 Master Plan</a>, English</p> <p><a href="#">Indicators</a> (French only)</p>	<p><a href="#">Montréal Community Sustainable Development Plan, 2010-15</a> (progress reports every two years)</p> <p><a href="#">Montréal Urban Agglomeration Land Use and Development Plan</a> (enacted April 1, 2015)</p>	<p><a href="#">Revitalisation urbaine intégrée</a> (integrated urban revitalization, by borough)</p> <p><a href="#">Stratégie Centre-Ville</a>. Consultation document for Fall 2016 event.</p>	<p>June 2017: <a href="#">Public consultation on racial and social profiling</a></p> <p><a href="#">Montréal intercultural council</a></p> <p>Nov 2016: Montréal receives <a href="#">Child Friendly City Accreditation</a></p>	<p>Provincial Government (<a href="#">Emploi Québec</a>) employment and labour market report, <a href="#">Region of Montréal</a> (available in French)</p>

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<p><a href="#">Mobile Food Market Project</a></p> <p>Jan. 2017: pending: <a href="#">request to extend Halifax's support</a> of the mobile food market</p>	<p>2017: Fed.Gov: <a href="#">Homelessness Partnership Strategy 2016 report highlights</a></p>	<p><a href="#">City's role in Affordable Housing</a></p> <p>Dec. 2016: Council approves <a href="#">Halifax Housing needs assessment</a></p> <p>Dec. 2016: Council approves <a href="#">Halifax Housing affordable housing report</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Community Facility Master Plan</a></p> <p>Jan.2017 Council presented with <a href="#">Master Plan 2</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Playbook</a> – a sports and rec guide for people with disabilities</p>	<p><a href="#">3 affordable transportation projects</a>, assistance from the province</p> <p>May 2017: Update – <a href="#">Low-income transit pass pilot to commence July 2017</a></p>	<p><b>April 2017:</b> Council endorses the development of a <a href="#">Poverty Reduction strategy</a></p> <p>Mayor's note, <a href="#">Healthy and Livable Community</a></p>

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<p>Dec. 2016: Council approves new priorities 2017-21, including Social Development. <a href="#">Summary</a>.</p>	<p><a href="#">Sustainability in HRM</a></p>		<p><a href="#">Inclusion website</a></p> <p><a href="#">Accessibility website</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Playbook</a> – a sports and rec guide for people with disabilities</p>	<p><a href="#">Nova Scotia Labour Market Report, <b>July 2017</b></a></p>