

## 2019 - 5 Poverty Reduction Plan & Legislation

**Mover:** Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – Manitoba

**Whereas:** Safe and affordable housing, sufficient healthy food, adequate income, access to childcare, education and training at all life stages, supports to attain good jobs, and health services are prerequisites for communities to create solutions to local challenges.

**Whereas:** A comprehensive and integrated approach must be taken to effectively address the multiple and inter-related causes of poverty and social exclusion. Outcome based targets and timelines on actions and indicators make governments accountable, provide an incentive to follow through with actions to reduce poverty and social exclusion, and provide a basis from which progress can be measured.

**Whereas:** The Province of Manitoba is committed to significantly reducing poverty in Manitoba. It passed *The Poverty Reduction Strategy Act* in 2011 and launched *ALL Aboard: Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion Strategy* in 2012, which includes seven priority areas for action between 2012 and 2016 and a suite of 21 indicators to track progress. The *Legacy of Phoenix Sinclair: Achieving the Best for All Our Children* report included a recommendation that the Province of Manitoba closely examine *The View from Here 2009* and implement the outstanding recommendations. *The Poverty Reduction Act* requires the province to update its poverty reduction plan every five years and currently the province is overdue on this requirement by 1.5 years.

**Whereas:** Over 100 organizations endorsed *The View from Here 2015: Manitobans call for a renewed poverty reduction plan*, a comprehensive community-based plan, updated from the original 2009 report, which includes priority recommendations for the provincial government.

**Whereas:** In *OurWinnipeg*, the City of Winnipeg acknowledged its role in working with community partners to foster an inclusive and equitable community, and in working within its service areas as a collaborator on poverty reduction. Other Manitoba municipalities are taking action to reduce poverty in their communities.

**Whereas:** Over 100 organizations endorsed *Winnipeg Without Poverty: Calling on the City to Lead*, a comprehensive community-based plan, which includes 50 priority recommendations in 13 theme areas. The City of Winnipeg is moving forward with an inventory of current municipal poverty reduction policies and programs, and recommendations within existing budgets.

**Whereas:** A comprehensive poverty reduction strategy will help achieve the objectives of community-based poverty reduction and neighbourhood renewal efforts and will provide a framework within which various pieces of a CED policy agenda can come together.

**Be It Resolved That:** CCEDNet - Manitoba urge the Province of Manitoba to finalize and release its comprehensive Poverty Reduction Strategy, with outcome-based targets and timelines for measuring results. At the same time, the Province of Manitoba should ensure that cross-governmental policy decisions are in line with both their own, and the federal poverty reduction strategy, and respond to applicable recommendations from any municipal poverty reduction strategies, while striving to meet the recommendations within the community plan, *The View From Here*.

**Be It Further Resolved That:** CCEDNet - Manitoba urge the City of Winnipeg and Manitoba municipalities to partner with community based organizations and key stakeholders to create and implement comprehensive poverty reduction strategies with targets and timelines.