

2014.7 POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN & LEGISLATION

Whereas: Far too many Manitobans continue to live with inadequate incomes and face multiple barriers that prevent them from participating fully in community life, and Aboriginal people, newcomers, people with disabilities, people with mental health challenges, single parents, seniors and women are more likely to live in poverty.

Whereas: Basic needs for individuals, families, and communities including safe and affordable housing, sufficient healthy food, adequate income, access to childcare, education at all life stages, and health services are a prerequisite 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.

Whereas: 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: Poverty reduction and social inclusion legislation is essential to making poverty reduction and social inclusion a manifest commitment.

Whereas: The Province of Manitoba is committed to significantly reducing poverty in Manitoba, legislated *The Poverty Reduction Strategy Act* in 2011 and launched ALL Aboard: Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion Strategy, which includes seven priority areas for 2012 – 2016 with 21 indicators.

Whereas: The Province of Manitoba has launched action plans for three target areas (Sustainable Employment, Food Security, and Targeted Supports for Those Most in Need), but has not set any timelines or targets for achieved results correlated to the ALL Aboard indicators.

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, the City of Brandon Poverty Committee and the City of Thompson have signed on to Make Poverty History Manitoba, and other municipalities are taking action to reduce poverty in their communities.

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 make ALL Aboard more comprehensive and effective by identifying outcome based targets and timelines for achieved results.

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.