

2015. 4 Poverty Reduction Plan and Legislation *

Whereas: Far too many Manitobans continue to live with inadequate incomes and face multiple barriers, which impacts their health and well-being and prevents full participation in community life. Aboriginal people, newcomers, people with a disability, people with mental health challenges, single parents, seniors and women are more likely to live in poverty.

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.

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: 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.

Whereas: Over 70 organizations endorsed *The View from Here: Manitobans call for a poverty reduction plan*, a comprehensive community-based plan released in 2009, which includes priority recommendations for the provincial government. *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* and implement the outstanding recommendations. Community groups are working to launch a renewed report to reflect the current policy context in early 2015.

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: Comprehensive poverty reduction strategies 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 implementing the recommendations in the renewed *The View from Here* and by identifying outcome based targets and timelines for measuring results.

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.

* Replaces resolution [2014 – 7 Poverty Reduction Plan and Legislation](#)