

2025-8 Poverty Reduction Plan & Legislation

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This resolution renews [2022-Poverty Reduction Plan & Legislation](#), which is expiring.

The Province of Manitoba should revise and strengthen its comprehensive Poverty Reduction Strategy, with outcome-based targets and timelines for measuring results. Also, that the Province of Manitoba should ensure that cross-governmental policy decisions are in line with both their own and the federal poverty reduction strategies. Also, that the Province of Manitoba respond to applicable recommendations from any municipal poverty reduction strategies and recommendations within Make Poverty History Manitoba's Demands for Action.

The City of Winnipeg should fully resource its Poverty Reduction Strategy with concrete resources for initiatives that actually help those in poverty. In particular, the City should prioritize funding that address the areas of housing, transit, community safety, and anti-oppression, in alignment with calls from Make Poverty History Manitoba's Winnipeg Without Poverty campaign.

Manitoba municipalities should partner with community-based organizations and key stakeholders to create and implement comprehensive poverty reduction strategies with targets and timelines.

Because: 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.

Because: 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.

Because: The Province of Manitoba is committed to significantly reducing poverty in Manitoba. It passed The Poverty Reduction Strategy Act in 2011 which mandates a new poverty reduction strategy every five years. The province of Manitoba conducted consultations on the poverty reduction strategy in the winter of 2024/2025 with a new plan to be launched later in 2025. .

Because: The City of Winnipeg acknowledged its role in addressing poverty by introducing its poverty reduction strategy in November 2021. This represented an important milestone for the City as the strategy demonstrates leadership and elected officials acknowledging that the municipality does have an important role to play in addressing poverty. Other Manitoba municipalities are taking action to reduce poverty in their communities.

Because: In 2018, 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. This report was the catalyst for the development of Winnipeg's Poverty Reduction Strategy. However, the strategy passed with no new resources for its implementation and for key strategic priorities stemming from Winnipeg Without Poverty. If the City is really serious about its role in addressing poverty, adequate dollars for implementing it and funding key priorities is desperately needed.

Because: A comprehensive poverty reduction strategy will help achieve the objectives of community-based poverty reduction and neighbourhood renewal efforts.provides a framework within which various pieces of a CED policy agenda can come together, particularly focused on the outcome of reducing poverty, building stronger communities, and increasing community wealth.

Because: This resolution fits within the 'Ending Poverty' theme of the CCEDNet Public Policy Road Map, representing a comprehensive solution to help address and end poverty.

How this Resolution will be Advanced: Make Poverty History Manitoba remains the leading coalition on this advocacy, either through its Provincial Working Group or City Working Group. MPHM has a robust campaign developed around both, including prior to upcoming election campaigns, and currently has a seat at the City of Winnipeg's poverty reduction strategy

development core working group. CCEDNet Manitoba supports this coalition through resources, staff time, and some administrative support.