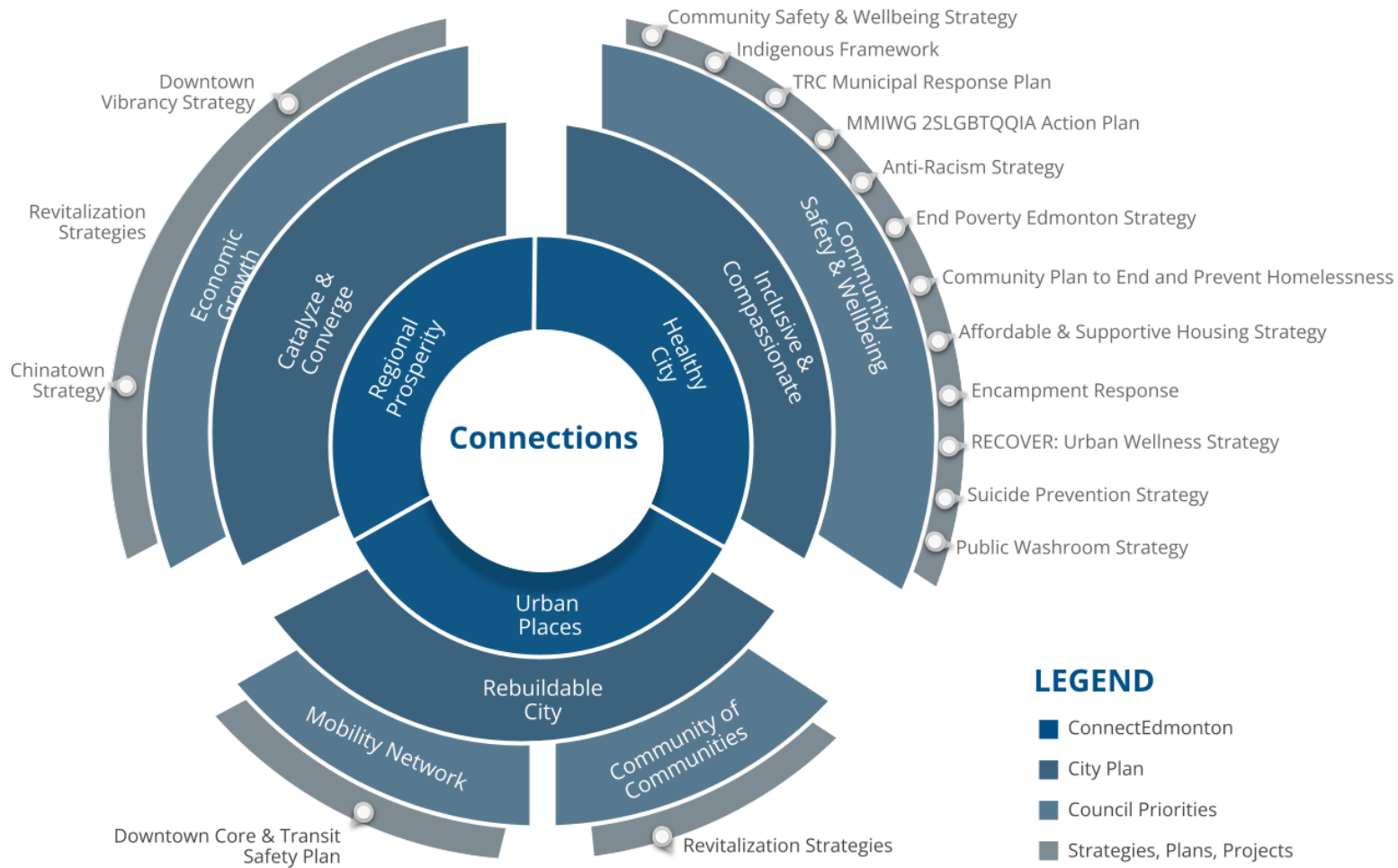


### Alignment with City Strategies and Policies: Visualization of Connections



**Connections to Policies**

- Family and Community Support Services Program C417A
- Supporting Vulnerable People During Extreme Weather Conditions C620
- Designing New Neighbourhoods Policy C572
- Diversity and Inclusion Policy C538
- Fire Rescue Service Delivery Policy C523A

The visualization represents the connections between the Reducing Drug Poisoning Injury Action Plan, at the centre, to ConnectEdmonton to the City Plan to Council Priorities to Strategies and Initiatives.

## Alignment with City Strategies and Policies

The following table highlights the connections between the City's overall efforts in reducing drug poisoning injury and deaths to City priorities described in ConnectEdmonton and Council Priorities, alongside City strategies and policies.

### Strategy and Policy Relationships

#### Community Safety and Well-being Strategy

- Pillar #3 - Safe and Inclusive Spaces
  - Increased City of Edmonton staff awareness and understanding of different dimensions and experiences of safety and well-being including those of equity-deserving communities.
  - Increased coordinated and focused investment towards programs and initiatives that create safety and inclusion in community and City-owned spaces for equity-deserving communities such as Indigenous communities, racialized communities, women and girls, and 2SLGBTQ+ Communities.
  - Strengthened collaboration and partnerships with community-based organizations, service providers and other stakeholders to better support those experiencing safety and well-being barriers and challenges.
  - Enhanced community participation (including Indigenous, racialized and other equity-based perspectives) in the development, ownership and stewardship of equity-driven initiatives and programs that promote safe and inclusive spaces.
  - Increased animation and promotion of inclusive physical spaces for the purpose of connection and well-being across lines of difference (income, socioeconomic status, gender, ethnicity, culture, etc).
  - Enhanced environmental and infrastructure asset design towards achieving safe and inclusive physical spaces.
- Pillar #4 - Equitable Policies, Procedures, Standards and Guidelines
  - City of Edmonton staff have increased understanding, knowledge, and skills to apply equity principles and considerations to program, policy and project development.
  - Increased use of GBA+, equity-based and decolonized methodologies for reviewing, amending, establishing, implementing and evaluating bylaws, policies and procedures.
  - Increased support for and coordination of collaborations and partnerships with equity-focused stakeholders in the development and improvement of safety and well-being programs, services and initiatives.

- Increased transparency, community involvement and ethical governance of collection, analysis and interpretation of equity-based and disaggregated data, including consideration for OCAP principles<sup>1</sup>.
- Increased diverse representation in City governance & leadership roles and accountability & oversight bodies, including Agencies, Boards and Commissions.
- Enhanced collection and intersectional analysis, and interpretation of data in evaluation of city programming.
- Increased opportunities for equity-deserving communities through social procurement and grant opportunities.
- Removal of systemic barriers to City programs, services and processes to enhance safety and well-being of equity-deserving communities.
- Pillar #5 - Pathways In and Out of Poverty
  - City invests in sustainable funding for programs, initiatives and projects that address and aim to eliminate poverty.
  - Increased involvement of individuals with lived experience in the development of policy, programs, services, and practices that prevent, address and aim to eliminate poverty and homelessness.
  - Edmontonians and Community organizations have knowledge of City-run or City-funded resources that can support journeys out of poverty.
  - Increased advocacy to other orders of government and funders for programs, grants and services that prevent, address and aim to eliminate poverty and homelessness.
  - Increased supply of safe, accessible and appropriate affordable housing and supportive housing units to address homelessness
  - Increased support for and coordination of collaborations and partnerships with organizations, agencies and other orders of government in the development and improvement of strategy, programs, services and initiatives that focus on preventing, addressing and eliminating poverty and homelessness.
- Pillar #6 - Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention
  - Increased inclusion of Indigenous, racialized and equity-deserving communities' perspectives in developing and improving crime prevention and crisis intervention programs, services and initiatives.
  - Increased transparency in the public complaint process for City of Edmonton Peace Officers and bylaw officers.
  - Increased diversity of community representation in City of Edmonton crime and crisis-related

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<sup>1</sup> <https://fnigc.ca/ocap-training/>

- accountability and oversight bodies.
- Increased training of alternative response options that reduce the number of use of force incidents
- Increased disaggregated demographic data collection in order to inform crime & crisis prevention and intervention strategies.
- Increased professional development opportunities for peace and bylaw officers, leadership and civilian staff to build diverse, inclusive, anti-racist organizational cultures.
- Improved transparency of work expectations and outcomes for peace and bylaw officers.
- Pillar #7 - Well-being
  - Increased employee understanding of the City of Edmonton's work to improve multiple dimensions of individual and community well-being.
  - Increased support for and coordination of collaborations/partnerships to remove barriers to well-being and recreation opportunities.
  - Increased support for opportunities that improve child and youth well-being.
  - Increased animation and promotion of spaces for the purpose of connection across lines of difference (such as socioeconomic status, age, race, ethnicity, ability and housing status) and well-being.
  - Increased involvement of Indigenous, racialized and equity-deserving perspectives in the development of City programs, services, and initiatives related to well-being.
  - Increased opportunities for Edmontonians to feel more connected to body and self, friends, family and community, land culture, the sacred and purpose or 'the human project'.

*Note: a number of City actions and investments were endorsed by City Council through the strategy in support of drug poisoning response.*

### **Indigenous Framework**

- Role: Partner
  - City staff work in partnership with Indigenous Peoples on initiatives to improve the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being of Indigenous Peoples in Edmonton.
  
- Commitments

- Support the journey of Reconciliation by applying the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a foundation for the Indigenous Framework.

**TRC Municipal Response Plan**

- Public education and training to enhance awareness and understanding of the impacts that residential schools and colonization have had on Indigenous communities (in particular women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA).
- Specific actions and changes to the systems, policies, and procedures that the municipality is responsible for working in partnership to support positive outcomes and lived experiences for Indigenous Peoples.

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual (2SLGBTQQIA) Action Plan**

- Provide Indigenous specific programs and services that address emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual dimensions of wellbeing (coordinated, co-located, wrap around) mental health and cultural supports.
- Provide safe and dedicated ceremony and cultural spaces/healing spaces for Indigenous People(in particular 2SLGBTQQIA youth and adults and for residential school survivors) and support networking and community building for 2SLGBTQQIA people.

**Affordable & Supportive Housing Strategy**

- 1.2.2 Advocate for the provision of adequate, appropriate support services for supportive and supported housing.
- 1.3.1 Advocate to other orders of government for additional funding and tools.
- 2.1.3 Enable multi-sectoral approaches to enforcement of health and safety standards.
- 3.1.3 Advocate for financial subsidies to enable low-income tenants to maintain stable tenancies in market rental units.
- 3.1.4 Coordinate action to implement Goal 3 of Edmonton’s 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness: transitioning people quickly into permanent housing.
- 4.2.1 Bring housing sector partners, including both the private and public sectors, together to coordinate action and identify shared objectives.

**Edmonton’s Plan to End Homelessness**

- 2.1 Enhance homelessness prevention and diversion measures.
- 2.2 Increase access to mental health, addiction, trauma and wellness supports.
- 2.3 Increase coordination between systems to mitigate homelessness risk.
- 3.1 Continue to integrate lived-experience voices in Plan implementation.
- 3.2 Enhance policy, funding and resource alignment, and accountabilities.
- 3.3 Expand Coordinated Access across the Homeless-serving system.
- 3.4 Integrate information and performance management at the system level.

**Encampment Response Strategy**

- People experiencing unsheltered homelessness have clear, consistent and rapid connections to support and housing.
- Encampments do not diminish individual and/or public safety.

**RECOVER: Edmonton Urban Wellness Framework**

- Deep sense of connection and balance: connection to land and ground, connection to body and self; connection to family, friends, community; connection to the sacred; connection to culture; connection to the human project.

**Suicide Prevention Plan**

- 4.1 Build on existing best practices for those with mental illness and addictions to reduce their risk of suicide.
- 5.1 Incorporate suicide prevention and positive mental health promotion into new and existing addiction and mental health initiatives.
- 5.2 Advocate for coordinated discharge and transition planning in hospital emergency departments, mental health service delivery systems and custodial settings to ensure relevant health, community, cultural and social supports are leveraged for a comprehensive discharge plan.
- 5.3 Contribute to the development of comprehensive referral and bridging protocols for people at risk of suicide that ensure supportive transition between care providers, where relationships of support are maintained.
- 7.1 Enhance data collection to ensure effective surveillance, monitoring and evaluation.

### Public Washroom Strategy

- Engage with not-for-profit agencies to develop a model to provide washrooms to members of the public.
- Explore partnerships with socially conscious businesses to provide washrooms to non-paying patrons.
- Design and prototype approaches to addressing disorder at the Whyte Ave washroom with stakeholders.
- Design and prototype approaches to increasing access to washroom services for user groups who require additional supports or in areas of identified need.

### Edmonton's Downtown Core and Transit Safety Plan

- Increasing public safety in Edmonton
  - Coordinating crime prevention strategies and targeted responses to criminal activity.
  - Ensuring that people experiencing homelessness who use the LRT system for shelter are provided with the support they need now, as the City and its partners work towards addiction, intervention and housing solutions.
  - The approach for transit safety and security includes Police officer, Transit Peace Officer and Security Guard roles.
  - Focus Areas
    - Law enforcement and disorder deterrence
    - Community & individual health
    - Housing & homelessness supports
    - Transit safety and passenger comfort
    - Clean, vibrant public spaces

*\*note: the plan highlights a number of City actions to prevent and respond to opioids, however it also highlights that the dedication and experience of community leaders are critical in identifying needs, assessing priorities, and formulating practical strategies that meet current needs. The plan also reinforces that funding and collaboration from other orders of government is required to address mental health and addictions issues.*

### Chinatown Strategy

- Action 1.1 Develop a forum for relationship building that can allow stakeholders to share experiences, knowledge and ideas to increase awareness with respect to safety and security and gain a common understanding of opportunities to address impacts on small businesses, residents, and other stakeholders.

- Action 1.3 Strengthen communication channels to support and advocate for the City, Edmonton Police Service and community social agencies Community Wellness Services proposal in Edmonton.

**Downtown Vibrancy Strategy**

- Action 16 - Enhance safety. Safety is critical to the future of downtown Edmonton. This action supports increased safety in public spaces for everyone regardless of gender, age, race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity.
- Action 17 - Expand urban wellness thinking and practices. This action will dedicate resources within existing programs to focus work on downtown urban wellness.

**Family and Community Support Services Program C417A**

- The City of Edmonton is committed to providing leadership in:
  - working in partnership with the community to identify and address community social needs and build capacity.
  - translating knowledge and information so as to bring a variety of groups together to address preventive social service solutions.
  - working closely with other funders to support the social infrastructure in the city.

**Supporting Vulnerable People During Extreme Weather Conditions C620**

- The City of Edmonton is committed to reducing the health impacts of Extreme Weather Conditions on Edmontonians who are Vulnerable People. The City will work in collaboration with Homeward Trust Edmonton and community agencies to establish protocols and coordinate efforts in order to proactively respond year-round to Extreme Weather Conditions that may have particular impact on Vulnerable People.

**Designing New Neighbourhoods Policy C572**

- Building unique and vibrant new neighbourhoods is important to the quality of life, competitiveness, identity and growth of our city.
  - 3. Neighbourhoods are inclusive.
  - 5. Neighbourhoods support viable uses, services, and facilities.
  - 8. Neighbourhood amenities and facilities support the social and recreational needs of residents.
  - 10. Neighbourhoods are safe and secure.



**Diversity and Inclusion Policy C538**

- 1. All activities of the City of Edmonton and those of its Agencies, Boards and Commissions will be inclusive in nature. The City will incorporate deliberate and ongoing strategies of inclusion when developing, modifying or implementing policies, directives, processes, practices, programs and services.
- 2. The City of Edmonton will regularly demonstrate progress towards accomplishment of the following goals, which are basic to an inclusive city:
  - b. identification and removal of barriers to participation, and barriers to service access, within the City.

**Fire Rescue Service Delivery Policy C523A**

- Goal 3: We will continue to strengthen, develop and enhance stakeholder partnerships.
  - 3.4 Edmonton Fire Rescue Services shall enhance relationships with the community at large, and as an integral regional service partner work closely with other front-line agencies, neighbouring municipalities and our national and international peers.
- Goal 4: We will ensure that services are comprehensive, effectively integrated and sustainable.
  - 4.3 Edmonton Fire Rescue Services shall follow an integrated approach to ensuring community safety through fire prevention, public education, emergency response and rescue services, medical aid, environmental protection and emergency preparedness planning.

**Community Led Strategies** (with support from the City of Edmonton)

**Edmonton’s Strategy for Community Mental Health (in development)**

- Co-create an integrated system for community mental health that promotes thriving and healthy communities, including continuity of care to various levels and types of mental health support.