What is Community Wellbeing?

Community wellbeing is the combination of social, economic, environmental, health, cultural, and political conditions that are essential for individuals and communities to flourish and fulfill their potential.

In its simplest form, community wellbeing is about people’s health, happiness, belonging, and quality of life.

The Community Wellbeing Strategy is a holistic framework for setting policy and taking action to improve community wellbeing in the City over the next 10 years.

What is the City’s role in Community Wellbeing?

The City is responsible for addressing many of the day-to-day needs that influence people’s wellbeing. While the mandate for many of these subjects is with other levels of government, the implementation of local conditions are managed at the municipal level.
Vision: A City where everyone belongs and has opportunities to thrive.

CONNECTION
Our City connects people with each other and with daily needs closer to where we live.

EQUITY
Our City is shaped by a diverse and inclusive representation of voices, experiences, and contributions.

INVESTMENT
Our City’s social infrastructure (spaces, places, services, and programs) is consistently invested in and maintained over time, to benefit both the economy and society.

The Path Forward

Six pathways, each with clear directions and objectives, will help us realize a City where everyone belongs and has opportunities to thrive.

1. Complete Communities
Create a city that is complete, connected, socially active, and where daily needs are met within a short walk or roll of every home.

2. A City for All Ages
Create a City that contributes to wellbeing for all ages and phases of life.

3. Housing for All
Expand the supply and improve the quality, diversity, and affordability of housing in the City.

4. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility
Create an inclusive City, where we celebrate diversity, and we commit to equity and accessibility for all.

5. Inclusive Economy and Poverty Reduction
Include all residents in local economic opportunities and work together to break the cycle of poverty.

6. Advocacy, Partnerships and Financial Supports
Build equitable and supportive partnerships that advance the City’s priorities for wellbeing, align City resources and funding, and advocate for the community’s needs.

Implementing the Strategy

This is a 10-year Strategy and it is intended that the directions and objectives will be delivered in this timeframe.

The delivery and timing of the work will be dependent on Council’s objectives and priorities, along with community needs, annual budgets, and City capacity. Much of the work will also require partnerships with other governments, organizations, stakeholders, and the public.

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