

# HALIFAX

## **Social Policy Framework and JustFOOD Action Plan**

GRE presentation

HRM's Youth Advisory Committee

October 20, 2022

# Origins of Social Policy Framework

- December 2017 request from Regional Council to develop a social policy lens
- 2018-2019 information reports to Regional Council with updates on work, proposed approach, and best practices scan
- May 2020 adoption of the Social Policy AO: framework to guide decisions, activities and outcomes that are compatible with HRM's Strategic Plan

# Objectives of Social Policy

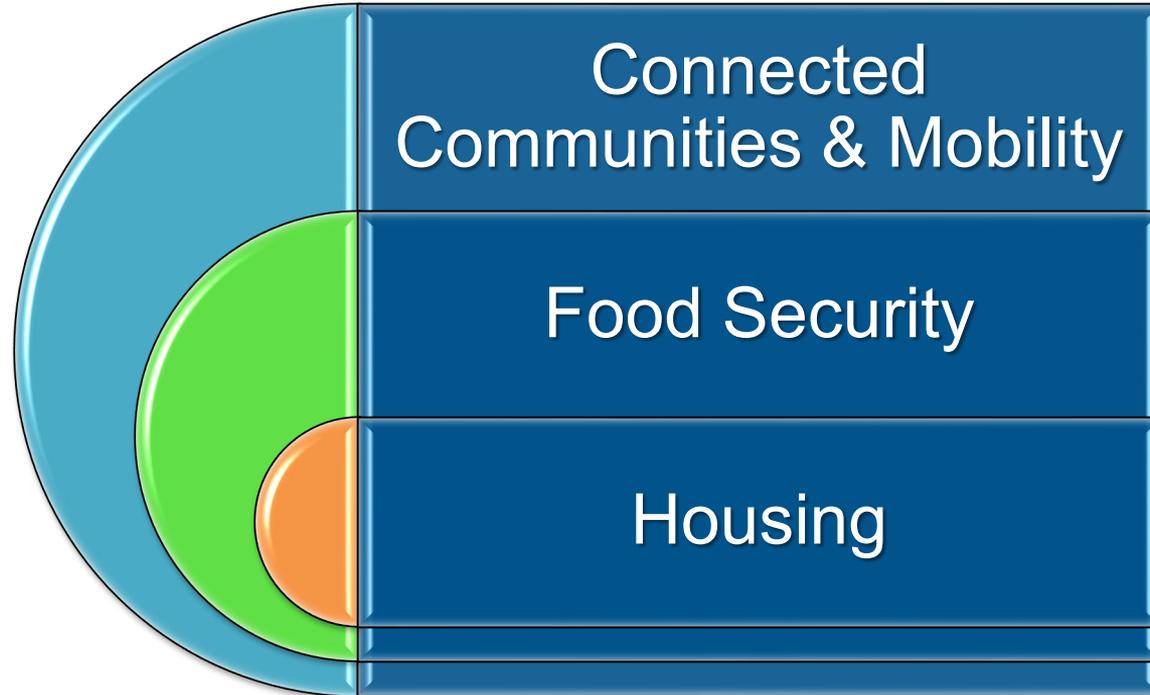
- ID areas of focus;
- Create more integrated, coordinated, and sustainable approach to social policy;
- Clarify the roles of HRM, along with other stakeholders; and,
- Increase internal capacity to understand and influence social policy

***Vision: HRM is a safe, healthy, and welcoming community where everyone is able to participate fully in their community***

# Goals



# Original Areas of Focus



# Current State: Rebuilding the Framework

- Visioning Session
- Agenda Setting
- Revitalizing Existing Work
- Alignment & New Directions

## Action Plan for the Halifax Region

**VISION** A Halifax region where no one is hungry, where food & people are celebrated, where the local economy is strong, and the environment is protected for generations to come.

### Why JustFOOD Matters

Halifax has one of the highest rates of food insecurity<sup>1</sup> among Canadian municipalities. There is a need to build on our strengths through strategic investments, coordination of efforts, and creative collaborations to address inequities and strengthen our food system. JustFOOD will work with community and other stakeholders to identify the actions needed to achieve our VISION and develop the resources and commitments required to make these actions a reality.

### Who is Behind JustFOOD?

JustFOOD is co-led by Halifax Regional Municipality and the Halifax Food Policy Alliance, as the backbone for the collaborations and collective effort needed for positive change.

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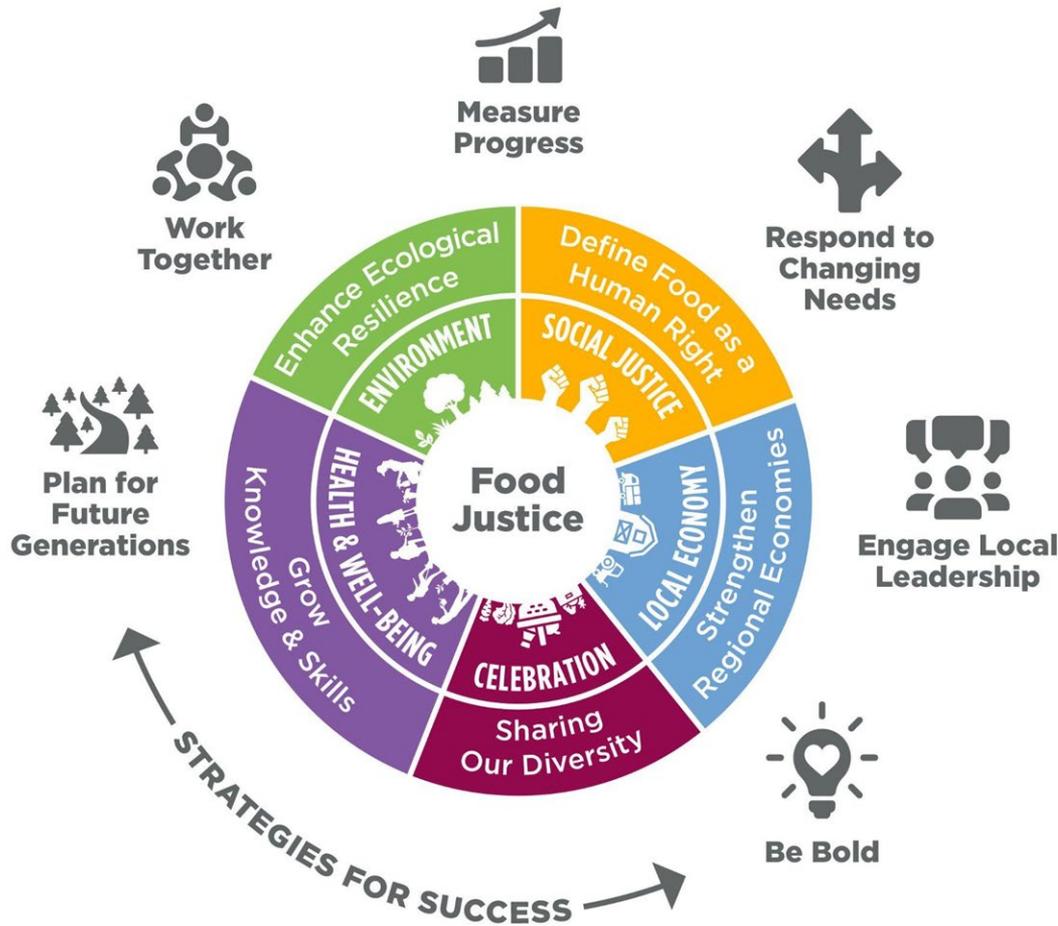


# What is a Food Action Plan?

a tool to:

- Engage community and partners on a common vision and build connections between actors in the food system;
- Identify priorities, coordinate efforts, and gain commitments from key actors;
- Align and resource budgets & people power, set policy and programming, and establish ownership, partnerships, and governance needed to make ideas a reality;
- Monitor progress and course correct;

**Goal: build food justice and sovereignty through increased access to good food and a stronger local food system**



# JustFOOD Halifax progress

- 🍎 **Engagement 2020-22** including food hampers, seed & garden kits, surveys, workshops, hosted engagements, and ANS, Indigenous & disability working groups
- 🍎 **Draft Part A:** background, what we heard and **recommendations** coming from research, best practices, and engagements
- 🍎 **Working groups** to build strategies to make the actions a reality
- 🍎 **Part A & B-** recommendations & implementation strategy combined
- 🍎 **Council & key stakeholder sign-on**

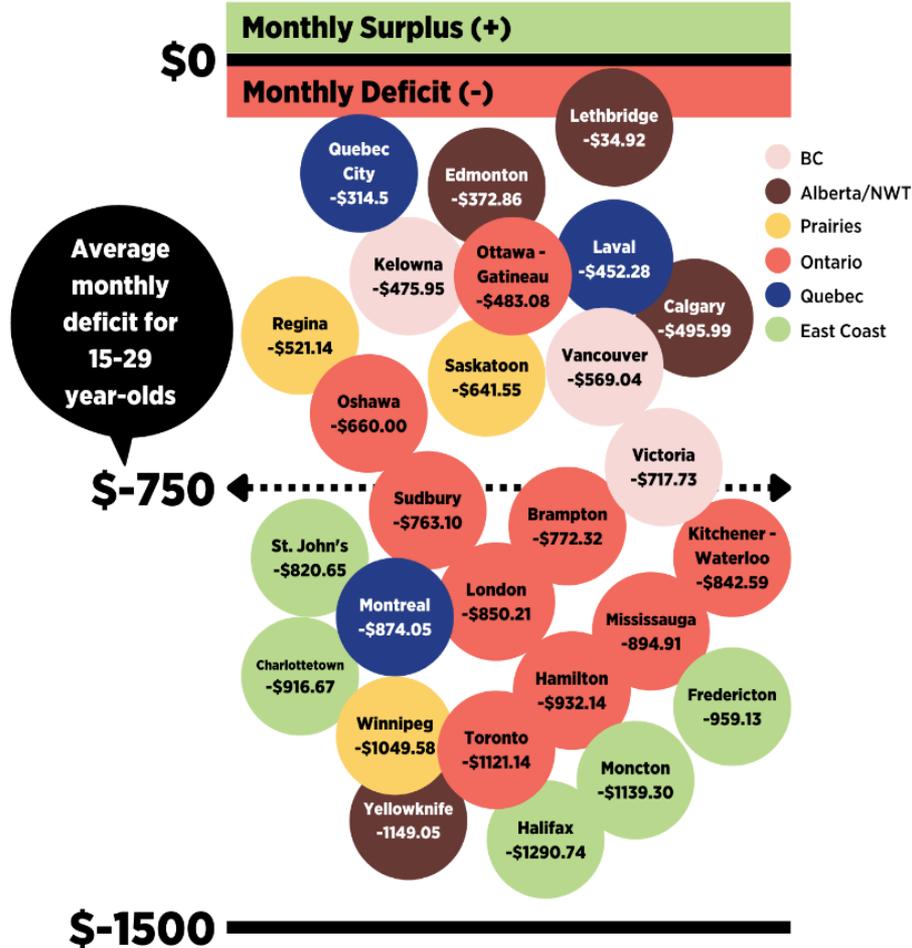


# Draft Recommendations

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|  | <b>Governance</b> .....                                | <b>3</b>  |
|  | <b>Social and Economic Equity</b> .....                | <b>7</b>  |
|  | <b>Food Production</b> .....                           | <b>21</b> |
|  | <b>Food Supply, Processing, and Distribution</b> ..... | <b>25</b> |
|  | <b>Health, Wellness, and Resilience</b> .....          | <b>28</b> |
|  | <b>Food Waste</b> .....                                | <b>32</b> |

# Monthly Income Minus Monthly Costs by City for 15-29 year-old Canadians

Halifax has greatest disparity of any Canadian city, \$1290 monthly deficit!!!



# Social Policy & HRM Youth

# Discussion