

Re: Item 15.1.7

**HALIFAX**

# **Part A JustFOOD Halifax Action Plan**

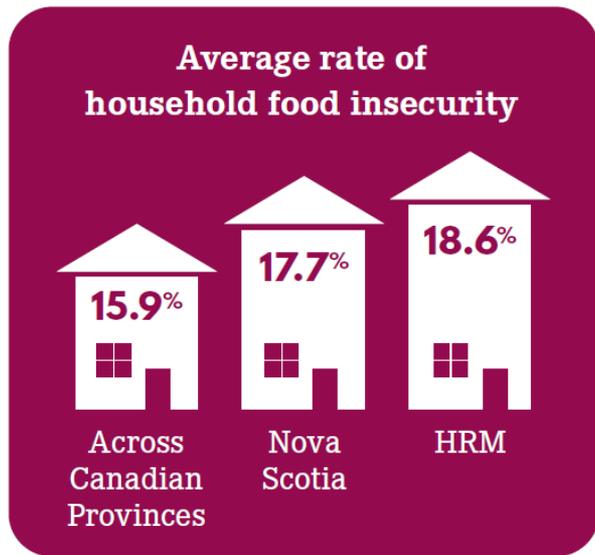
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# Origins

- December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 motion that:
  - ✓ formalized relationship with Halifax Food Policy Alliance (HFPA),
  - ✓ endorsed the Halifax Food Charter, and
  - ✓ committed to co-leading the development of a regional food strategy (JustFOOD Action Plan).
- Decade of collaboration with HFPA towards the JustFOOD Action Plan and a healthy, just, & resilient food system



# Food Insecurity in Our Region





# JustFOOD

## Action Plan for the Halifax Region

HALIFAX



HALIFAX FOOD  
POLICY ALLIANCE

PART A

1st food strategy for our Region,  
created through extensive:

- public engagement
- municipal staff input
- HFPA research, and
- best practices from around the globe

# Collaboration & Collective Impact



**SUSTAINING AGRICULTURE**  
Agriculture & Food System Planning

**LAND-USE PLANNING UPDATES**

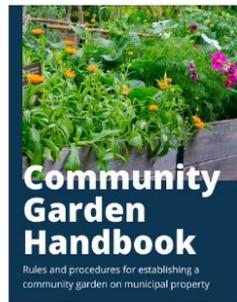
updating planning regulations to increase opportunities for urban agriculture (farms, market gardens, bees, hens.), food retail, etc) towards food lens



creating centralized infrastructure for a Halifax-based regional food hub. Wholesale service connecting regional producers with local institutions, organizations, restaurants,



working together towards a more resilient & localized food system where residents can access good food and have increased capacity/sovereignty



offering support for NFPs to access municipal land for community gardens, 26 to date with 2 more in the works

# JustFOOD Action Plan: Part A to Part B

## PART A

- origins, context, community engagement, & 56 recommendations

## PART B

- implementation strategies (funding, programs, policies, people, etc.), commitments, & KPIs

# JustFOOD PART A

## PRINCIPLES



**Governance**



**Social and Economic Equity**



**Food Production**



**Food Supply, Processing, and Distribution**



**Health, Wellness, and Resilience**

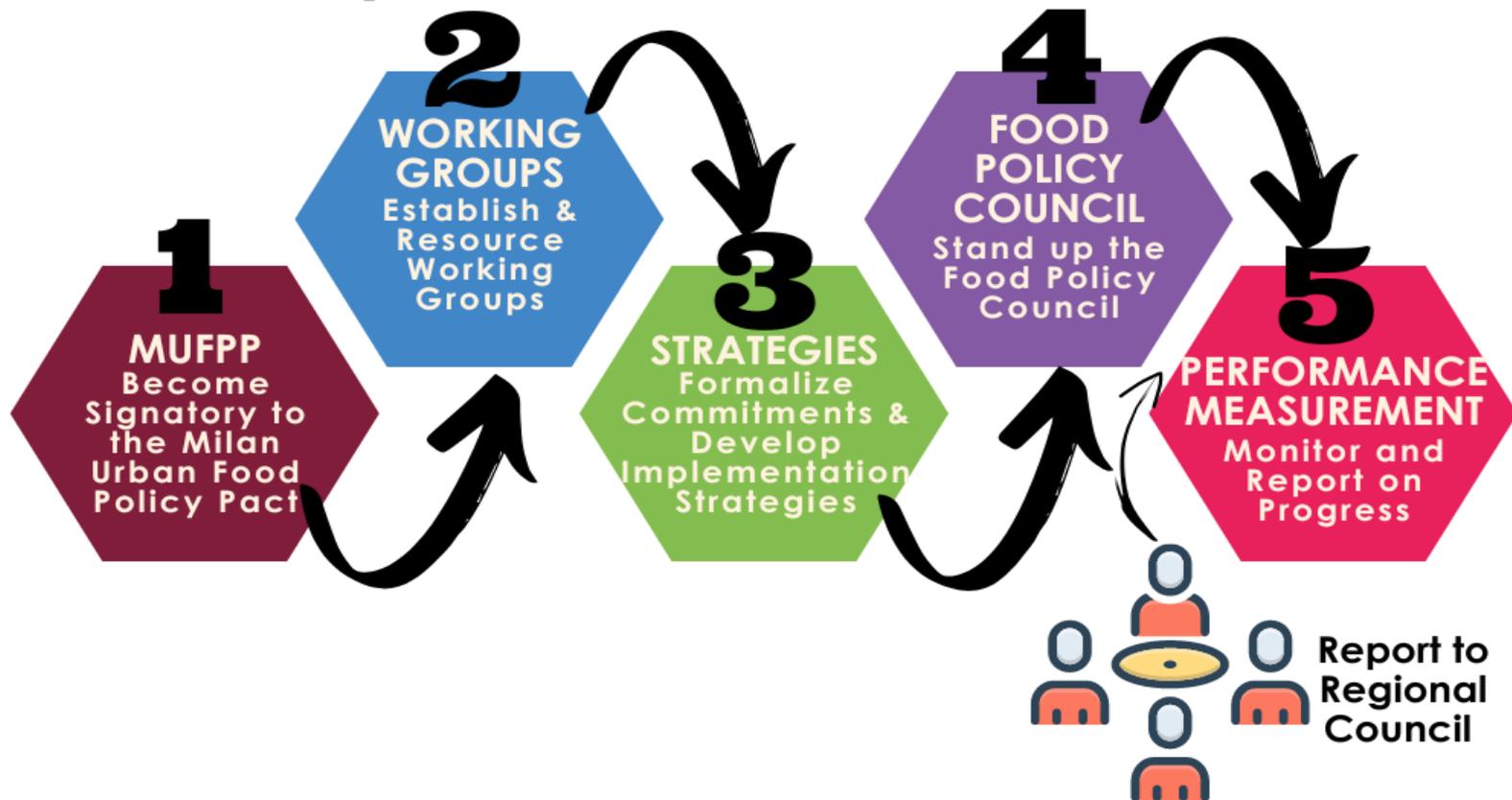


**Food Waste**

## YR1 PRIORITIES

- ✓ **Establish Food Council & KPIs**
- ✓ **Support Indigenous Food Governance & Sovereignty**
- ✓ **Support ANS Food Council & Strategy**
- ✓ **Advance Virtual Food Hub & Food Resource Map**
- ✓ **Create Community Food Initiatives Fund**
- ✓ **Maximize HRM Assets for production, access, & literacy**
- ✓ **Advance Community Plots & Gardens program**

# Next Steps Towards Part B



# STEP 1: Milan Urban Food Policy Pact



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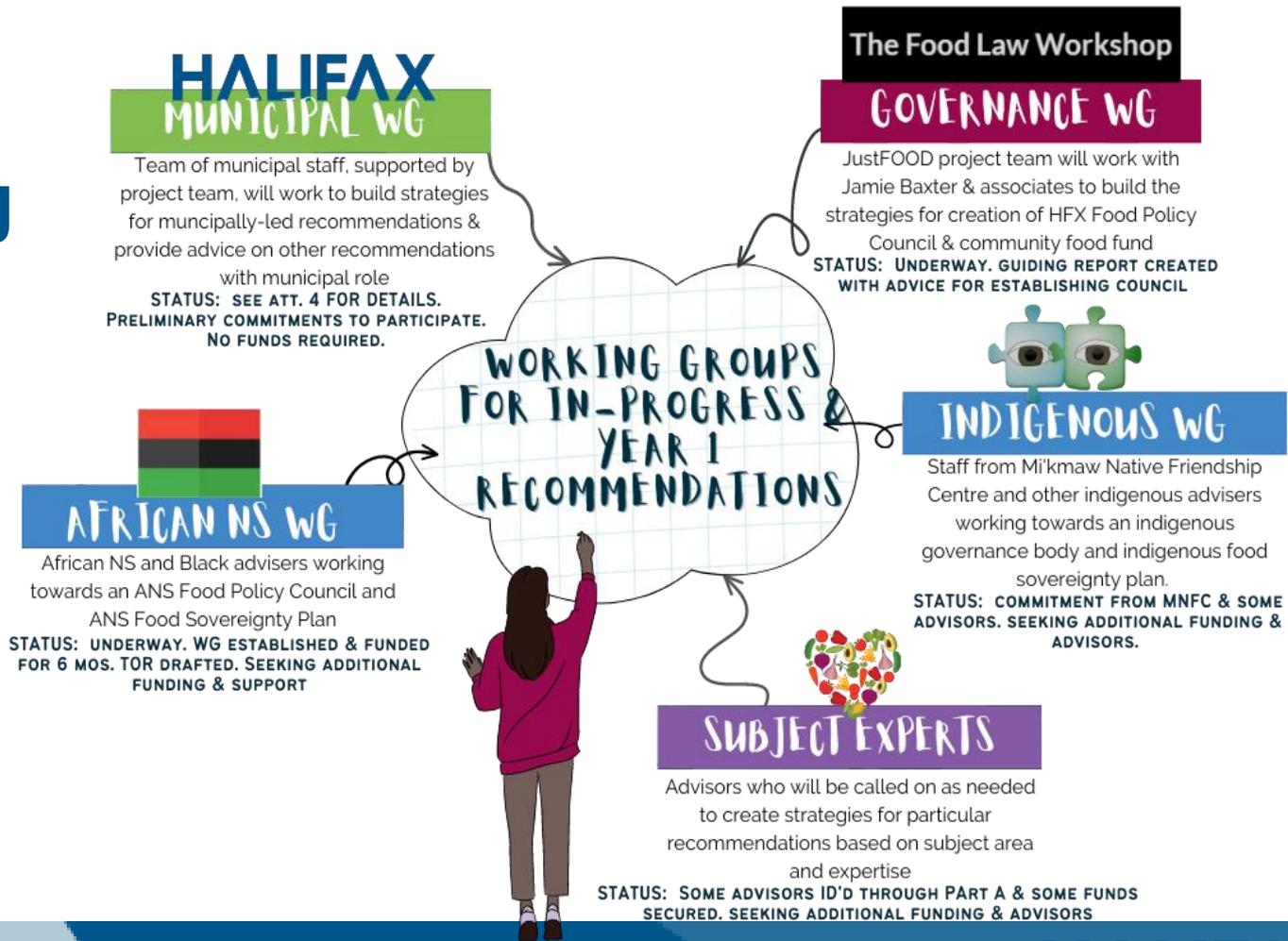
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**Local  
solutions for  
global issues**

- JustFOOD recommendations framed under MUFPP principles
- International protocol to tackle regional food issues
- No costs, no targets
- 250 cities across the globe offering best practices, strategies, networks, & monitoring framework

# STEP 2: Working Groups



# STEP 3: Strategies

## WORKING GROUPS: Process for Implementation Strategies



# NS Food & Beverage Strategy



## Nova Scotia Food and Beverage Strategy

Public Input Guide  
November 2022

- **Goal:** increase access to & production of healthy **local** food;
- **Timing:** “What We Heard” Spring 2023, Strategy by end of 2023
- **Alignment:** Regular meetings, Provincial-level recommendations shared, and continuing to seek ways to amplify & align

# Recommendations

that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Accept and approve in principle Part A of JustFOOD: Action Plan for the Halifax Region and proposal for development of Part B, as contained in this report; and
2. Direct the Mayor to make the Halifax Regional Municipality a signatory to the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact.