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Poverty Reduction Strategy

How we got here

Niagara Regional Council approves development of a local poverty reduction strategy

1000+ residents give input about an ideal future state, challenges, strengths and actions

150+ Indigenous people give input about Indigenous prosperity

Staff review research to identify best practices to address poverty

Staff draft recommendations based on community input and best practices

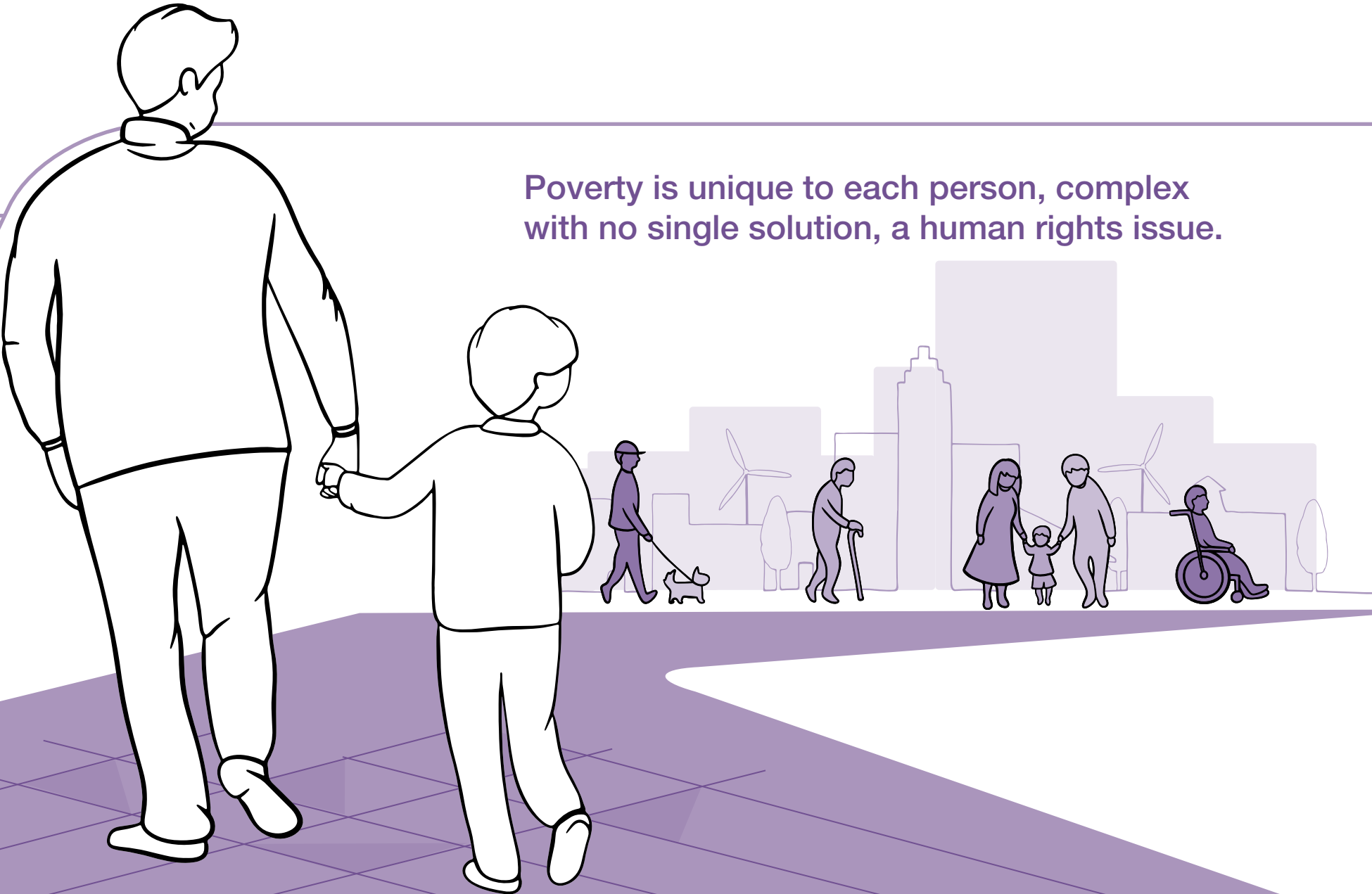
Staff engage with Local Area Municipalities

100+ content experts validate recommendations

Niagara Region staff indicate alignment with other Niagara Region plans

Steering Committee prioritize recommendations based on impact, effort and community support

Poverty is unique to each person, complex with no single solution, a human rights issue.



Council Strategic Priorities - Equitable Region

Economic Development Strategy	Children's Services Service System Plan	Consolidated Housing Master Plan	Community Safety and Well-Being Plan	Poverty Reduction Strategy	Niagara Prosperity Initiative	Transportation Master Plan	Housing and Homelessness Action Plan	Indigenous Action Plan	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Action Plan
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How to create change

Service Access, Coordination and Capacity

Leveraging Voices of Lived Expertise

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Changing Mindsets

Advocacy

Funding

Our goal: Working together to prevent and end poverty and increase well-being in Niagara.

Areas of focus



Indigenous Well-being

Indigenous community to develop a strategy for Indigenous specific poverty reduction initiatives.



Early Child Development

Improve access to affordable, high-quality child care for families living in poverty or at risk of poverty.



Food Security

Improve access to fresh, culturally appropriate, affordable and nutritious foods through income-based solutions to food insecurity.



Employment

Promote and develop decent work opportunities that provide fair wages, and benefits and fosters stable, consistent and safe employment.



Housing

Provide housing stability services for people living in poverty to maintain current housing, prevent eviction, improve social inclusion and access income through periods of financial instability.



Mental Health and Addiction

Enhance core service capacity and offer a choice of timely, early recovery interventions and treatments for people who are living in poverty or at risk of poverty.



Income

Increase opportunities for living wage employment in Niagara and advocate for adequate, livable rates from government income assistance programs.



Transportation

Continue the work of Niagara Region Transit to achieve affordable and equitable access to services across municipalities.

Measuring change



Working together to decrease the number of people living in poverty, including those who are working but still struggle financially.

Working together to increase local capacity to implement community work, policies and practices.



Equals an Equitable Region that ends poverty by responding to community needs.

