

STONY PLAIN POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY

Plan at a Glance

Building a Safe, Caring and Responsive Community

Poverty affects 1 in 7 residents in Stony Plain, impacting the entire community.

Guided by four principles and 16 key priorities, the town's poverty reduction plan calls for collaboration across government, organizations, and the community. The ultimate goal: a community where everyone has a safe home and the opportunity to thrive. This "Plan at a Glance" is a high-level summary of the Stony Plain Poverty Reduction Strategy. For more details, see the full report.

Collaboration

Poverty affects all of us and it requires that all of us— public, private, non-profit organizations and individuals—come together to address it.

Dignity

Addressing poverty requires more than giving people things they need to survive; it requires establishing a system that ensures all people have the capacity to meet their basic needs with dignity.

Opportunity

People have a right not just to their basic needs but also to a life full of opportunities for physical and mental health, education, recreation, connection, and social belonging.

Resilience

Building strength and capabilities of community to positively deal with the complexities of life will help to break the inter-generational cycle of poverty and prevent further people from falling into poverty.

Priorities

Lived-experience perspectives
Regional impact

Income security
Housing security
Food security
Transportation
Childcare
Tech security

Vulnerable populations
Reconciliation
Life quality
Connections

Early Childhood
Education
Health



Collaboration

1. Foster and develop relationships with individuals who have lived experience.
2. Ensure Indigenous representation in poverty work.
3. Continue to enhance public awareness of a human rights-based approach to addressing poverty.
4. Continue to include public participation in actions and strategic planning.
5. Support regional efforts to address poverty through building collaboration between all systems and sectors.

Dignity

6. Advocate for general financial literacy for all—through schools, workplaces and community supports.
7. Promote understanding of the cost required to live in our community.
8. Explore and consider cooperative models to lower costs and share expenses.
9. Support regional efforts to provide coordinated access to services and housing.
10. Work with local landlords to consider creation of eviction prevention programs and rent subsidization program.
11. Explore possibilities and advocate repurposing existing spaces for transitional/emergency housing.
12. Advocate for affordable housing partnerships among local stakeholders.
13. Work to increase accessibility to healthy, local, sustainable food.
14. Support a coordinated community response to local food security solutions.
15. Work to strengthen local food infrastructure.
16. Research medical inequities in our community and advocate provincially for solutions.
17. Consider subsidized public transportation.
18. Encourage using transportation poverty lens in planning and development of affordable housing.

19. Explore ride sharing options.
20. Support Federal and Provincial initiatives for subsidization childcare program.
21. Encourage childcare professionals to explore redesign of services to accommodate non-standard work shifts.
22. Support local technology donation and distribution programs.

Opportunity

23. Build opportunities and capacity for marginalized groups to share issues, gaps, and build relationships with decision makers.
24. Support advancing actions as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action.
25. Promote reconciliation training.
26. Ensure recreation, cultural and social pursuits are accessible for individuals with low-incomes.
27. Build civic engagement opportunities for marginalized people.
28. Develop opportunities for community connecting.
29. Build community civic engagement.

Resilience

30. Work with interagency committees to enhance supports and navigation of resources for parents.
31. Support early childcare development education, training and awareness.
32. Emphasize literacy and numeracy skills in educational and training programs.
33. Encourage health and wellness programming.
34. Build knowledge and skills around food access and nutrition.
35. Research supported housing options for residents with mental health issues.