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Part A JustFOOD Halifax Action Plan

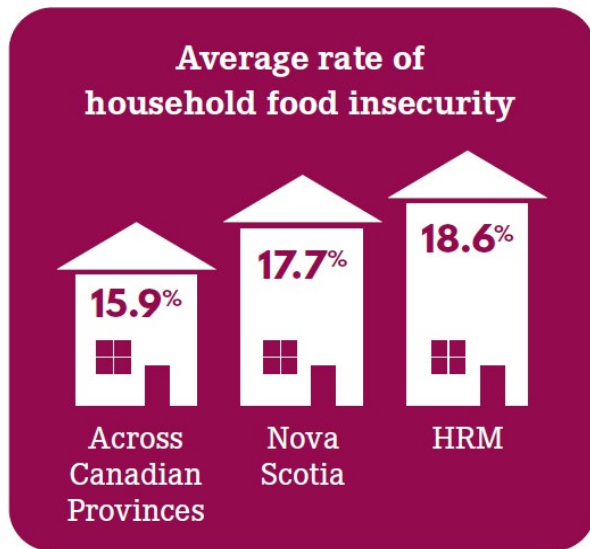
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Origins

- December 19th, 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

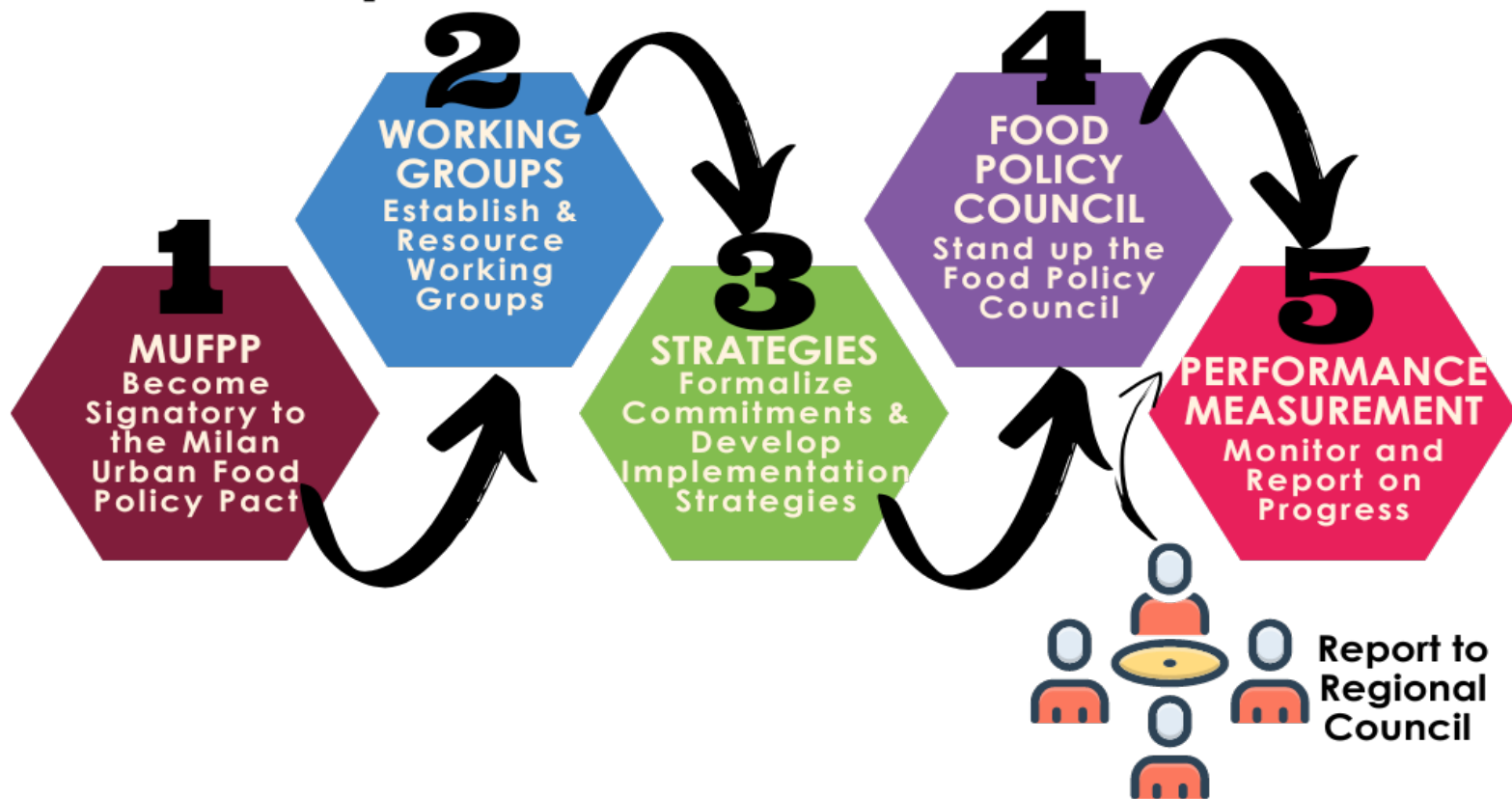


Food Waste

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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Resources

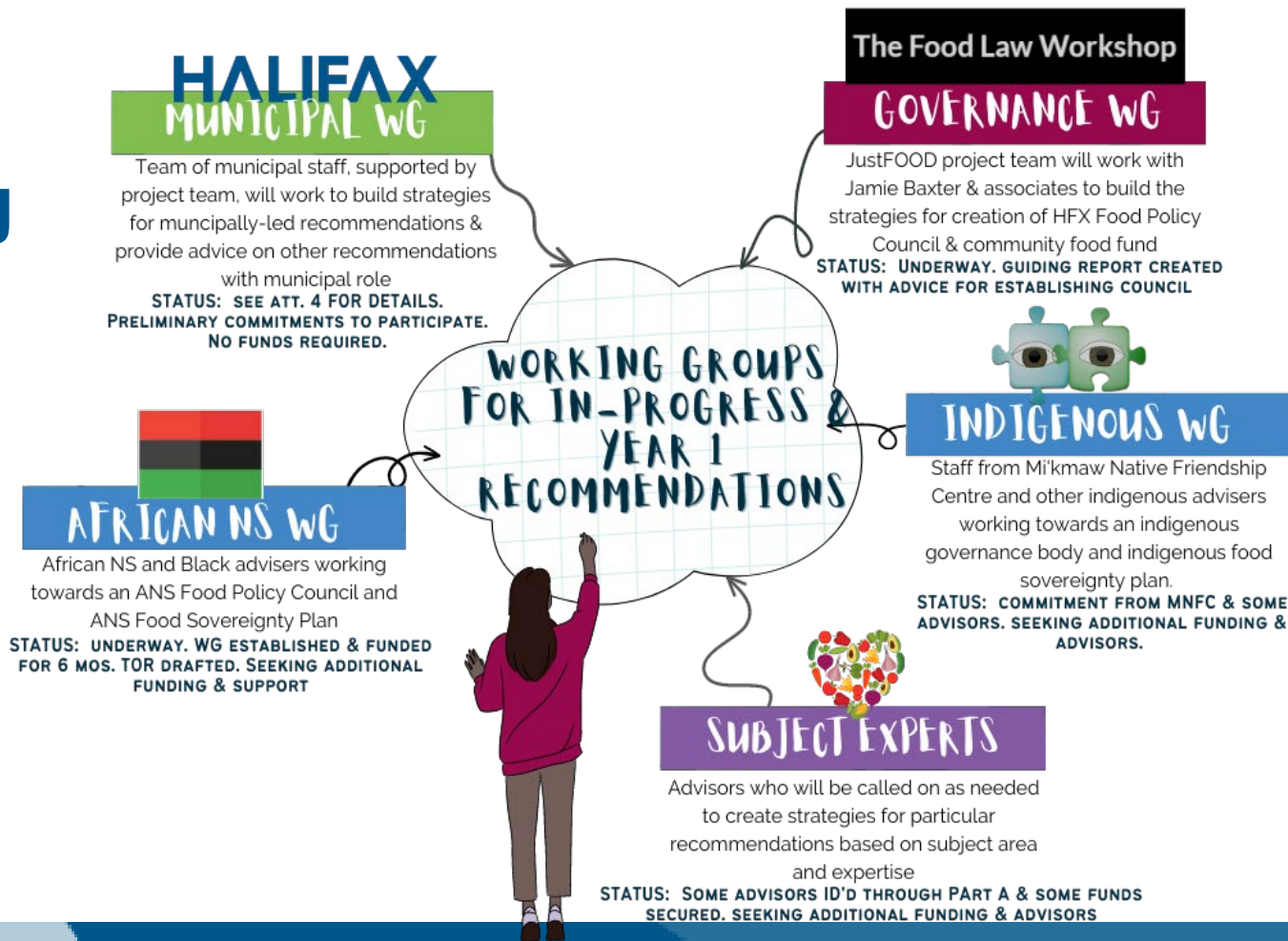
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**Local
solutions for
global issues**

- 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.