



July 24, 2018

Dear Mayor:

Given the importance of municipal leadership in reducing poverty in our communities, we are pleased to formally invite you to attend Tamarack's Eastern Regional poverty summit: *Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty*, supported by the Region of Peel and the Peel Poverty Reduction Committee, on September 18-19, 2018 at the Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga Ontario.

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This Summit, building on Vibrant Communities' previous national summits, will focus on the vital role that cities play in developing innovative approaches to address poverty, and in supporting and complementing provincial, territorial and federal strategies.

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As you know, momentum for poverty reduction in Canada continues to grow, as all orders of government recognize that the social and economic costs of poverty are simply too high to ignore. The federal government will be releasing its poverty reduction strategy later this year. Today, more than 175 cities in Canada have, or are developing, community plans that engage governments, businesses, not for profits, and residents with lived/living experience of poverty to work together to implement new approaches.

More than 150 federal, provincial and municipal government officials, business leaders and community members will come together to discuss poverty reduction. *Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty* is also open to anyone who is interested in innovative ways that governments, cities and all sectors can work together to end poverty.

The summit will feature dynamic speakers on a range of topics including social innovation, collective impact, evaluating impact, and the key role of municipal, provincial, and territorial strategies in reducing poverty. Attendees will also have an opportunity to explore Peel Region through experiential city tours.

Together, we will celebrate our successes and we will co-generate impactful solutions to eliminating poverty nationwide.

To register please visit <http://events.tamarackcommunity.ca/crp-east> or if you have further questions please contact Leena Sharma leena@tamarackcommunity.ca at Vibrant Communities Canada.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us for this important opportunity to advance the poverty reduction agenda in Canada, and we look forward to greeting you in Peel.

Sincerely,


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Mayor of Mississauga

Linda Jeffrey
Mayor of Brampton

Allan Thompson
Mayor of Caledon