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We watch over the land and sea and in turn they watch over us.

June 1, 2018

We are at a unique moment in history in which cities, provinces and the federal government are all converging with independent, yet interrelated, poverty reduction strategies, as the social and economic costs of poverty in our communities mount.

I don't have to tell you that municipal leadership is vital to solving this critical issue: indeed, more than 175 cities in Canada are developing – and implementing - community plans that engage governments, business, not for profits, and citizens with lived experience of poverty to work together on innovative approaches and find new successes to overcoming poverty.

This municipal leadership has inspired our Council to action and I am hoping it will inspire you too. I'd like to formally invite you to attend **Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty**, hosted by Vibrant Communities and the City of Vancouver, on **June 12-13, 2018 in Vancouver, BC**.

Building on Vibrant Communities' previous national summits in 2015 (Ottawa), 2016 (Edmonton), and 2017 (Hamilton), *Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty* will focus on the respective and unique roles and impacts of city, provincial and federal poverty reduction strategies.

This important gathering will convene over 150 leaders committed to working together to reduce poverty. Participants will include representatives from the federal government, western Canada provincial and territorial representatives, mayors, funders, business leaders, members of the Cities Reducing Poverty network, and community organizers. Most importantly, people with lived experience of poverty will attend from across western Canada. *Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty* is open to anyone interested in the innovative ways that governments, cities, public and private sectors can work together to end poverty.

Attendees will hear from fabulous speakers, participate in experiential city tours, and work together through interactive workshops in one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Together, we will celebrate our successes and will co-generate impactful solutions to eliminating poverty nationwide.

This is a time of real hope as residents, cities, provinces, territories, the federal government, not for profits, and the business sector are working together and thinking big about how to reduce poverty in Canada. Be a part of this monumental discussion. Meet allies, access new tools, and discover emerging and innovative practices with leaders from across the nation.

To register please visit <http://events.tamarackcommunity.ca/crp-west-register> or if you have further questions please contact Alison Homer [alison@tamarackcommunity.ca](mailto:alison@tamarackcommunity.ca) at Vibrant Communities Canada.

I look forward to greeting you in Vancouver for this exciting event.

Sincerely,



Gregor Robertson  
Mayor, City of Vancouver



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