

Getting to Shared Outcomes - Vibrant Communities Canada Timeline

Year	Vibrant Communities Historical Timeline	Getting to Shared Outcomes: Tools and Resources
1996 - 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opportunities 2000 launched in the Waterloo, Ontario Canada region – a place-based poverty reduction activities with the goal of moving 2000 families out of poverty by the year 2000 	
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opportunities 2000 is able to move 1600 individuals out of poverty in Waterloo Region ➤ By the end of 2000, Opportunities surpasses its target 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Creating Pathways out of Poverty in Waterloo Region.</i> 2000. Don McNair and Eric Leviten-Reid.
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Talks begin which focus on scaling the Opportunities 2000 effort in other communities across Canada ➤ Maytree Foundation works with Paul Born to establish Tamarack – An Institute for Community Engagement to, in part, lead the expansion of Opportunities 2000 across Canada ➤ The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, Caledon Institute of Social Policy and Tamarack – An Institute for Community Engagement collaborate to develop Vibrant Communities Canada 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opportunities 2000 Final Evaluation Report. Caledon Institute of Social Policy. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/vc/OP_2000_Final_Eval.pdf
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vibrant Communities Canada launched in 2002 ➤ Six cities recruited to become Vibrant Communities 'Trail Builders': Victoria, BC; Niagara Region, Ontario; Saint John, New Brunswick; Saint-Michel/Montreal, Quebec; Edmonton, Alberta and Calgary, Alberta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Initial Trail Builder Communities undertake a Theory of Change process and begin developing their community plans – Vibrant Communities Fact Sheet 2002 - http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/vc/VC_Fact_Sheet.pdf
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A number of tools begin to be developed to assist the evaluation and learning of Vibrant Communities Trail Builders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Our Growing Understanding of Community Engagement. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/home/ce_report.pdf ➤ Convening a Comprehensive, Multisector Effort to Reduce Poverty: A Primer. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/tools/primer_e.pdf
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vibrant Communities engaged CAC International as an external evaluator to conduct an assessment of the progress of VC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Poverty Matrix: Understanding Poverty in Your Community. Second Edition. Mark Cabaj. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/tools/poverty_matrix2e.pdf ➤ Making the Case: Clarifying Ways Businesses Benefit from Poverty Reduction Strategies. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/tools/final_making_the_case.pdf

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Making an Impact: Screening and Selecting Opportunities for Poverty Reduction. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/tools/strategy_selection_final.pdf
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mid-Term Assessment of Vibrant Communities completed and published ➤ Initiative begins to deepen their understanding of how to build a movement for change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mid-Term Assessment of the Vibrant Communities Initiative – CAC International - http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/vc/Mid-term Assessment of Vibrant Communities-Final Report-March 11 2005-body.pdf ➤ Creating Canadian Movements for Change. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/M4C/m4c_report.pdf
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seven addition cities become Vibrant Communities 'Trail Builders': Abbotsford and Surrey, British Columbia; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Hamilton and Waterloo Region, Ontario; Trois Rivieres, Quebec; St. John's, Newfoundland and Laborador 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Caledon Institute of Social Policy captures community progress and highlights through community stories – see www.caledoninst.org and http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/Search%20Results/
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Framing Poverty and Poverty Reduction. The VC partners discussed their collective understanding of poverty and developed a comprehensive approach. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/g3s61_VC_032807.html 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reflecting on Vibrant Communities 2002-2006 report published: http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/vc/VC_relections07_web.pdf
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Common Evaluation Framework is developed for Vibrant Communities ➤ VC partners begin reporting every 6 months on their progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Learning and Evaluation for Vibrant Communities Trail Builders: The Pan Canadian Process was upgraded in 2008 and set the framework for VC communities. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/vc/VC Learning Evaluation Trail Builders.pdf ➤ <i>Creating Vibrant Communities. How Individuals and Organizations from Diverse Sectors of Society are Coming Together to Reduce Poverty in Canada.</i> 2008. Paul Born.
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ First Annual Vibrant Communities By the Numbers Report is Published ➤ VC partners are engaged in a shared learning and sense making session reviewing the VC by the Numbers Report ➤ Targets are upgraded based on the results achieved by VC partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Roles in Policy by Sherri Torjman, Caledon Institute of Social Policy. http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/738ENG.pdf ➤ Comprehensive Strategies for Deep and Durable Outcomes. Eric Leviten-Reid. http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/765ENG.pdf ➤ Collaboration on Policy: A Manual. Sherri Torjman and Anne Makhoul, Caledon Institute on Social Policy. http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/772ENG.pdf ➤ Poverty Compendium: A Tool for Communities. Garry Loewen. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/vc/Poverty_Reduction_GL_042209.pdf

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A Comprehensive Approach to Poverty Using Strategic Drivers. Garry Loewen http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/M4C/m4c_report.pdf
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vibrant Communities Canada begins summative evaluation phase for the first 10 years of the initiative ➤ VC Canada begins discussion with communities about scaling up to 100 cities as Cities Reducing Poverty ➤ Second Annual VC By the Numbers report is published ➤ The By the Numbers Report provides background for the Summative Evaluation report: Evaluating Vibrant Communities 2002-2010. ➤ Tamarack and Vibrant Communities host National Partners in a Strategic Dialogue on Poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evaluating Vibrant Communities 2002-2010. Jamie Gamble. Summative Evaluation Report. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/vc/VC_Evaluation.pdf ➤ The Poverty Matrix (Updated) ➤ Approaches to Measuring Community Change Indicators. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/vc/Measuring_Community_Change.pdf ➤ Strategic Dialogue on Poverty – Resources http://tamarackcommunity.ca/Strategic_Dialogue.html ➤ Caledon Institute captures community progress and highlights through community stories – see www.caledoninst.org and http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/Search%20Results/
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ VC Canada continues discussion with communities about scaling up to 100 cities as Cities Reducing Poverty ➤ Third Annual VC By the Numbers Report Published and sense-making sessions occur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cities Reducing Poverty. Mark Cabaj. 6 Case Studies and Lessons Learned. ➤ Vibrant Communities Story Telling Guide. http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/vc/VC_Storytelling_Guide.pdf
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ VC Canada officially launches Cities Reducing Poverty ➤ Vibrant Communities 2002-2012 phase with 13 city partners officially concludes ➤ Final VC By the Numbers Report published 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ VC Evaluation Action Team formed to review existing evaluation Framework ➤ Final Summative Evaluation Report for Vibrant Communities 2002-2012 published (VC By the Numbers) http://tamarackcommunity.ca/g2_VC_Evaluation.html ➤ Inspired Learning Evaluation Report – details the value and impact of learning supports on Vibrant Communities http://vibrantcanada.ca/files/evaluation_report-aug2012.pdf
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vibrant Communities – Cities Reducing Poverty Network approves the Common Evaluation Framework which was developed by the VC Evaluation Action Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Development of the online evaluation tool ➤ Development of a partnership with the CCSD Community Data Program to purchase data for 12 population level indicators for cities partners
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 55 cities/regions now connected to the Vibrant Communities – Cities Reducing Poverty Network ➤ 60 additional cities/regions across Canada more loosely connected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Common Evaluation Framework</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Common Population Indicators for 50 communities and Provinces/Territories ➤ Cities complete on-line survey providing details about Participation, Performance, Progress, Population and Policy Measures