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Third-Annual Sustainable Cities Ranking

Sustainability planning and goals

1. How many sustainable planning staff does the municipality have as a percentage of total staff?
2. Has the municipality adopted a policy of using sustainability as a filter to inform planning decisions that pertain to the future of the community?
3. Is the municipality measuring its own performance in key sustainability areas (including, but not limited to, emissions, waste diversion, citizen engagement, green space, homelessness, conservation levels, etc.)?
 - a. If yes: Does the municipality have a greenhouse gas emissions target? If so, what is it and what progress has been made towards reaching this target?
 - b. If yes: Does the municipality have a waste diversion target? If so, what is it and what is the current level of waste diversion? If possible, please separate waste diversion levels into residential and non-residential.
4. What percentage of the municipality's annual budget is dedicated to sustainability initiatives?

Building codes, zoning

5. Does the municipality have any residential or commercial solar or geothermal retrofit programs?

Social housing

6. Do the municipality have an affordable home ownership program?

Economic development

7. Does the municipality have any incentives for land developers if they build green buildings? This includes, but is not limited to, geothermal installations, solar installations, green roof installations, grey water management systems, and designated bike parking.

8. Does the municipality have special tax incentives to attract green or clean technology businesses to the city?

Parks and recreation

9. How many hectares of community gardens does the municipality have?
10. What is the total number of kilometres of bike paths in the municipality? (This includes offroad paths, pedestrian paths that also allow cyclists, and shared roadways that have bike lanes.)

Water and sewage

11. Does the municipality's commercial and private water pricing cover delivery costs and infrastructure maintenance?
12. Does the municipality have bulk water pricing?

By-laws

13. Is there a municipal ban on insecticides and other pesticides?

Other

14. What other sustainability initiatives does the municipality have? This includes, but is not limited to, a Styrofoam ban, local food programs, car-free days, pedestrian days, local art projects, etc.