

# Corporate Knights

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## Fourth-Annual Sustainable Cities Ranking

*Sustainability* is the ability of individuals and communities to flourish without contributing to the progressive degradation of the human and natural systems on which we depend. CK measures sustainability along five parameters: ecological integrity, economic security, governance and empowerment, infrastructure and built environment and social well-being. In this year's survey, we would appreciate if your responses reflected initiatives occurring from January 1, 2009 to present.

### Sustainability planning and goals

1. Please provide the name, title and contact information for the person that citizens in your municipality should contact if they have concerns regarding sustainability initiatives.
  
2. Has the municipality adopted a policy of using sustainability criteria as a filter to inform planning decisions? Please describe the influence that this filter has had on planning decisions.
  
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, energy/land/water/materials conservation, etc.)?
  - a. If yes: Does the municipality have a greenhouse gas emissions target? If so, what is it (please express in baseline year, target year, and % reduction) and what progress (% reduction, initiatives, etc.) has been made towards reaching this target?
  
  - b. If yes: Does the municipality have a waste diversion target? If so, what is it (please express in baseline year, target year, and % reduction) and what is the current level of waste diversion? If possible, please separate waste diversion levels into residential and non-residential.
  
4. The following question measures municipal expenditures in key sustainability areas of your 2009 operating budget.

Expenditure Area	Dollars Allocated in 2009 Operating Budget
Public Transit	
Road Infrastructure	
Biodiversity/Naturalization/Green Space	
Total Expenditure - 2009 Operating Budget	

**Building codes, zoning**

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

**Social housing**

6. Does the municipality have an affordable home ownership program? Please describe.

**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 municipality? Please describe.
9. Please describe any efforts that your government has made to create or develop regional networks for local trade and/or self-sufficiency.

**Parks and recreation**

10. How many hectares of public green space (parks, wooded areas, gardens – any area that is predominately vegetated) does the municipality have?
  - a. How many hectares of community gardens does the municipality have?

**Transportation Services**

11. 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.)
12. What is the total number of kilometers of paved roadways (including major arterial roads/highways, streetcar lanes, and side streets) in the municipality?

**Water and sewage**

13. Does the municipality's commercial and private water pricing cover delivery costs and infrastructure maintenance?
14. Does the municipality have bulk water pricing?
15. Does the municipality have separate storm water and sewage sewer systems?

**By-laws**

16. Is there a municipal ban on insecticides and other pesticides? If there is an Integrated Pest Management program in place, please indicate.

**Other**

17. 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.

18. CK appreciates your participation in the Sustainable Cities survey. We would like to make this metric a strong tool to help your municipality achieve its vision of sustainability. Do you have any suggestions about how this project could better address the sustainability planning needs of your municipality?