Appendix C: Findings of the Environmental Scan

Table C-15: Selected Public Health Frameworks: Overarching Goals

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British Columbia	"Promote, Protect, Prevent: Our Health Begins Here" BC's Guiding Framework for Public Health. March 2013.	to improve the health and well-being of British Columbians by: 1. Creating a long-term vision for the public health system, which incorporates all preexisting major public health strategies. 2. Formalizing a collaborative process to identify future public health priorities. 3. Reinforcing core public health functions as the foundation for public health services. 4. Supporting a population health approach and the public health role in health equity. 5. Connecting to and supporting self care,	Vibrant communities, in which all people achieve their best health and wellbeing where they live, work, learn and play.	We promote, improve and protect the health and well-being of British Columbians through leadership, partnership, innovation and action.	HEALTH SURVEILLANCE We will provide quantitative health information, advice and support that are scientifically accurate, useful, timely and relevant. We will share health data in a format and manner that helps respond to and address real issues, while ensuring ethical data usage. EVIDENCE, EVALUATION & INNOVATION We will ensure that decisions are informed by the best available evidence and are monitored, measured and evaluated for success. We will continuously look for innovative ways of bridging research and practice, science and context. We will seek opportunities to create better or more effective programs, processes, policies, services and technologies. EQUITY We will improve health equity by supporting communities and individuals and ensuring equitable service delivery, planning and policy development.	Health Status: health equity, health inequity, well-being Root Causes: risk conditions, environment, disadvantage, social determinants (indigeneity) Populations: vulnerable, disadvantaged Interventions: closing the gap	Strategic Goals, Objectives & Measures of the Framework: See Table C-16 for details on specific strategic goals and measurable outcomes designed to achieve the over- arching framework Cross-Cutting Programs, Action Plans and Strategies: See Table C-16 for list of programs, plans and strategies designed to operationalize the framework



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		primary care, and clinical prevention.			We will address conditions that create inequity, barriers to access and gaps in service; consider the specific needs of vulnerable or disadvantaged populations including First Nations and Aboriginal peoples; and implement supportive surveillance activities. WORKING TOGETHER We will build collaborative relationships and enhance understanding and planning with our partners including NGOs, BC First Nations and Aboriginal groups, the private sector, post-secondary research and training institutions and communities. This intersectoral collaboration is critical to building policies and services that support and contribute to improved health outcomes. ACROSS THE LIFESPAN We will implement a coordinated approach that addresses the various health conditions affecting people throughout their lives, with a particular focus on early childhood development to set healthy trajectories for outcomes later in life.		



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					MULTIPLE SETTINGS & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS Using an inclusive, multifaceted approach, we will develop and implement interventions that consider the settings in which people achieve and maintain good health. We will work to actively engage with key partners in making these environments more supportive to positive outcomes.		
Alberta	Alberta's Strategic Approach to Health and Wellness. March 2014.		Health for All Wellness for Life		Dignity and Mutual Respect: It is crucial that all Albertans have a voice in the conversation about wellness. Recognizing that different values and perspectives are inevitable, it is important to approach such conversations with the understanding that everyone has something to contribute. Despite the potential for disagreement, a healthier tomorrow for all Albertans must remain the end goal. Practice Inclusion: Inclusion means ensuring that everyone has a seat at the table and an opportunity to contribute and be heard. Some groups have 'quieter' voices than others – we need to make efforts to ensure that all people feel that they can	Health Status: wellness, equity, inequality Root Causes: risk conditions, social determinants (inclusion; income, food, and housing security) Populations: diverse, vulnerable, at-risk Interventions: closing the gap, upstream (i.e., proactive vs. reactive)	Strategic Goals, Objectives & Measures of the Framework: See Table C-16 for details on specific strategic goals and measurable outcomes designed to achieve the over- arching framework Cross-Cutting Programs, Action Plans and Strategies: See Table C-16 for list of programs, plans and strategies designed to operationalize the framework



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					contribute in conversations about wellness, and that their contribution is included in any plan or strategy moving forward.		
					Respect for Diversity: Respect for diversity means recognizing that our province is made up of people with a wide range of values, and that differing opinions are valuable. Diversity can pertain to people, cultures, and values; and can often result in a diversity of solutions to problems.		
					Social Justice and Equity: Many chronic diseases and other risk factors for poor physical, social and mental health affect certain groups of Albertans more than others. These differences in health are often linked to their access to the conditions (e.g. healthy food, good housing, safe neighbourhoods) that support health. Social justice and equity is about everyone having the opportunity to "attain their full health potential" and creating equal opportunities for good health and reducing avoidable and unfair differences in health among Albertans.		
					Shared Responsibility: We are all partners in promoting the health		



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					of Albertans. Fruitful relationships are built on principles of open communication and mutual respect – even when we disagree.		
					Evidence-based: Whenever possible, we want to learn from both the mistakes and successes of others. We also need to regularly review the programs and policies that are used in Alberta. Evidence from many sources must be evaluated to help give the best possible direction to activities aimed at promoting health in our communities.		
					Collaboration: We need to work together. Our capacity to achieve depends on our ability to work together as individuals, communities, governments and organizations across all sectors. When we act collaboratively, we are open to new ideas, different perspectives and solutions. The words "we" or "us" refer to all Albertans and reinforce the collaborative nature of the process. This is "our" strategy and plan.		
					Community Engagement and Mobilization: Community engagement means taking action towards positive community		



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					change and decision-making which reflects community needs and desires. Mobilization is based on the belief that when a community is mobilized to address and solve its own problems, more efficient and effective results are achieved than could be achieved by any other means. It is characterized by the creation of a shared vision, a common understanding of the problem, leadership and establishing collaborative partnerships, increased participation and sustainability.		
					Accountable: Accountability is accepting responsibility for – and supporting efforts to achieve – better outcomes for all Albertans. When we are accountable, we strive to be innovative and provide the highest quality possible. Transparency, citizen engagement and decisions that are based on knowledge and evidence are key aspects of an accountable system. Proactive: Proactive approaches work over the long term to prevent or address threats to our health before they start. As a result, they often prove to be more cost-effective than reactive		



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					approaches. Proactive action acknowledges the interconnectedness of individuals, families, communities and their environments. When we are proactive, we emphasize root causes and focus on creating conditions for success and we anticipate and adapt to changing and evolving needs.		
Alberta	Social Policy Framework. February 2013.	four main goals for social policy: 1. reduce inequality 2. protect vulnerable people 3. create a personcentered system of high-quality services and 4. enable collaboration and partnerships	In Alberta, everyone contributes to making our communities inclusive and welcoming. Everyone has opportunities to fulfill their potential and to benefit from our thriving social, economic, and cultural life.		Dignity – Everyone has inherent and equal worth. Everyone can expect to be treated with respect and empathy, and to be accepted regardless of their circumstances. Individuals must be respected for their contributions to society, and they must have their individual needs considered. People First – People should be the focus of service design and delivery. When we put people first, we are better able to meet their needs. Putting people first means that people can engage in decision-making and that we value their experiences. A focus on the needs and experiences of people means that decision makers must put themselves in someone else's shoes. This results in simple, more accessible services that are designed and delivered	Health Status: well-being, inequality Root Causes: risk conditions, socioeconomic, social determinants (gender, race, age, ethnicity, disability, inclusion) Populations: diverse, vulnerable, at-risk Interventions: upstream (i.e., proactive vs. reactive)	Strategic Goals, Objectives & Measures of the Framework: See Table C-16 for details on specific strategic goals and measurable outcomes designed to achieve the over- arching framework Cross-Cutting Programs, Action Plans and Strategies: See Table C-16 for list of programs, plans and strategies designed to operationalize the framework



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					based on the experiences of people. Higher quality services and supports lead to greater trust and credibility between the people who access services and the service providers.		
					Relationships – The well-being of our province is linked to the well-being of individual Albertans, their households, and their families—in the many diverse forms they may take (e.g., blended families or extended families). Healthy, positive relationships sustain us and support our well-being, and they are the building blocks for safe, vibrant communities. When we promote healthy and strong relationships between individuals and within families, we recognize that individuals are intrinsically linked to their community and that they are strongly influenced by their surroundings.		
					Mutual Responsibility – We all have a role to play in helping out where we can and creating environments for positive change. Governments and communities have important roles in enabling and supporting the conditions for individual and family success, and		



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					for ensuring the provision of supports. For their part, individuals have a responsibility to take advantage of those opportunities. Each generation has a responsibility to future generations, and this obligation should be taken into account when making decisions.		
					Inclusion – Diversity encompasses a range of human experience, including age, gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity, language, and physical or mental ability, as well as socioeconomic, immigration, and citizenship status. Inclusion promotes the full participation of all individuals in society, regardless of their traits, identities, or circumstances. In an inclusive society, we understand that diversity is one of our strengths, and we are able to build on our strengths together. When we act in an inclusive way, we promote the full participation of all individuals in our society and acknowledge varying perspectives.		
					Proactive – Proactive approaches work over the long term to prevent or address social problems before they start. As a result, they often prove to be		



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					more cost-effective than reactive approaches. Proactive action acknowledges the interconnectedness of individuals, families, communities, and their environments. They also reflect the interplay between economic, social, and environmental policy. When we are proactive, we emphasize root causes and focus on creating conditions for success, and we anticipate and adapt to changing and evolving needs. Collaborative – Our capacity to achieve social policy goals depends on our ability to work together. Individuals and organizations across all sectors and all parts of the province have resources and expertise to contribute to resolving social challenges and achieving positive outcomes for Albertans. When we act collaboratively, we are open to new and alternative ideas, perspectives, and solutions. Our actions reflect that: shared outcomes require shared action; shared action requires shared ownership; and shared ownership leads to shared results. Accountable – Accountability is		
					accepting responsibility for—and		



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					supporting efforts to achieve—better outcomes for all Albertans. Ensuring accountability and acting in an accountable manner is a responsibility of governments, the non-profit and voluntary sector, service providers, businesses, and individual citizens. When we are accountable, we strive to be innovative and to provide the highest quality service possible. Transparency, citizen engagement, and decisions that are based on knowledge and evidence are key aspects of an accountable system. Accountability can be considered as both a characteristic of the kind of system we want and a way of acting. Based on this input, we have included it as an outcome and as a principle to guide our actions.			
Saskatchewan	People Before Systems: Transforming the Experience of Disability in Saskatchewan The Saskatchewan Disability Strategy June 2015	Four drivers of transformation provide a new direction for disability programs and services 1. achieving personcentred services, 2. responding to the impact of disability, 3. respecting and protecting human	Saskatchewan will be an inclusive province that is welcoming, responsive, innovative and accessible so that people who experience disability can live the life they choose.		 An inclusive province: Designs and delivers disability programs and services from a person-centred perspective, focusing on the needs and wishes of individuals. Supports opportunities for individuals and families to choose and control the services and programs they wish. 	Root Causes: risk conditions, environments, social determinants (gender, race/ethnicity, disability, indigeneity, social inclusion) Interventions: closing the gap,	Strategic Goals. Objectives & Measures of the Framework: See Table C-16 for details on specific strategic goals and measurable outcomes designed to achieve the over- arching framework	



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		rights, and 4. recognizing that accessibility and inclusion benefit us all. Responding to the impact of disability –This new understanding [of impact] is at the heart of an impact-based approach to defining disability. People experience the impact of their condition differently because disability is the result of the interaction of health conditions with other social, personal and environmental factors. The impact of disability can also be affected by the person's age, culture, gender, and the presence or absence of environmental barriers and supports. Respecting and protecting human rights – People experiencing disability			 Recognizes that inclusion may vary according to an individual's needs and context. Inclusion is not a "one-size-fits-all" approach. The nature of the disability, as well as the environment in which it is experienced, needs to be considered for meaningful inclusion. Actively involves all who experience disability. People experiencing disability are involved in the development, design, delivery and evaluation of the policies, programs and services that affect them. Develops programs and services as well as physical and social environments that recognize disability is a normal part of the human condition. Promotes equality and creates communities where people who experience disability can enjoy their inherent right to live on an equal basis with everyone else. Effectively accommodates a range of disability impacts within existing services, workplaces, schools and 	universal design, impact-based approach	Cross-Cutting Programs, Action Plans and Strategies: See Table C-16 for list of programs, plans and strategies designed to operationalize the framework/strategy



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		should not have to fight for the basic services, activities and opportunities that most of us take for granted. We believe an impact view of disability will challenge systemic barriers to equality so that people experiencing disability can exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens of our province. First Nations people experiencing disability face additional challenges in having their basic human rights recognized. The public consultation heard that jurisdictional and funding issues are barring access to basic disability supports and services such as technical aids and devices, accessible housing and transportation. Collaboration is needed to assist First Nations people experiencing disability to receive the			communities. Reduces the impacts of disability by creating inclusive environments that make participation possible for people who experience disability. Promotes and incorporates Universal Design. Designing buildings, products and environments that are accessible to everyone enables participation in all aspects of society. Promotes and nurtures continuous innovation in services and environments.		



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		same services and programming as everyone else in Saskatchewan.					
Manitoba	All Aboard: Manitoba's Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion Strategy May 2012		We envision a future where people are socially included, connected to their communities, participating in the economy and contributing to our province. Poverty is complex and goes beyond having enough money to live each day. We will work to create the conditions that allow people to participate fully in society as valued, respected and contributing members. Everyone benefits from a society that helps all individuals to participate, and to prosper.		 We recognize that poverty is complex and requires long-term solutions that get at root causes. We will focus on building policies and programs based on evidence, and invest in what works. We recognize certain groups of Manitobans bear a greater burden of poverty and social exclusion than others (ex: women, single parents, Aboriginal Manitobans, newcomers, persons with disabilities). We understand the complex relationship between poverty and social exclusion – poverty contributes to social exclusion and social exclusion can lead to poverty. We need several approaches to address all angles: preventing people from falling into poverty; reducing the number of people living in poverty; and improving the 	Root Causes: social determinants (gender, indigeneity, disability, social inclusion/exclusion, income security) Populations: marginalized, vulnerable, at-risk Interventions: prevention/reduction/improvement	Strategic Goals, Objectives & Measures of the Framework: See Table C-16 for details on specific strategic goals and measurable outcomes designed to achieve the over- arching framework Cross-Cutting Programs, Action Plans and Strategies: See Table C-16 for list of programs, plans and strategies designed to operationalize the framework/strategy



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					 We recognize the importance of supporting Manitobans as they achieve income stability and move towards financial independence. We need to build partnerships with other governments, businesses, non-profit organizations, communities and individuals to achieve our goals. 		
Ontario	Evidence, knowledge and action for a healthier Ontario. Strategic Plan 2014 – 2019. Public Health Ontario	To create a shared vision for how Public Health Ontario can contribute to a healthier Ontario.	Internationally- recognized evidence, knowledge and action for a healthier Ontario.	We enable informed decisions and actions that protect and promote health and contribute to reducing health inequities.	Credible — Trusted in what we do. Through a commitment to excellence, we are a trusted source of expert knowledge and quality service. Relying on the best available information, methodologies and research, we take pride in providing objective advice, relevant results and high quality evidence. Innovative — Creative solutions. We continually seek novel approaches – in our thinking, our research and our service delivery. Building a culture of creativity together, we explore new possibilities and pursue innovative solutions to complex operational and public health challenges. Responsive — Taking action. We	Health Status: health inequity Populations: diverse Interventions: upstream (i.e., proactive approaches)	Strategic Goals, Objectives & Measures of the Framework: See Table C-16 for details on specific strategic goals and measurable outcomes designed to achieve the over- arching strategic plan



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					our clients and partners, acting in a timely and decisive fashion. We are proactive, anticipating change and taking relevant actions that make a difference and achieve positive results. We demonstrate a passion for engaging, understanding and responding to those we serve, and asking how we can do even better.		
					Collaborative — Stronger together. Our best work and results come from applying our collective experience and knowledge together with our partners. We develop and leverage partnerships that respond to shared challenges and goals. In each relationship, we seek the best from each other, and engage a broad network to share the best of PHO and advance the field of public health.		
					Integrity — Acting honestly and ethically. We consistently act in the best interests of Ontarians, with impartiality and transparency. We live by the highest standards of integrity in our professional and scientific endeavours. We stand behind our work and our people. We act honestly and ethically, delivering on our commitments.		



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					Respect — Valuing others. We welcome and respect a broad range of ideas and perspectives. We build trust through our commitment to open communications, valuing everyone's unique background and contributions, and celebrating and sharing successes. We achieve greater impact by leveraging the diversity of our people, clients and partners.		
Quebec	Note: The overarchin	ng framework for public	health is articulated in	Public Health Act (see Legislation Table)		
Newfoundland & Labrador							
Nova Scotia	Above and Beyond Together Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015 Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health	To provide a common vision and direction for public health officials in New Brunswick	A healthy population in New Brunswick.	To improve, promote and protect the health of the people of New Brunswick.	Population health approach: Refers to the health of the population as measured by health status indicators and as influenced by the social determinants of health. Population health focuses on the interrelated conditions and factors that influence the health of populations during the life course; identifies systematic variation in their patterns of occurrence; and applies the resulting knowledge to develop and implement policies and actions to improve the health and well-being of those populations (Health Canada, 2001). The overall goal of this	Health Status: health inequity, well- being Root Causes: risk factors, risk conditions, environmental, socioeconomic, social determinants Interventions: upstream (i.e., primordial and primary prevention)	Strategic Goals, Objectives & Measures of the Framework: See Table C-16 for details on specific strategic goals and measurable outcomes designed to achieve the over- arching strategic plan



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					approach is to improve the health of the entire population and to reduce health inequities among groups.					
					Focus on primordial and primary prevention: Primordial prevention actions and measures inhibit the emergence and establishment of environmental, economic, social and behavoural conditions, and cultural patterns of living that are known to increase the risk of disease. Primary prevention is protection of health by personal and communal efforts such as enhancing nutritional status, immunizing against communicable diseases, and eliminating environmental risks such as contaminated water supplies.					
					Evidence-informed risk assessment and decision-making: This principle aims at building evidence based on population health and conducting other activities to enhance accountability of Public Health's policies and programs. It focuses on improving health outcomes and the sustainability of the health system.					



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					Social and Environmental Justice: Social and environmental justice is the equitable achievement of human and environmental rights. It refers to the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of social status with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. It essentially links environment and its impact on the health of a population.		
New Brunswick	Overcoming Poverty Together. The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan 2014-2019	To create a roadmap for the province to move towards economic and social inclusion for all	Through the collaboration of governments, business and non-profit sectors, people living in poverty and individual citizens, all men, women and children in New Brunswick shall have the necessary resources to meet their basic needs and to live with dignity, security and good health. Furthermore, all New Brunswickers shall be included as		Public, private and non-profit partners as well as citizens need to come together to look at the impact of services and programs designed for people living in poverty. Factors that affect economic and social inclusion should be collectively identified, considered and, ultimately, shape the implementation and execution of policies and initiatives. Through this collaborative approach, we are better able to achieve an improved quality of life for all. Just as this plan is collective and collaborative, it is also inclusive. It embraces diversity as each measure is intended to apply to all	Health Status: health Root Causes: socioeconomic, economic, social determinants (age, race/ethnicity, indigeneity, disability, income security, social inclusion)	Strategic Goals, Objectives & Measures of the Framework: See Table C-16 for details on specific strategic goals and measurable outcomes designed to achieve the over- arching strategy



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			full citizens through opportunities for employment, personal development and community engagement.		New Brunswickers. In keeping with this spirit, everyone's voice is important and must be heard. Those with distinctive experiences with poverty such as aboriginal communities, youth, seniors, immigrants, persons living with disabilities and mental health issues, must be reflected in the implementation and fulfilment of this plan. As such, continued outreach and discussion is necessary.		
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Yukon							
Northwest Territories							
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