

Human Rights Lens Scorecard: Municipal Encampment Strategy Review

Instructions

For each section, answer the questions by selecting “Yes” or “No”. At the end of each section, total your points. Then, sum all the section totals to evaluate how aligned your current strategy is with a human rights-based approach.

Scoring:

Yes = 1 point | No = 0 points

Section 1: Meaningful Engagement

Section 2: Access to Basic Needs in Encampments

Section 3: Encampment Conditions & Safety

Section 4: Access to Housing

Section 5: Relocation & Alternatives

Section 6: Encampment Closures

Section 7: Dignity & Respect

Section 8: Non-discrimination

Section 9: Intergovernmental Cooperation

Section 10: Transparency & Accountability

1. Meaningful Engagement

Have encampment residents been engaged early in the decision-making process (before decisions have been made)?	Y/N
Is engagement ongoing (not a one-time conversation)?	Y/N
Are residents given meaningful opportunities to shape policies or plans that affect them (does their input count)?	Y/N
Are outreach workers or organizations trusted by residents part of the process?	Y/N
Has communication been consistent and transparent?	Y/N
Are encampment residents given clear and accessible information prior to engagement?	Y/N
Do they have the resources they need to enable participation (i.e., legal representation) to help them properly weigh different options presented and make their own suggestions?	Y/N
Are decisions about encampments and housing options communicated clearly to residents and the public?	Y/N
Is there a way for residents to appeal or review decisions made about them?	Y/N

Total (out of 9): ___ / 9

Meaningful Engagement of Indigenous Peoples

Are Indigenous peoples given free, prior and informed consent on matters affecting their communities with respect to housing?	Y/N
For Indigenous communities residing in encampments, have residents been given the opportunity to select their own representatives to participate in decision-making?	Y/N
Have Indigenous communities been provided with the support and resources necessary to maintain and develop their own Indigenous-making procedures and institutions?	Y/N
Are Indigenous peoples given the opportunity to play an active role in housing programs and decisions that affect them and their communities?	Y/N
Has decision-making power and resources, wherever possible, been transferred to Indigenous peoples so they can make decisions to address their housing needs in their own culturally appropriate ways?	Y/N

Total (out of 5): ____ / 5

2. Access to Basic Needs in Encampments

Is clean water accessible daily?	Y/N
Are there adequate sanitation facilities nearby (e.g. toilets, handwashing)?	Y/N
Is food available in ways that are dignified and safe?	Y/N
Is healthcare access, on-site social support and harm reduction services available and appropriate to the population?	Y/N
Are fire safety supports and personal safety measures in place and accessible to residents?	Y/N
Are there waste management systems in place?	Y/N
Is effective rodent and pest control regularly provided and maintained?	Y/N

Total (out of 7): ____ / 7

3. Encampment Conditions & Safety

Have residents identified any safety concerns and been supported in addressing them?	Y/N
Is the city supporting and resourcing community-led approaches to safety within encampments, as alternatives to policing or enforcement?	Y/N
Are emergency services (e.g. fire, ambulance) responding without criminalizing residents?	Y/N
Are people's personal belongings and property treated with care?	Y/N
Are trusting relationships being built between encampment residents, city staff, emergency services, health care providers, outreach workers and other support services?	Y/N
Is there an encampment safety protocol that has been developed in collaboration with the above actors?	Y/N
Are encampment residents provided with training in safety procedures, including with respect to potentially hazardous equipment and materials?	Y/N
Are there Indigenous led-supports for Indigenous communities living in encampments?	Y/N

Total (out of 8): ___ / 8

4. Access to Housing

Are residents being offered permanent and secure housing options acceptable to them?	Y/N
Is housing tailored to individual needs (e.g., pets, partners, harm reduction)?	Y/N
Are housing supports provided post-transition (after leaving the encampment)?	Y/N
Is there a process for tracking if residents stay housed after transition?	Y/N

Total (out of 4): ___ / 4

5. Relocation & Alternatives

Has the city explored <u>all</u> alternatives to relocation or eviction?	Y/N
Have residents identified alternatives they would be willing to consider?	Y/N
Have alternatives to closure been implemented or seriously assessed?	Y/N

Total (out of 3): ___ / 3

6. Encampment Closures

Has law enforcement been excluded from the closure process?	Y/N
Were residents consulted on the closure timeline and process?	Y/N
Did all residents freely accept housing alternatives before encampment closure was considered?	Y/N
Have personal belongings been safely stored or transferred?	Y/N
Was the closure conducted with dignity and transparency?	Y/N

Total (out of 5): ___ / 5

7. Dignity & Respect

Are all interactions with residents respectful and non-punitive?	Y/N
Are services designed with resident input to support dignity?	Y/N
Are cultural safety and trauma-informed practices prioritized?	Y/N

Total (out of 3): ___ / 3

8. Non-Discrimination

Is the city working to identify the policies or strategies (housing-related or not) that have disproportionate impacts on encampment residents?	Y/N
Have steps been taken to address these disparities in strategy or practice?	Y/N

Total (out of 2): ___ / 2

9. Inter-governmental Cooperation

Is the city coordinating with other levels of government to meet human rights obligations?	Y/N
Are provincial/federal housing resources or land being used towards the aim of protecting, respecting and fulfilling the rights of encampment residents?	Y/N
Has the City sought available federal funding or actively advocated for adequate federal resources?	Y/N

Total (out of 3): ___ / 3

10. Transparency & Accountability

Is there a monitoring body at the city level responsible for ensuring the city is adhering to its human rights obligations (i.e., Ombuds office, Housing Advisory Table, Lived Expert Council, etc.)?

Y/N

Total (out of 1): ____ / 1

Final Score: ____ / 50

How to interpret your score:

- **45–50:** Strong alignment with a human rights-based approach.
- **35–44:** On the path — some areas need improvement.
- **25–34:** Partial alignment — major gaps exist.
- **0–24:** High risk of rights violations — urgent change needed.