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Applying a Resilience Lens to City Decision Making

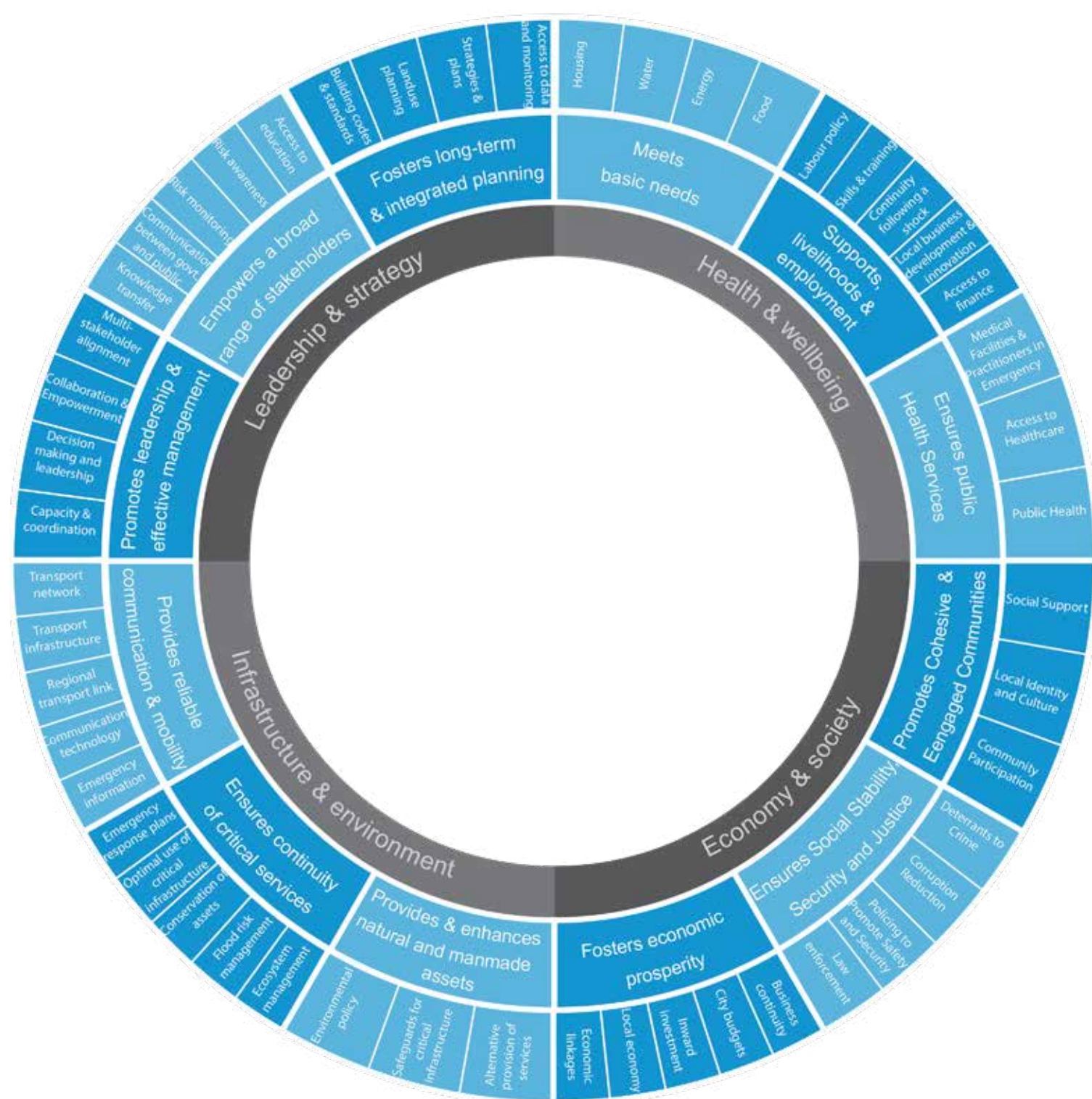
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The City of Calgary is a member of 100 Resilient Cities (100RC) – Pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation. 100RC is a global network working to address some of the biggest challenges facing cities. Membership in this network will significantly strengthen work being done by The City and its partners to prepare for, and recover from, stresses and shocks stemming from social, economic and environmental challenges.

We are developing a strategy to support our city’s resilience into the future. Quite simply, it is about elevating Calgary and our people, and ensuring that when we do face stresses and shocks, we are able to withstand them and move forward, together.

Our program launched with an Agenda Setting Working where we applied resilience tools to identify our top stresses and shocks and performance strengths and weaknesses. Since then, we developed focus areas of further research and piloted the application of resilience tools to other city processes. This includes embedding the City Resilience Framework into our Capital Infrastructure Investment Program and using the resilience qualities to enhance the resilience of our city services through our multi-year service plan and budgeting process.

As our program grows, we will continue to test ways to apply a resilience lens to city decision making. To learn more about what we are doing, see our webpage at: calgary.ca/resilientcalgary



Resilience Qualities

- Reflective**
Recognizes the world is continuously changing. Able to learn and apply learning to future decisions.
- Inclusive**
Equitable and accessible for all
- Robust**
Strong enough to withstand stresses and shocks
- Flexible**
Able to use the same thing in different ways, are responsive to changes and potential failures.
- Integrated**
Systems work together to catalyze co-benefits
- Redundant**
Spare capacity available to address and accommodate disruption
- Resourceful**
Recognizes alternative ways to use resources