

## **Extending the Governance Table, Calgary Style**

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Developing innovative and practicable policy in today's complex environments requires a lot of great minds.

The knowledge and experiences of diverse voices, spanning government offices, the private sector, community groups and residents themselves, must all be tapped in developing strong, sound policy.

This is messy work! We can all learn a lot from the experiences of individuals and communities who are practicing approaches to do just this.



Enter Vibrant Communities Calgary and its journey as a policy partner.

In Calgary, public servants and elected officials with the municipal government continue to work with, and benefit from, this group and the broader community in the development of policy frameworks on ethical procurement and living wage.

No doubt mapping these relationships poses challenges. Governments are called to pursue mandates serving multiple interests.

Calgary's experience is showing that the knowledge and insight of diverse voices, otherwise potentially out of reach to governments themselves, improves policy. And that means a stronger community.

 [Government-community collaboration and Vibrant Communities Calgary's Living Wage Initiative](#)

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