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### Application of an Equity Lens using the Equity Continuum

Is an Equity Lens being applied in your community? In 2023, BC Healthy Communities offered its innovative online PlanH Equity Curriculum to local government leadership teams across British Columbia. The curriculum consists of self-study modules that begin by explaining the concept of equity and then outlines how to create equitable engagement, through a wealth of relevant resources.

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### HPP webinar overview

#### Equity in action: How leaders can champion inclusive policymaking

What is the difference between equality and equity? What are the root causes of inequities? What makes a policy equitable? These and many other questions were answered in a PlanH webinar on November 8, 2023. Here are some key highlights. >> [Read more](#)



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## Resources & Learning

### Full report on Climate Change Population Health and Health Equity

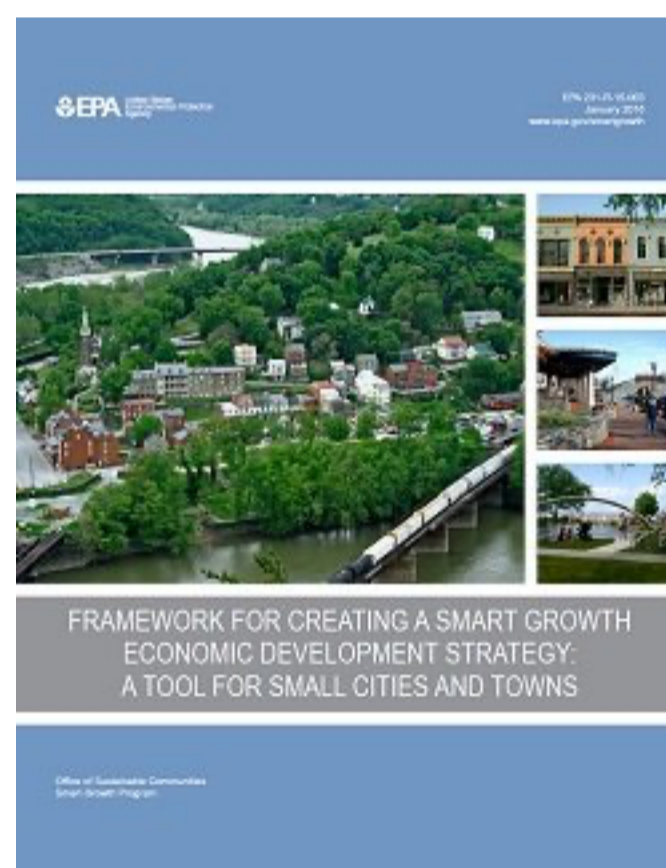


Three Canadian public health associations team up for a report on public health strategies and five climate solutions that produce health and health equity benefits. The primary goal of this report is to encourage and support public health agencies to integrate the mitigation of climate change more visibly into their work.

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### Framework for Creating a Smart Growth Economic Development Strategy

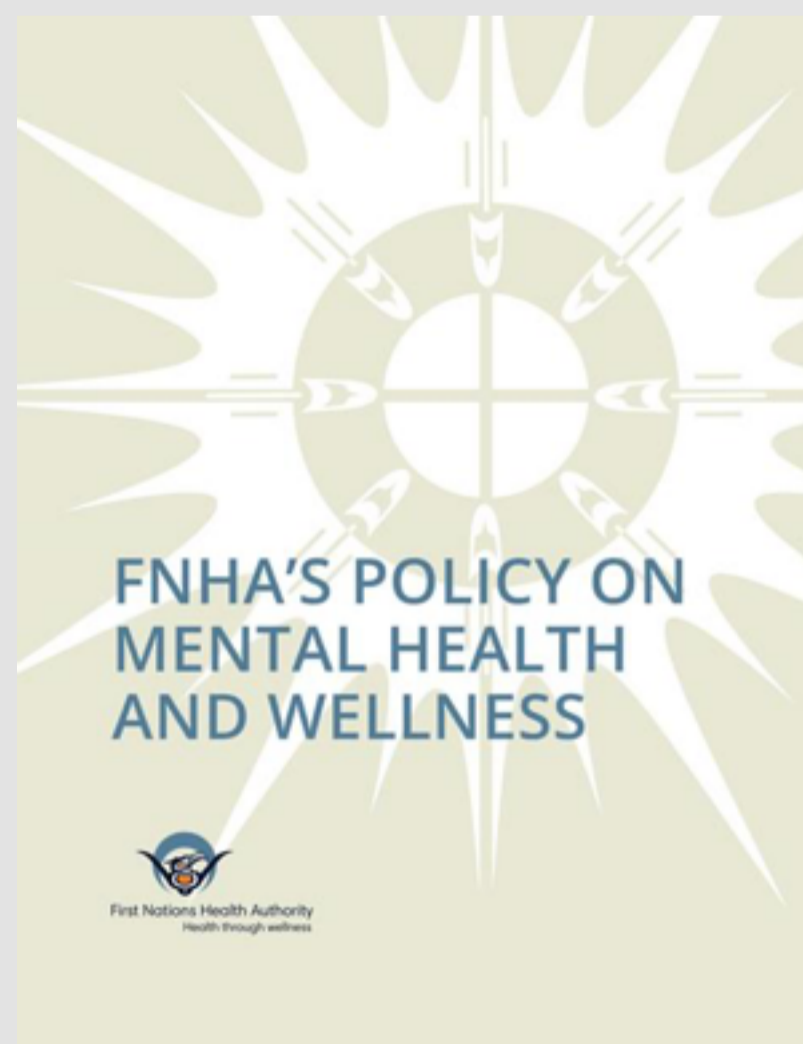
Rather than simply seeking to attract major employers to replace lost jobs, some cities have tried a different method to overcome these challenges. This report uses the term "smart growth economic development" to refer to a strategy that builds upon existing assets, takes incremental actions to strengthen communities and builds long-term value to attract a range of investments. This smart growth economic development tool is a step-by-step guide to building a place-based economic development strategy.



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## News & Articles

### First Nations Health Authority releases new mental health and wellness policy



The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) has released a new policy outlining its vision for mental health and wellness a year after hosting its inaugural Mental Health and Wellness Summit, where FNHA first publicly shared the commitment at the core of the new Policy. Through the Policy FNHA has committed to working with partners to ensure access to a comprehensive continuum of mental health and wellness approaches.

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### Keeping it Rural conference coming in May

The BC Rural Centre for Vibrant & Sustainable Communities is holding a conference in Kelowna on May 21-23 to showcase rural projects and success stories. Hot topics ranging from healthcare to housing will be covered along with innovative enterprises in rural communities.



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