How-To Find: Urban Policies Using Google Site Search

General Search for Policies, eg. Vancouver

**Step 1:** Find the official government website for the city that you are interested in. In the Google search box, type the name of the city and the word official. This will give you a link to the official city website.

**Step 2:** Note the URL for the website, eg. vancouver.ca
**Step 3:** Conduct a Google Site Search using the words for policy and the site that is that you want searched.

![Google Search](https://www.google.com/search?q=policy+strategies+site%3Avancouver.ca)

**Step 4:** Here are some of the results for this search:

1. [PDF] Annual Report for Year 2014 - City of Vancouver
   - SERVICE AND POLICY COMPLAINTS STANDING COMMITTEE. ... Board's role is oversight, governance and strategic ... VPD's services and policies.

2. [PDF] Vancouver Police Department Drug Policy - City of Vancouver
   - Vancouver.ca/police/assets/pdf/.../polices/vpd-policy-drug.pdf
   - Because substance abuse issues, policies and strategies are constantly evolving, the ... The VPD drug policy is based on a Four Pillars strategy of prevention, ...

3. Four Pillars drug strategy | City of Vancouver
   - Vancouver.ca/.../Mental health and addiction/Drugs
   - Apr 30, 2012 - Vancouver's Four Pillars Drug Strategy is a coordinated, comprehensive ... The prevention pillar includes strategies and interventions that help prevent ... Recommendations of the drug policy prevention plan ... It pointed to a provision in the 1988 Convention: 'Demand reduction policies shall: (i) Aim at ...

4. [PDF] Annual Report for Year 2013 - City of Vancouver
   - POLICY DEVELOPMENT. ... SERVICE AND POLICY COMPLAINTS STANDING COMMITTEE. ... ... police chief to establish strategic priorities, goals and ... complaints about the VPD's services and policies.

5. [PDF] Vancouver Police Board Strategic Plan: 2012-16 - City of Vancouver
   - Vancouver.ca/.../Board-Strategic-Plan-2012-2016-Revised.pdf
   - Independence: Our decisions are strategic and policy-oriented, and free of political or partisan influence. Integrity: ... Changes to policies associated with police.

6. [PDF] POLICIES AND ACTIONS - City of Vancouver
   - Vancouver.ca/.../Transportation_2040_Plan_as_adopted_by/...
   - Oct 31, 2012 - Transportation 2040 is a long-term strategic vision for the city that will ... Directions, the core of this plan, which provides policy direction and ...
**Subject Specific Search for Policies eg. Vancouver’s policies on the homeless**

**Step 1:** Use the same terminology, add in the subject you’re interested in and limit the search to the official City of Vancouver website.

![Google search example](image)

**Step 2:** Here are some of the results for this search:

- **Vancouver's Housing and Homelessness Strategy, 2012-2021**
  - [vancouver.ca](http://vancouver.ca) → ... → Housing and homelessness → Vancouver
  - Aug 28, 2015 - The Housing and Homelessness Strategy lays out the City's overall direction for ... Interim Rezoning Policy for Increasing Affordable Housing Choices - Rental ... May 26, 2015 - Through policies and partnerships, the City has ... Here are the strategic directions for the first 3-year plan, from 2012-2014: ...

- **[PDF] Housing and Homelessness Strategy - City of Vancouver**
  - [vancouver.ca](http://vancouver.ca) → ... → Housing and Homelessness Strategy - 2012-2021 → Vancouver
  - The strategic directions in this document address all points along the Housing ... City is committed to policies and actions to improve housing affordability and ...

  - [vancouver.ca](http://vancouver.ca) → ... → Housing Homelessness Action Plan 2012-2014 → Vancouver
  - The Housing and Homelessness Strategy describes the City’s overall ... Strategic Direction 1: Increase the supply of affordable housing ... Policy (20% policy) to prioritize clear title to land at no .... Force to advise City on policies & practices.

- **Housing and homelessness | City of Vancouver**
  - [vancouver.ca](http://vancouver.ca) → People and Programs → Vancouver
  - We’re three years into carrying out our Housing and Homelessness Strategy to ... laneway houses and secondary suites) from our policies and partnerships. ... Homeless, tenant, and developer resources; Affordable housing strategies and agencies ... Areas of the city | Terms of Use | Privacy policy | Website accessibility |.

**Search Tip:** This type of search can be done for any city, municipality, urban centre. The key is locating the address of the official website.

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