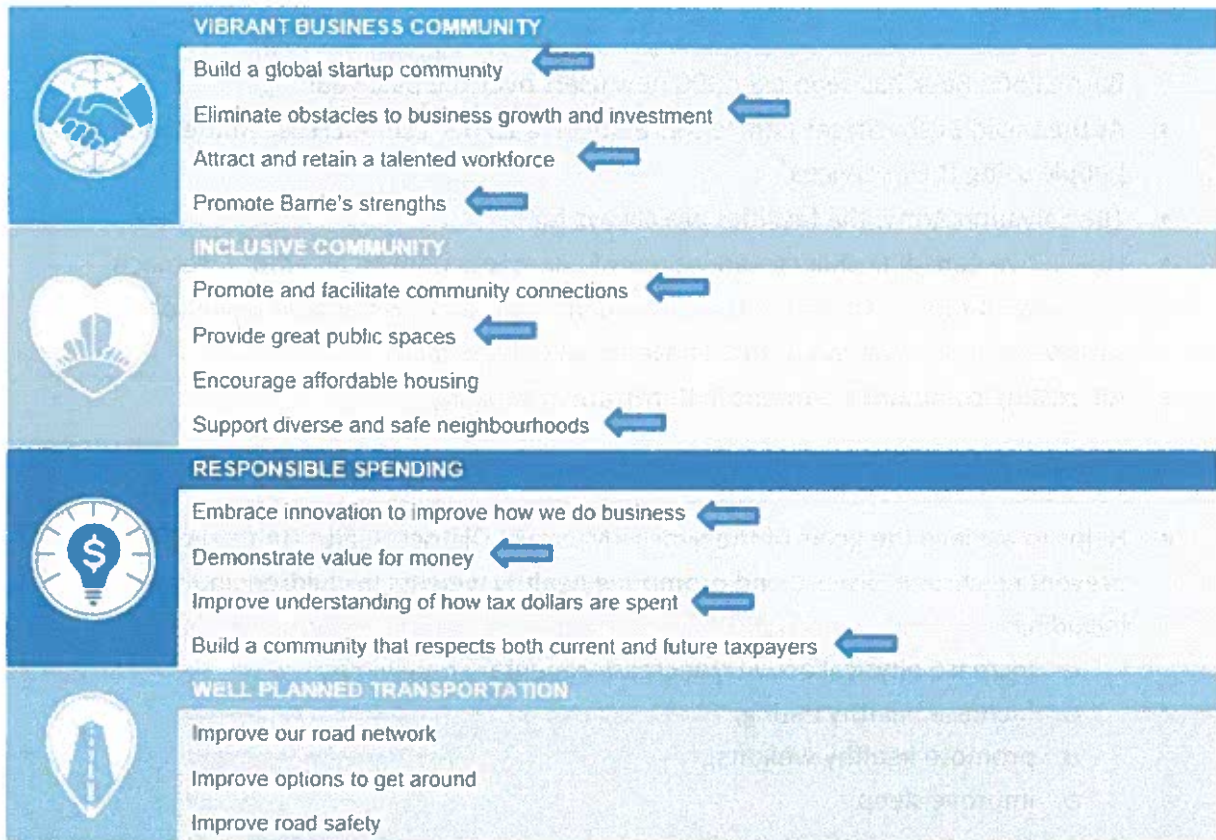


## Complements City of Barrie Strategy:



## Addresses All 7 Goals of Barrie's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy:

1. Maintain Public Health and Safety
2. Minimize Risk to Buildings and Properties
3. Strengthen Infrastructure Resilience
4. Help Local Businesses and the Tourism Industry Adapt to Changing Conditions
5. Protect Biodiversity and Enhance Ecosystem Functions
6. Minimize Disruption to Community Services
7. Build Community Resilience

## Urban Agriculture Strategy Factsheet

### Community Need:

- Barrie Food Bank has seen over 900 new users over the past year<sup>1</sup>
- At the David Busby Street Centre there's been a 25 per cent increase in the number of people using their services<sup>2</sup>
- The Salvation Army, the facilities are always full<sup>3</sup>
- One in five Canadian children are at risk of going to school on an empty stomach<sup>4</sup>
- The price of food in Ontario has increased at a rate of 3.1% per year while social assistance and employment rates have failed to keep pace.<sup>5</sup>
- All existing community gardens in Barrie are at capacity

### Community Benefits:

- Helps to achieve the goals of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's report on preventing chronic disease and promoting healthy weights in children and youth, including:
  - increase physical activity/decrease sedentary behaviour,
  - increase healthy eating,
  - promote healthy weights,
  - improve sleep
- Increased economic activity & jobs
  - In 2014, the province of Ontario imported more than \$23.4 billion in food and exported just under \$12.5 billion. More than 50% of the \$20 billion in imported food products can be produced in Ontario. If Ontario produced 10% of the top fruit and vegetable imports, the Ontario economy could benefit by nearly an additional quarter of a billion dollars in GDP and 3,400 more full-time jobs<sup>6</sup>
- Gives opportunities for skill-building & increased community diversity

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.thebarrieexaminer.com/2017/09/26/barrie-food-bank-ramping-up-for-thanksgiving-food-drive>

<sup>2</sup> <http://barrie.ctvnews.ca/food-or-hydro-the-struggle-simcoe-county-residents-face-as-temperatures-drop-1.3584941>

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.cambridgetimes.ca/news-story/7530901-one-in-five-canadian-children-at-risk-of-going-back-to-school-hungry/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.london.ca/business/Planning-Development/current-topics/Documents/UAS-Draft-July-17-17.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.