for Environments with Health and in

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My messages:

- the environment impacts on social, physical and mental health in profound ways

- these impacts do not follow simple pathways – lots of complex interactions

- the 'evidence' really shouldn't be at stake
  ('we don't want more problems, we want more solutions')

- Victoria meets parameters to manage this exceptionally well…
  (planning parameters, research & teaching, agencies)

- …. but unfortunately fails (as yet)

WHO HEALTHY CITIES PROJECT

A clean, safe, high quality physical environment (including housing quality).

The meeting of basic needs (food, water, shelter, income, safety, work) for all the city's people.
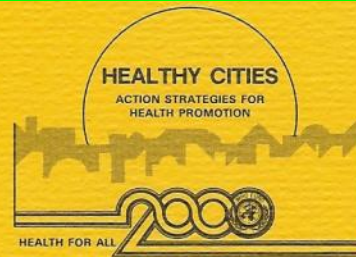
Encouragement of connectedness with the past, with the cultural and biological heritage and with other groups and individuals.

An ecosystem which is stable now and sustainable in the long term.

Access to a wide variety of experiences and resources with the possibility of multiple contacts, inter-action and communication.

A city form that is compatible with, and enhances the above parameters and behaviours.

A strong, mutually supportive and non-exploitive community.

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HEALTH FOR ALL

An optimum level of appropriate public health and sick care services accessible to all.

A high degree of public participation in and control over the decisions affecting one's life, health and well-being.

A diverse, vital and innovative city economy.

High health status (both high positive health status and low disease status).

The up- & downside of sprawl

- urbanization push and pull: quality of life

- good: access; work; education; social capital

- good (?): transport; food security; resource management

- not good: walkability; air/water; 'safety'; mental health; heat islands

- critical tension between *individual* want/need and *population* benefit

- thus a critical role for government/governance

Governance: E4H and M2030

- my assessment: M2030 failed; E4H may fail

- reasons:
  - insufficient planning legitimacy
  - insufficient leadership
  - limited planning horizons
  - inadequate support systems
  - 'accountability' is not 'governance'
  - developer ($$?) dominance
  - resources (time, training, support)