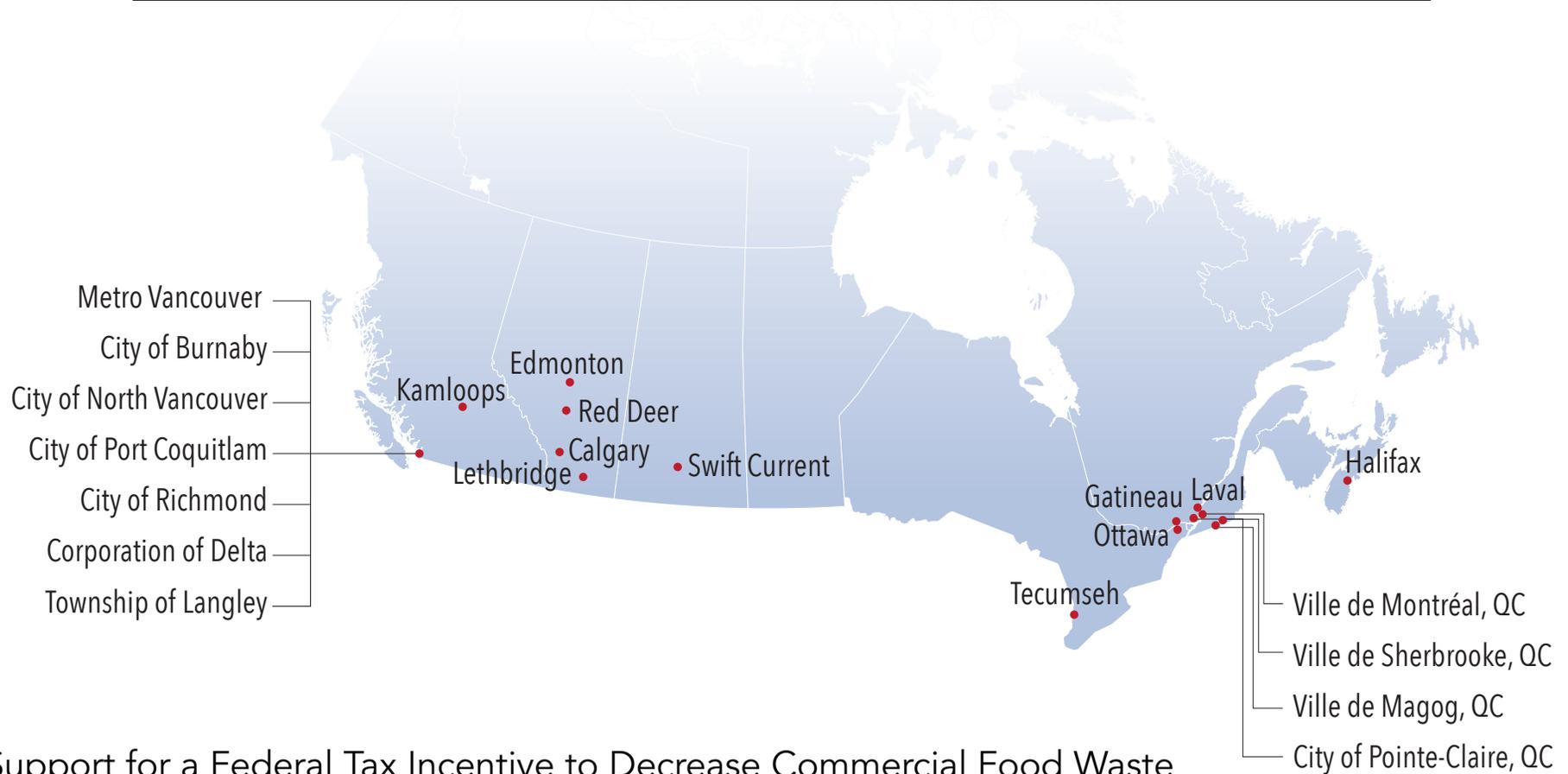


## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTING THE TAX INCENTIVE



### Support for a Federal Tax Incentive to Decrease Commercial Food Waste

In October 2015, the National Zero Waste Council launched a campaign calling on the federal government to create a tax incentive that would encourage businesses (food processors, distributors and retailers, etc.) to boost donations of unsold, nutritious food to charities. The benefits of such an incentive would include less food waste and its associated negative environmental impacts, greater community resilience and, in the long term, lower disposal costs.

As part of the campaign local governments were asked to adopt a formal motion indicating their support for the tax incentive. In the months that followed, no fewer than 22 local governments, large and not so large, from coast to coast, did so (see map).

In September 2016, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities adopted as policy the call for a federal tax incentive to boost donations of nutritious food.