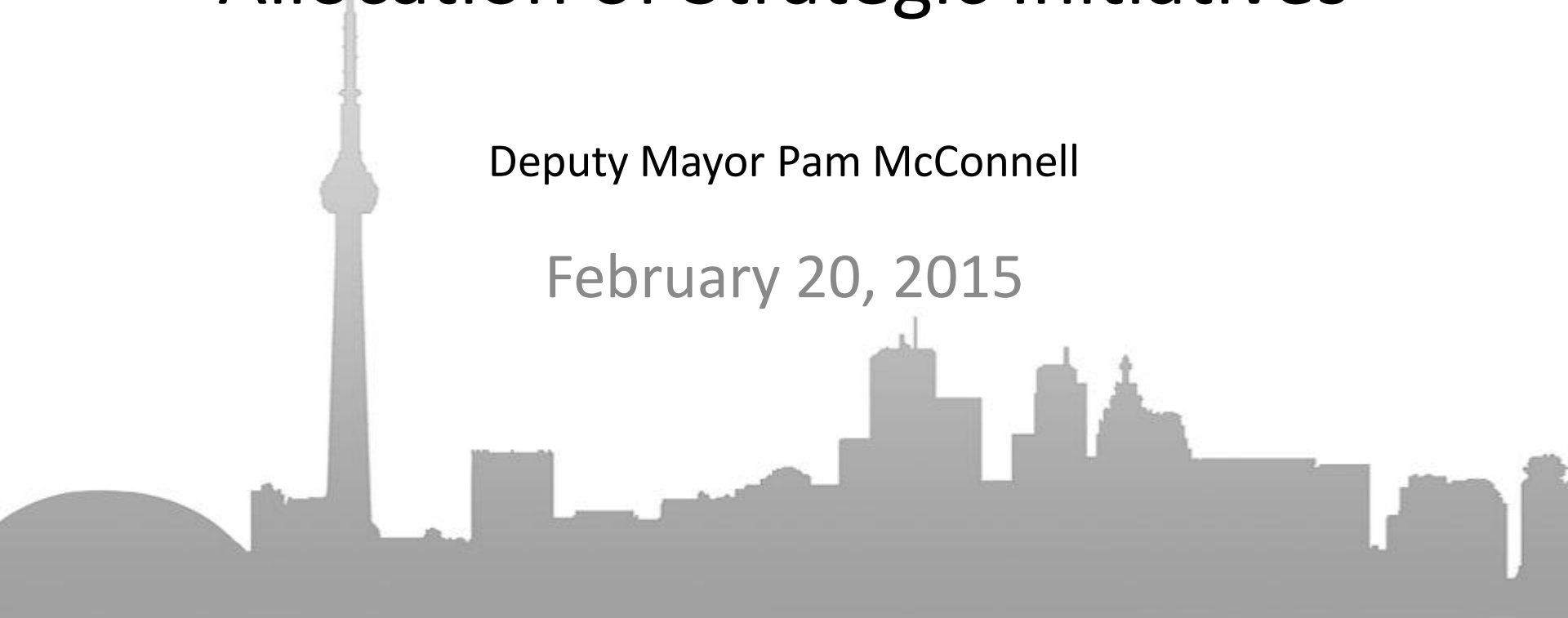




Presentation to Budget Committee – Allocation of Strategic Initiatives

Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell

February 20, 2015



Overview

- Toronto is one of the most liveable, prosperous and competitive cities in the world, but its success is threatened by growing economic inequity.
- Many Torontonians live in poverty
 - 25% of children (14 and under)
 - 1 in 5 adults, or 374,530 Torontonians
- “If current trends continue, the City of Toronto will eventually be sharply divided into a city of wealthy neighbourhoods and poor neighbourhoods...” David Hulchanski, 2010

Overview

Council Direction: April 2014, Toronto City Council requested staff develop a City of Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy

Mayor Tory Commitment: On December 3, 2014, Mayor Tory highlighted poverty reduction in his inaugural address as a key priority and designated Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell as its Champion.

Phase One Engagement: (Nov 2014 – Feb 2015) Downloadable Facilitation Guide, Online feedback form and a multi-stakeholder workshop was held on November 28, 2014.

Purposes of Phase One Engagement to the hear from Torontonians on:

- The causes of poverty in Toronto;
- The kind of Toronto they want;
- Current actions that help people out of poverty, and further things to be done; and,
- The best ways to further engage Torontonians in this process.

Feedback from Phase One highlighted key themes, :

- Good jobs and living wage
- Access to affordable, good quality housing
- Access to affordable, good quality childcare
- Affordable, reliable, available transit
- Support for good quality nutrition for all; and
- Service alignment and integration

A summary of Phase One is available at: www.toronto.ca/toprosperity

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Lived Experience at the Centre: We heard in Phase One that people with lived experience of poverty must be at the centre of the process – we listened by having Community Animators and targeted outreach.

2015 Budget: To be considered at Council's March 2015 meeting, the 2015 Operating Budget recommendations includes \$24.5M of new and enhanced programs to support poverty reduction.

Phase Two Engagement: From Feb 17, 2015 – March 20, 2015 to identify top priorities and decision making principles in order to ensure Toronto is a place of opportunity for all.

Torontonians can provide input in three ways:

In Person: Attend one of eight Days of Dialogue (Feb 17-28, 2015)

Within Community: Host a Community Conversation with the Facilitator's Guide

On-line: Complete the Feedback Form

The Feedback Form and the Facilitator's Guide can be found at www.toronto.ca/toprosperity.

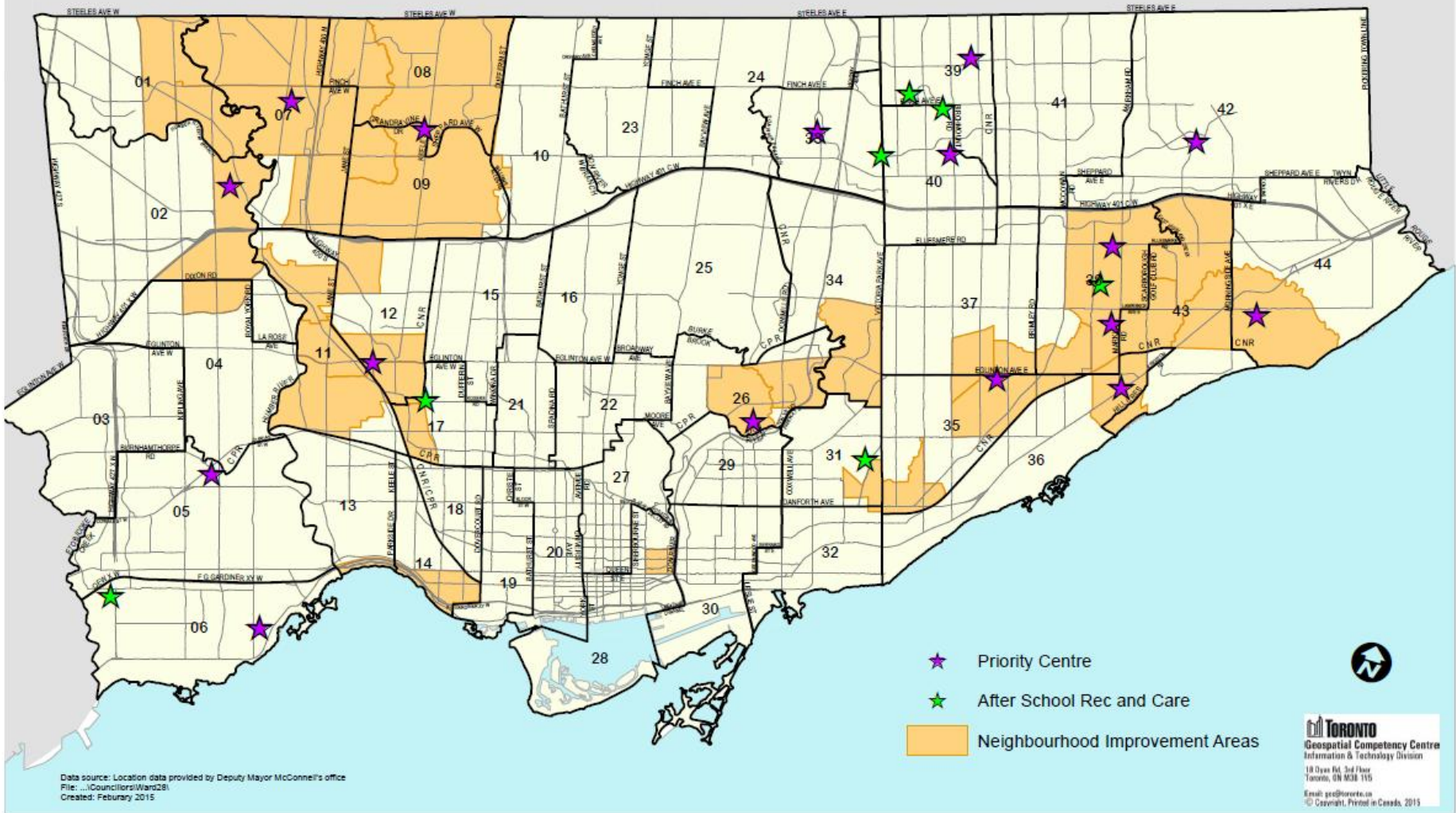
Ideas from Torontonians will inform the development of the City's long-term Poverty Reduction Strategy. The Strategy will go to City Council in July 2015.

An Implementation Plan with Outcomes, Indicators and Financial Strategy is scheduled to go to City Council for consideration in October 2015.

New/Enhanced in 2015 Operating Budget

Poverty Reduction Theme	Division	New / Enhanced Detail	Poverty Reduction Investment (\$ 000)
			2015 Allocation
Access to City Services	PFR	Priority Centre (Expansion to 16 Locations)	2,443.0
	PFR	Youth Lounges (4 New Sites)	338.0
	PFR	After-School Recreation & Care (ARC) (8 Sites)	358.0
	SWM	Waste Diversion Waiver (Fee Relief for CIROs)	892.0
	SDFA	Community Partnership Grants Inflationary Increase	386.7
	PFR / CS	After-School Recreation & Care (ARC) (10 Sites)	760.0
	CS	Child Care Subsidy Increase (Additional 184 subsidies)	3,371.0
Employment	TESS/ EMS	Paramedic Training (Primary Care Paramedic Program for Low Income Clients)	300.0
Food Security	PH	Student Nutrition Inflationary increase	381.9
Housing	MLS	Multi-Residential Building Audit Program	90.0
	SSHA	Drop-ins (2 New 24 Hour Drop-ins for Women)	2,250.0
	SSHA	Shelter (54 beds for LGBTQ)	600.0
	SSHA	Shelter (Increase Capacity by 127 Bed Nights)	2,500.0
	SSHA	Housing Allowance (Funding Increase for Toronto Housing Allowance Program)	1,072.0
	SSHA	Warming Centres (Enhanced Services)	240.0
	SSHA	Housing (Purchase of Service Subsidy Increase 3 Shelters)	706.6
	SSHA	Shelter (Kennedy House Youth Shelter Investments)	221.6
Transportation	TTC	Eliminate Child Fare (Ages 2-12)	5,411.0
Strategic Initiatives			2,200.0
TOTAL			24,521.8

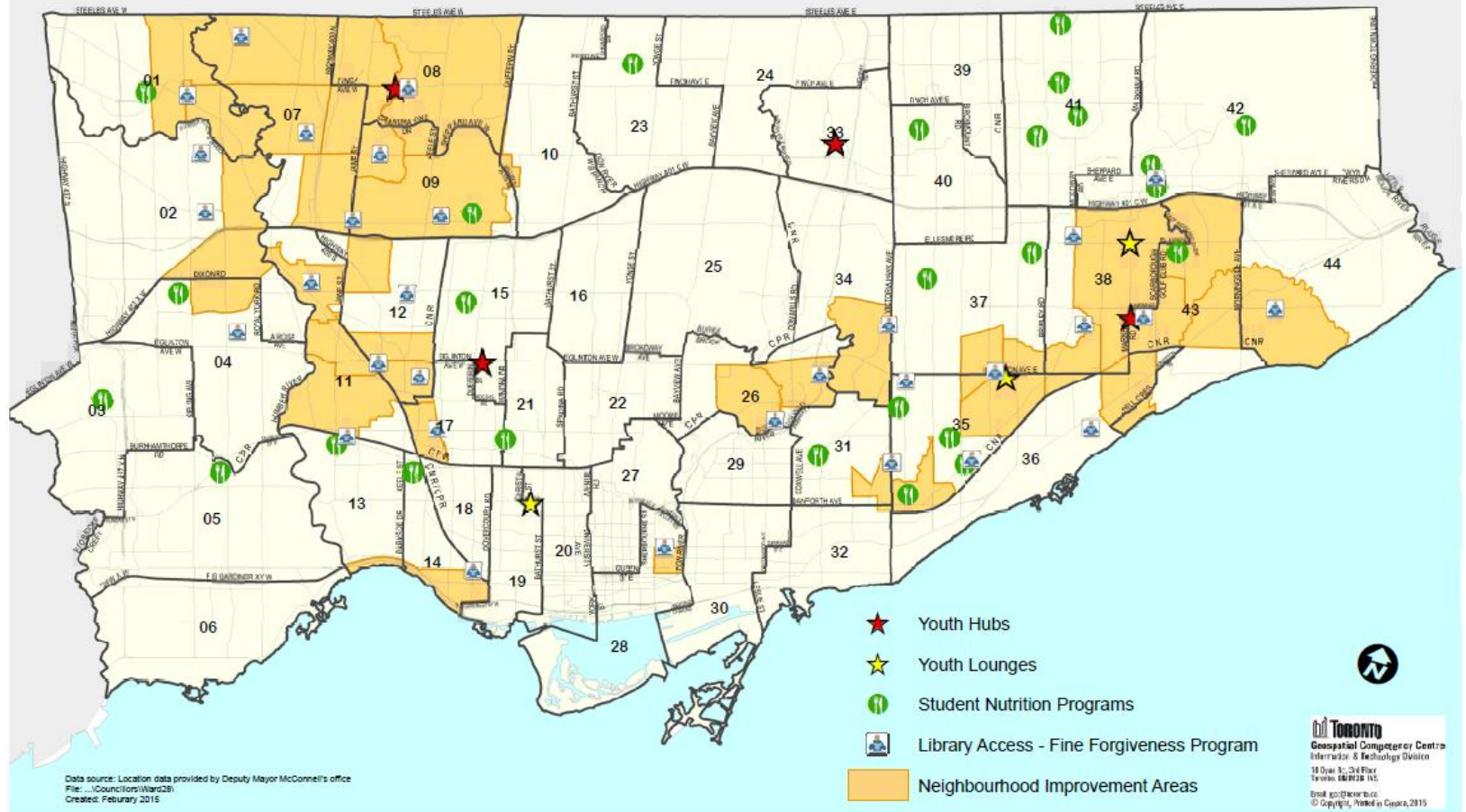
Priority Centres and After School Recreation and Care

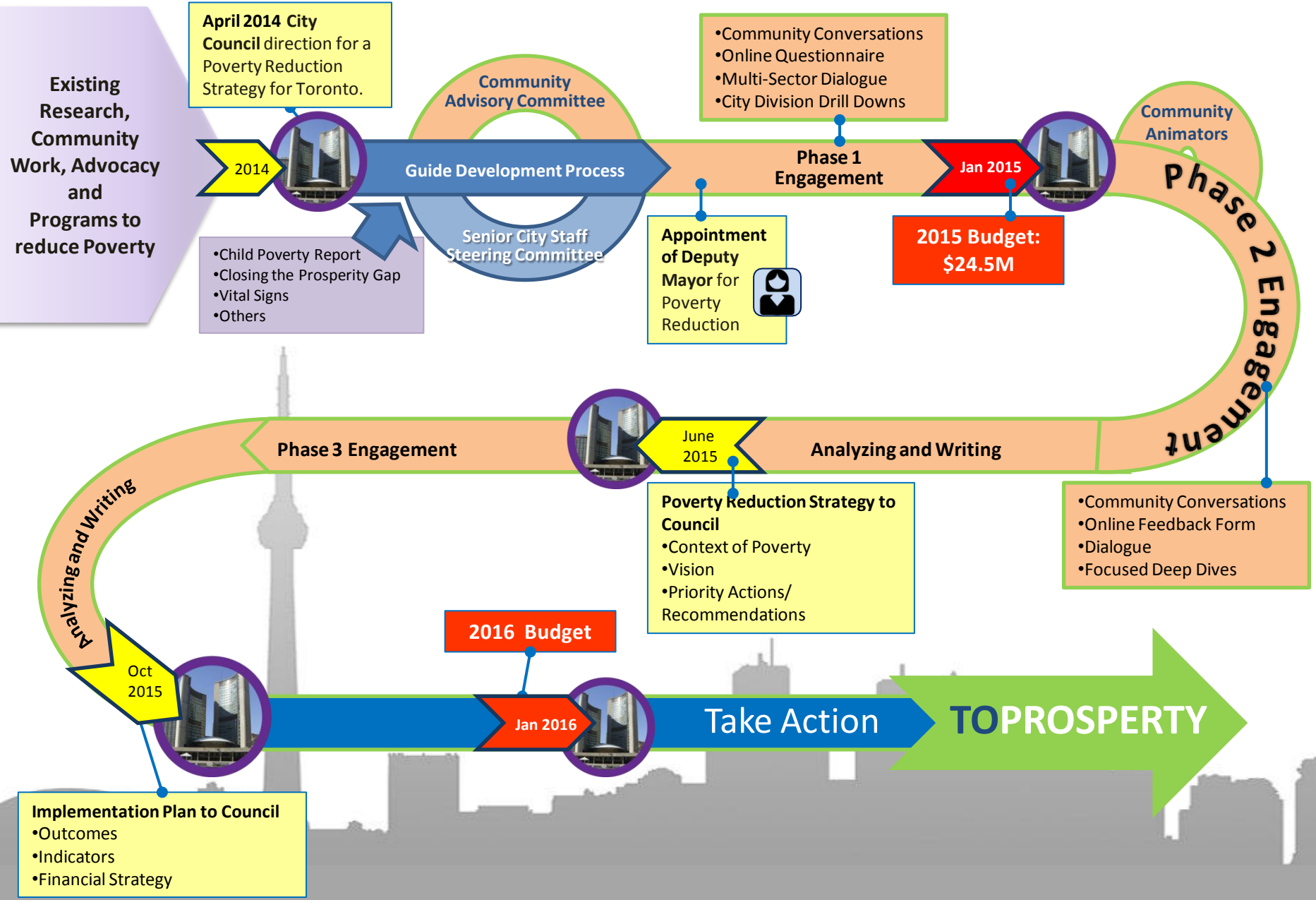


Recommended Allocations of \$2.2 million for Strategic Initiatives

Poverty Reduction Theme	Division	New / Enhanced Detail	2015 Recommended Allocation
Access to City Services	PFR	Youth Outreach Worker Expansion - Two permanent Youth Outreach Workers (YOWs):	\$0.130M
	PFR	Youth Lounges – Phase 2 Expansion - Three new sites to open in Q2.	\$0.400M
	SDFA	Neighbourhood Improvement Area Resident Engagement - Contributes \$6,593 per NIA (31 in total)	\$0.207M
	TESS	Hardship Fund - Inflation increase on \$1M base budget	\$0.026M
	TPL	Library Access Fine Forgiveness Pilot - Pilot program to reinstate full library services and borrowing for children and youth at 31 library branches in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas	\$0.175M
	TPL	Youth Hubs Expansion - After school drop-in program into 4 library sites	\$0.200M
Employment	SDFA	Youth Arts Employment & Training Program - invests in projects through community partners that support education attainment, skills building and community based training, and the arts.	\$0.200M
	TESS	Employment Program for Single Parents - Pilot program to assist single parents on OW achieve meaningful employment	\$0.200M
Food Security	TPH	Student Nutrition Expansion - Expands the Student Nutrition program up to 27 new sites	\$0.356M
	TPH	Mobile Good Food Market - Retrofitted bus that provides opportunities to purchase fresh food.	\$0.081M
Housing	SSHA	Enhanced Tenant Supports - Provides a range of supports to help to prevent evictions and stabilize tenancies.	\$0.075M
Transportation	SDFA	Seniors Community Transportation Pilot - to create community-based transportation for seniors in partnership with community agencies.	\$0.150M

Youth Hubs, Youth Lounges, Student Nutrition Programs and Library Access - Fine Forgiveness Program





Road Map TOPROSPERTY: The Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy

Thank You

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