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FIVE-YEAR OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW
URBAN DESIGN POLICIES

Planning & Growth Management Committee

May 14, 2015

Presentation Outline

1. Intro to Urban Design
2. Official Plan Review
3. Consultation Process
4. Next Steps

Intro: What is Urban Design?

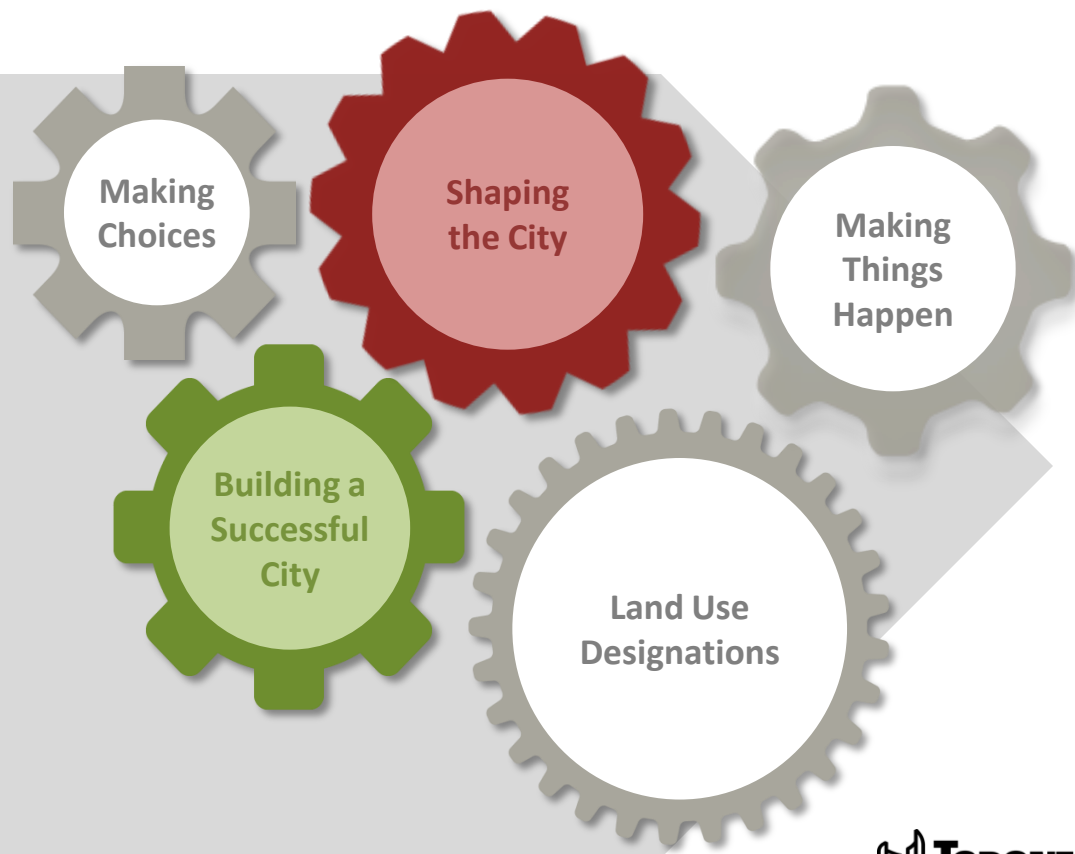
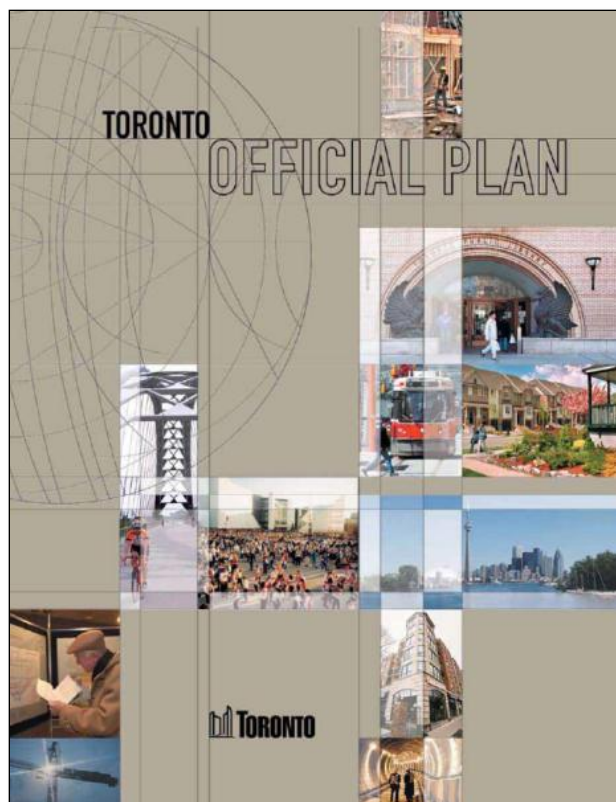
Urban Design is the **art & science** of creating **healthy & successful** urban environments that are **connected, vibrant, safe, inclusive & beautiful**.

It is concerned with the **quality, design & character** of **streets, open spaces & buildings**, as well as how all these elements are **organized & come together** to support & enhance **quality of life, commerce, civic pride, & a distinct 'sense of place'**.



Intro: Toronto Urban Design Policies

The Official Plan is comprised of **five chapters**, content in **two chapters** are addressed in the **Urban Design** review



Intro: Implementing Urban Design Policies

In addition to Official Plan policies, good urban design is further **defined & achieved** through:

- Zoning
- Local Area Studies & Plans
- Urban Design Guidelines
- Development Review
- Capital Projects
- Public Art Installations
- Design Review Panels
- Design Competitions



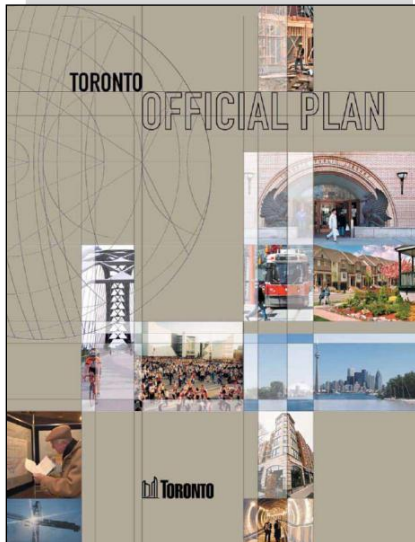
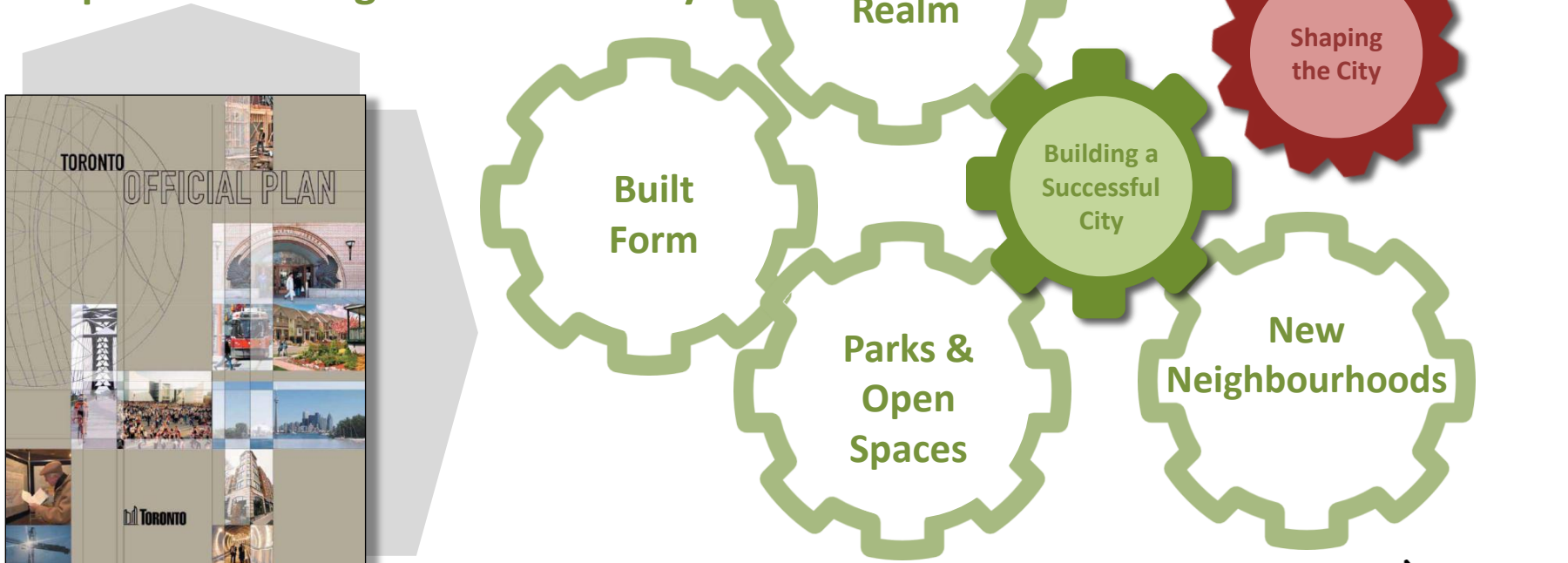
City-Wide & District-Specific Design Guidelines

OP Review: Policies Under Review

The Official Plan Review is examining urban design policies contained in:

Chapter 2: Shaping the City

Chapter 3: Building a Successful City



OP Review: Policy Directions

Aug 7th, 2014 - PGM Committee directed staff to consult on **11 urban design policy directions**


The 11 directions are organized under **4 themes**:

Seeing the Bigger Picture

Prioritizing the Public Realm

Guiding Built Form

Enhancing Parks and Open Spaces



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Official Plan Five-Year Review: Urban Design Policy Directions for Consultation

Date:	July 3, 2014
To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P/2014/Cluster B/PLN/PGMC/PG14113

SUMMARY

This report presents Official Plan policy directions in response to new and revised provincial legislation and urban design initiatives that will help inform future amendments to the Official Plan urban design policies, as part of the Five-Year Official Plan Review.

These policy directions will form the basis of public consultation prior to staff drafting the revised Official Plan policies. Staff will provide a further report to Council in the second quarter of 2015 summarizing public consultation outcomes and draft Official Plan policies on urban design. The policy directions arise out of initial public consultations in 2011, internal consultation with Community Planning, Urban Design, and Public Realm staff, a review of the City Council directions and an analysis of a number of Ontario Municipal Board decisions.

Urban design is an essential component of great city building and is fundamental to achieving the Official Plan goals. The proposed policy directions can be classified into four content clusters: (1) Seeing the bigger picture; (2) Prioritizing the public realm; (3) Guiding built form; and (4) Enhancing parks and open spaces. This report recommends that Planning and Growth Management Committee endorse the policy directions as the basis for consultation and that staff report back to Committee in the first half of 2015 on consultation outcomes and with draft urban design policies.

Staff report for action - Official Plan Five-Year Review: Urban Design Policy Directions for Consultation |

Seeing the Bigger Picture

Creating a well **connected, vibrant & beautiful** city

POLICY DIRECTIONS

1. Providing the purpose & intent of **urban design guidelines**
2. Recognizing that **large & deep lots** need additional policy guidance
3. Refining the **Avenues** policies
4. Promoting a **walkable** city



Prioritizing the Public Realm

A **high quality** public realm is a **hallmark of great cities**

POLICY DIRECTIONS

5. Clarifying the **role of the public realm**
6. Clarifying the need for **new public streets** as part of larger scale developments

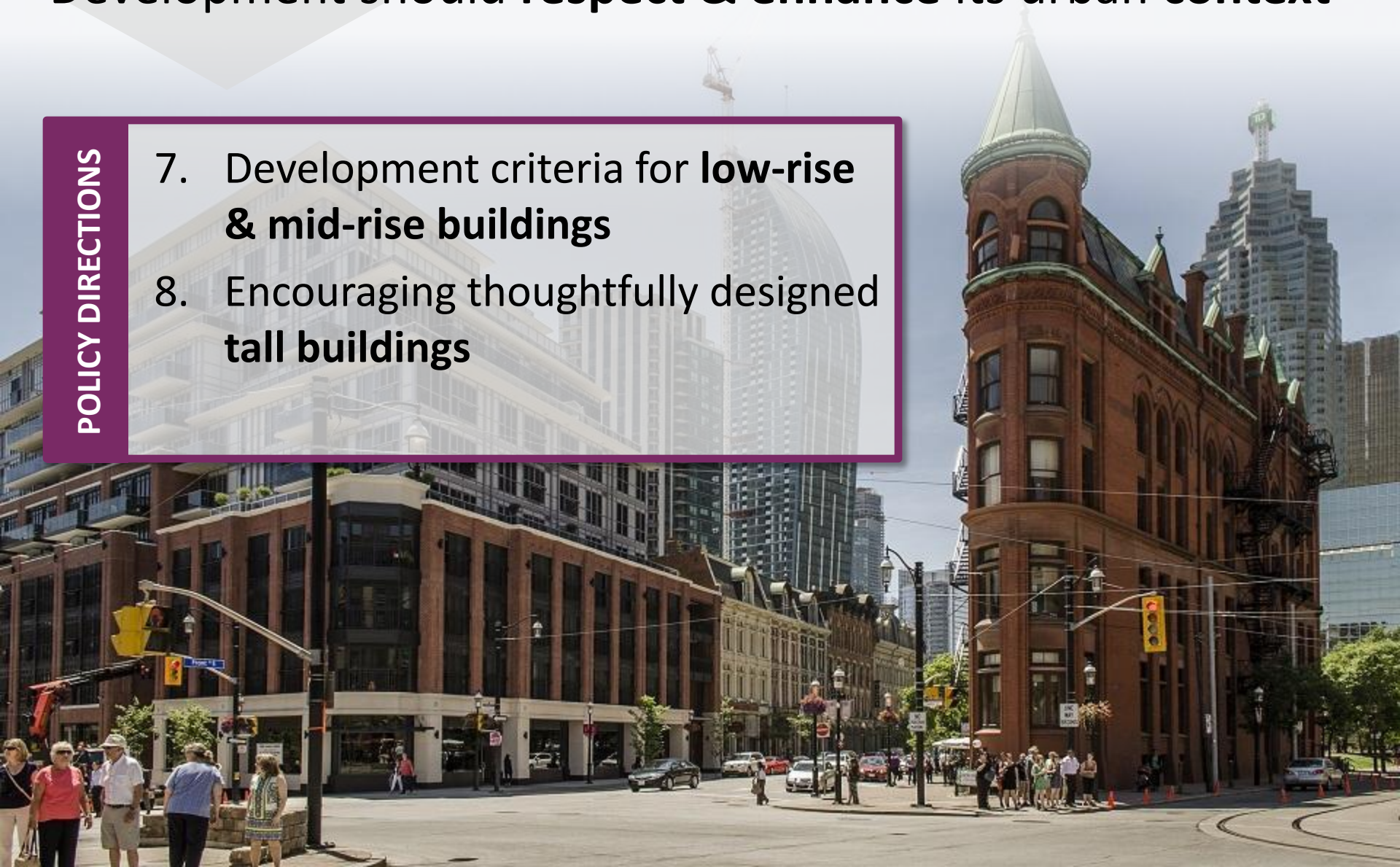


Guiding Built Form

Development should **respect & enhance** its urban **context**

POLICY DIRECTIONS

7. Development criteria for **low-rise & mid-rise buildings**
8. Encouraging thoughtfully designed **tall buildings**



Enhancing Parks and Open Spaces

Protecting existing parks & **adding** more open spaces

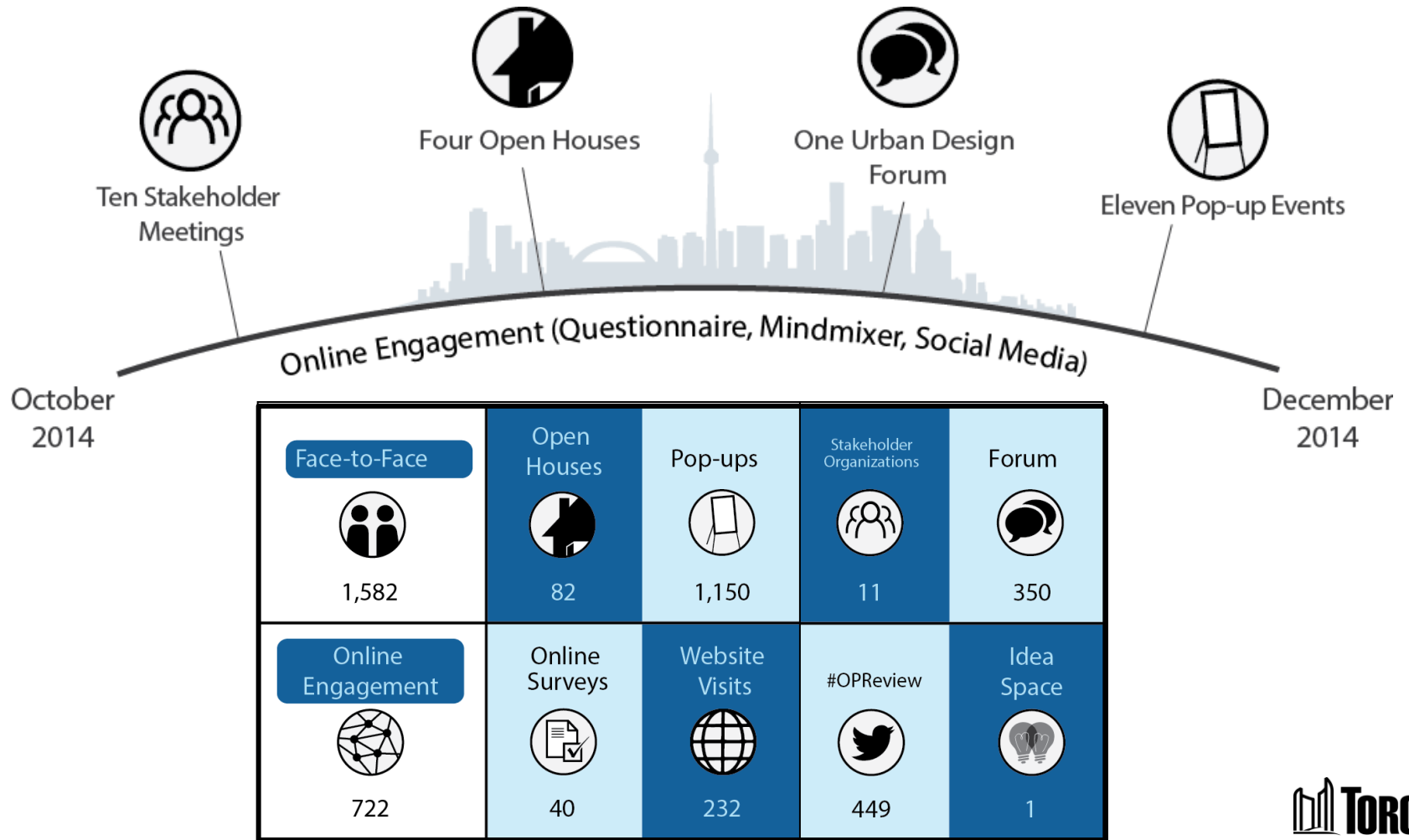
POLICY DIRECTIONS

9. Maintaining **sunlight** on signature parks & open spaces
10. Promoting **public squares**
11. Promoting & increasing **Privately Owned Publicly-Accessible Spaces**

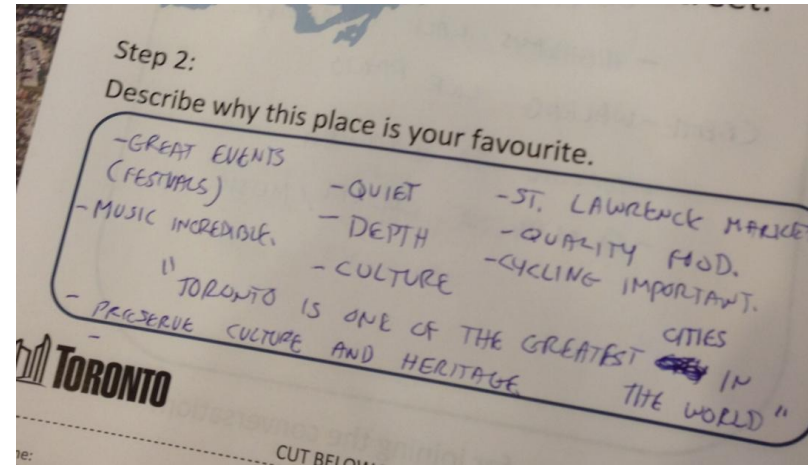


Consultation Process: Public Engagement

Over **2,300** interactions with Torontonians



Consultation Process: Highlights



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Interactive city-wide map (13'x 7') utilized at **11 pop-up events**

Each dot identifies someone's **perspective** on a **place** in the city



Next Steps

- Continue necessary **research** to inform policy development & refinement
- Prepare **Draft Policies** for consultation
- City-wide **outreach & consultation** on Draft Policies
- **Report back** to PGM Committee (Q4 2015)

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Toronto City Planning Division is hosting conversations on **urban design matters**. These conversations will help shape policies of the Official Plan.

Pop-up Events

The pop-up events across the city will allow local residents to share their opinions and ideas on **urban design matters** with city planners.

Event Calendar

NORTH YORK	TORONTO - EAST YORK	ETOBICOKE
November 19, 9am - 4pm TPL North York Central Branch, Atrium 5120 Yonge Street	November 26, 9am - 4pm Toronto Reference Library 789 Yonge Street	November 26, 11am - 3pm Humber College (Lakeshore), L Building 19 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Dr.
November 21, 10am - 4pm Bayview Village, Community Desk 2901 Bayview Ave.	November 27, 9am - 4pm Main Square Community Centre 245 Main Street	December 6, 9am - 4pm TRL Albion Branch 1515 Albion Road
	November 28, 9am - 4pm Goddard Court Community Centre 707 Dundas St W.	SCARBOROUGH
	December 8, 1pm - 5pm TPL St. James' Town Branch 485 Sherbourne St.	December 1, 9am - 4pm Scarborough Town Centre YMCA 230 Town Centre Court
		December 9, 12:30pm - 5pm TRL Malvern Branch 30 Dewell's Road

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Pop-up event flyer