



Recommended Neighbourhood Improvement Areas

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Toronto's Neighbourhoods



Toronto has earned for itself a reputation as a **city of neighbourhoods**.

From Etobicoke to Scarborough, from North York to Downtown, a network of **interdependent communities** with **distinct characteristics** and **unique identities** shapes the personality of our city overall.

We are well-known and well-regarded for the **strength and diversity** of this impressive mosaic.

In a city as connected as ours, **neighbourhoods matter**. They are the foundation of our **common health** and our **shared prosperity**.

2005 TSNS Neighbourhoods



- **23 neighbourhoods** of the City's 140 were grouped together into **13 Priority Neighbourhood Areas for Investment**
- Selection was based primarily on historical **under-investment** in **community infrastructure** to meet **social needs**

Goals

- Improve outcomes for **all neighbourhoods**
- Advance equity of outcomes **across neighbourhoods**

Objectives

- Build opportunities for residents in neighbourhoods with **poor outcomes**
- Ensure policies and programs improve outcomes for **all neighbourhoods**

TSNS 2020 Implementation



- Resident engagement to define **local priorities** and **build planning capacity**
- Targeted investments to build **opportunities for residents**
- Networks and partnerships to **strengthen the local service system**
- Continuous improvement to ensure City services meet **resident needs**
- Neighbourhood lens to bring the characteristics and needs of **neighbourhoods into focus**
- Monitoring and evaluation to support **learning and priority setting**

TSNS 2020 Methodology



- **New goals**, new selection method
- Urban HEART @Toronto – **an evidence-based standard** for measuring neighbourhood well-being
- Creates a **Neighbourhood Equity Score & Neighbourhood Equity Benchmark**

- A **World Health Organization** tool
- Creates a **high-level picture** of **equity across neighbourhoods**
- Uses a **small set** of consistently **comparable indicators** chosen from the **best data available**
- Helps **different partners** make decisions about how to **reduce inequities**

5 Thematic Domains – 15 Indicators

Economic Opportunities

- Unemployment
- Low Income
- Social Assistance

Social Development

- High School Graduation
- Marginalization
- Post-Secondary Completion

Participation in Decision Making

- Municipal Voting Rate

Healthy Lives

- Premature Mortality
- Mental Health
- Preventable Hospitalizations
- Diabetes

Physical Surroundings

- Community Places for Meeting
- Walkability
- Healthy Food Stores
- Green Space

Researcher Consultations

- Consensus-based approach to identify the **best available measures** of neighbourhood equity
- 80 Researchers from **40 Organizations**

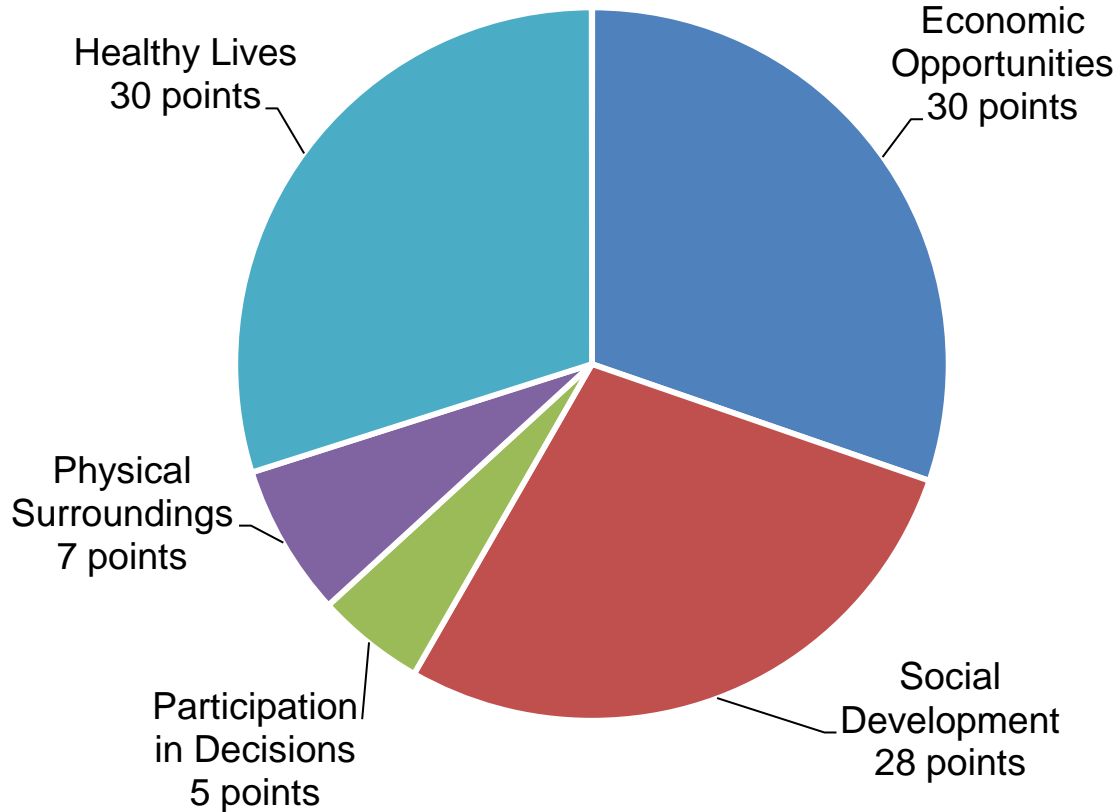
Public Consultations

- Gauge public understanding about **neighbourhood equity**
- More than **380 residents** at meetings + over **1,400 surveys**

Implementation Partner Consultations

- Options for identifying **Neighbourhood Improvement Areas**
- 200+ internal and external **partners engaged**

Neighbourhood Equity Score



Assigns points to indicators based on **how much of the overall picture** they provide.

Score and Benchmark are based on a **statistical analysis** of neighbourhoods in **Toronto right now.**

For the **next update**, the development of **new indicators** in may **shift the points** to a **more equal distribution.**

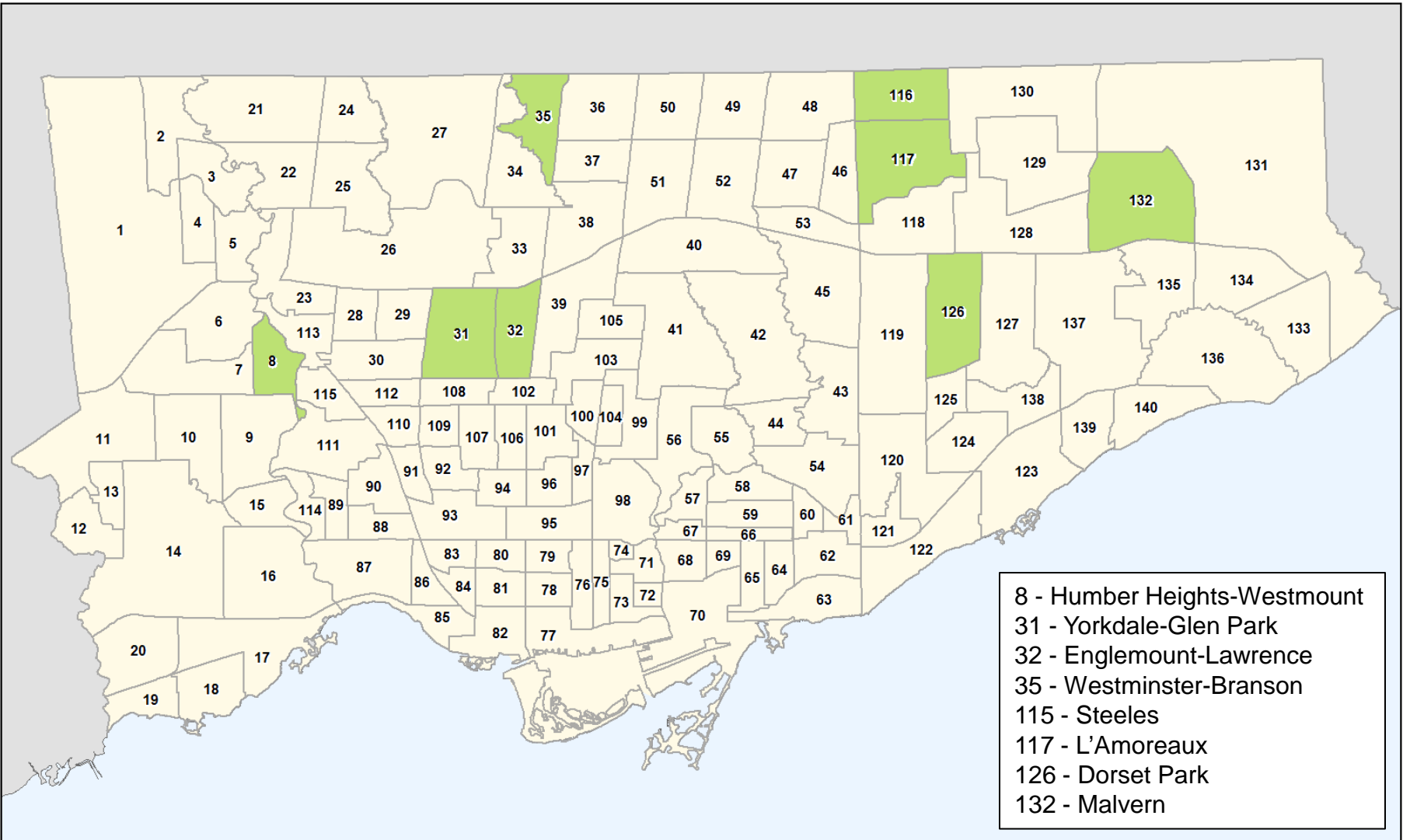
Priority Neighbourhood Areas for Investment

- **23 social planning neighbourhoods** were included in the 13 Priority Neighbourhood Areas for Investment
- Of these neighbourhoods, **8 have better outcomes** than other neighbourhoods

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas

- **31 neighbourhoods** have Scores **below the Benchmark**
- **15 neighbourhoods** from the PNIs need **continued support** to bring outcomes above the Benchmark
- **16 neighbourhoods** are **newly identified** for targeted investment

TSNS 2020 Transitioning Neighbourhoods



Legend



Neighbourhood Transitioning Out

Numbers indicate the neighbourhood number.



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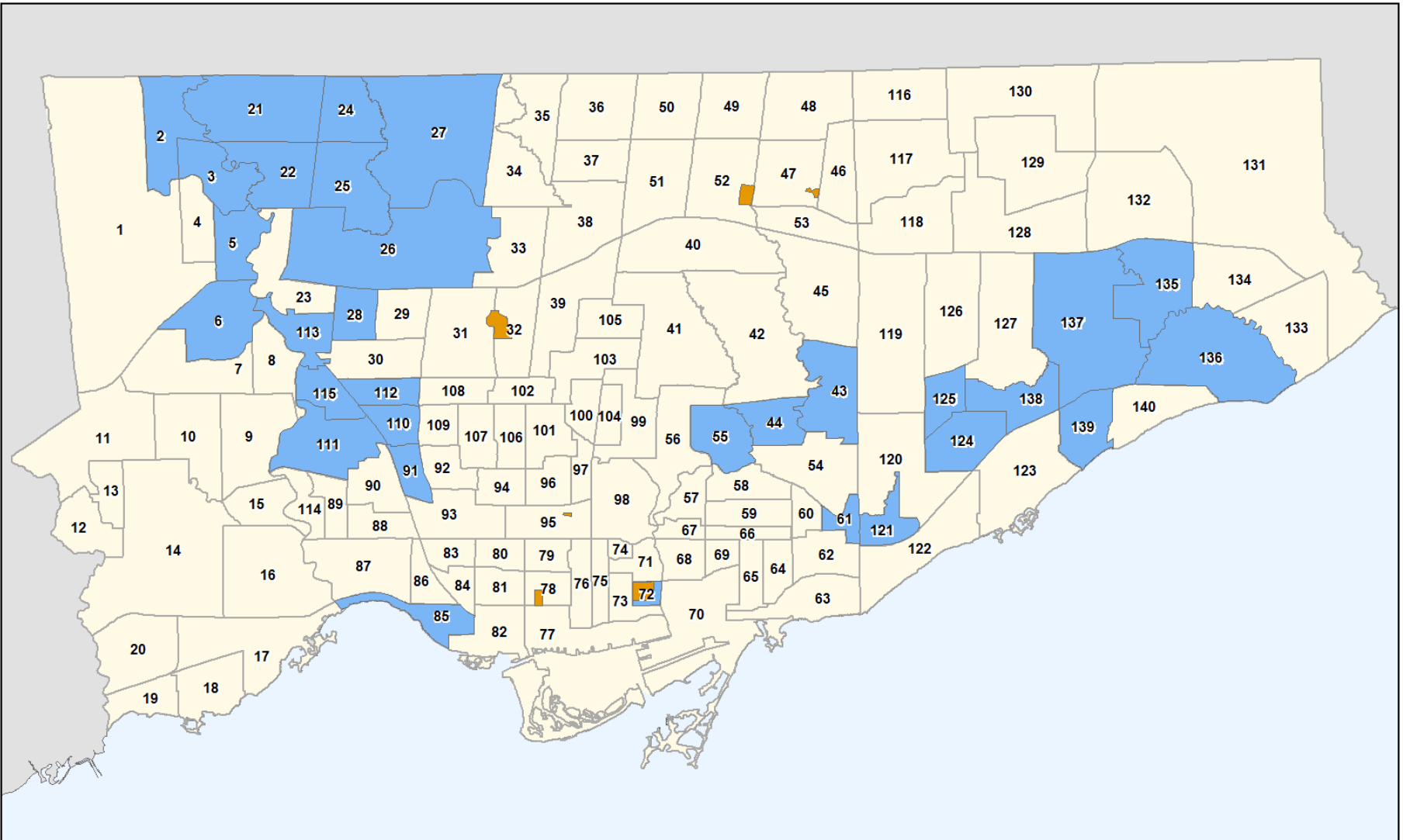
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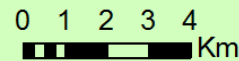
TSNS 2020 In Context



Legend

-  TCHC Revitalization Sites
-  Neighbourhood Improvement Area

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Establish implementation priorities

- Identify **alignment of priorities** with City divisions, agencies and corporations
- **Partnerships with community** leaders, community agencies and funders

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas

- **Targeted action** to improve outcomes
- **\$3M Capital Budget** for each of 4 years beginning in 2015

Transitioning Neighbourhoods

- **Secure gains** made under the 2005 Strategy
- **\$300,000 in community funding** to support **community planning leadership**

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Systemic Change

- Improve outcomes **across all neighbourhoods**
- Pilot **Neighbourhood Lens**
- **Funder engagement** plan

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Development of new **equity indicators**
- Regular **monitoring and reporting**
- **Evaluate contribution** to improved neighbourhood outcomes

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