



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

2014 City Planning Annual Report

Date:	February 9, 2014
To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning
Wards:	All
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SUMMARY

City Planning's 2014 Annual Report documents achievements over the past year and identifies work program priorities moving forward. The second of its kind for the Division, this initiative is an outcome of the continued implementation of our 2013-2018 Strategic Plan which calls for an annual report to Council/Committee.

The 2014 Annual Report highlights studies, policy initiatives and development review organized around the Division's eight functional units and the faces of our dedicated staff. Our 2014 accomplishments are achieved as an outcome of collaboration with Council, external and corporate partners, and community stakeholders. Through our continued efforts to implement the City of Toronto's Official Plan, our Division seeks to advance a city building agenda that positions Toronto for a stronger, more liveable future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division recommends that:

1. The Planning and Growth Management Committee receive this report for information.

Financial Impact

These recommendations will have no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

At its October 22, 2013 meeting, Planning and Growth Management Committee received a presentation from the Chief Planner and Executive Director on City Planning's new Strategic Plan 2013 – 2018.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City Planning's Strategic Plan 2013 – 2018 is the divisional playbook for advancing a city building agenda. With the Official Plan Vision as its foundation, five Strategic Directions are supported by key initiatives and a series of actions that form a framework to guide priorities and activities.

The Strategic Plan's key directions include Setting Priorities and Improving Processes, as well as, Clear, Consistent and Compelling Communication. An annual report was identified as necessary to ensure Council is updated on the implementation of Council priorities and decisions through the work of City Planning. By providing more clarity and transparency with respect to the work undertaken by the Division, and upcoming work plan priorities, communication with Council and key stakeholders will be strengthened.

COMMENTS

The 2014 Annual Report is the second of its kind for the City Planning Division and represents an opportunity to reflect on achievements over 2014, as well as a look forward to the year ahead. Close collaboration with Council, other City Divisions, external and corporate partners, and community stakeholders has been fundamental to our progress towards reaching city building objectives. The Annual Report increases the transparency of the work undertaken by the City Planning division in pursuit of the implementation of Toronto's Official Plan.

City Planning's work is grounded in the four pillars of the Official Plan; diversity & opportunity, beauty, connectivity, and leaders & stewards. Our studies, policies, initiatives, and the development review process are all oriented around achieving these pillars and strengthening quality of life in Toronto.

In 2014, City Planning received 204 development projects, 3,683 Committee of Adjustment applications, and 2,082 heritage permit applications. Staff led 291 non-statutory community consultations and interacted with thousands of Torontonians, in person and online. Through our commitment to city building, and in collaboration with our partners, City Planning has sought to impart meaningful outputs from the work we do.

The 2014 Annual Report will be available on City Planning's website at: www.toronto.ca/planning. A limited number of hard copies will also be available and can be requested from the Office of the Chief Planner.

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