

# Toronto Planning Review Panel

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## FACT SHEET

### What is the Toronto Planning Review Panel?

The Toronto Planning Review Panel is a Program Advisory Body established by City Planning to provide input into planning processes of strategic and city-wide importance. The Panel consists of 28 randomly-selected Torontonians who have been appointed to a two-year term. The Panel will develop its input as a group and will work to reflect the interests of all Torontonians.

### Why have a Toronto Planning Review Panel?

The Planning Review Panel is helping City Planning to address a number of objectives identified through the *Growing Conversations* process to improve engagement. Primarily, it is helping us to expand engagement beyond the typical demographic that attends our meetings (white, male homeowners over the age of 55) to include more youth, visible minorities and renters. In addition, it is a more cost-effective alternative to the Community Planning Advisory Groups that were being considered for each Ward.

### How are members of the Panel selected?

Members of the Planning Review Panel were selected through a process known as a Civic Lottery. This process saw 12,000 invitations sent out to random households across Toronto, which means 1 in 87 households received one. Of those who received an invitation, 503 people expressed interest in participating, an almost unprecedented number for a panel of this nature. The 28 panelists were selected from this group, controlling only for age, gender, geography, housing tenure, and visible minority status.

### What's next for the Planning Review Panel?

Members of the Panel are currently undergoing an extensive orientation and training program that will unfold over four full Saturdays. On the final Saturday, they will have a hand in shaping the Terms of Reference for the Panel. Panelists will begin their formal meetings in January, and will meet 6 times a year.

### What will be the composition of the 2016-2017 Toronto Planning Review Panel?

**Total Members:** 28

**Geography:** 7 per District

**Gender:** 14 male, 14 female

**Ages:** 18-29 - 8 (2 per District)  
30-44 - 7  
45-64 - 8  
65+ - 5

**Housing Tenure:** 13 renters  
15 owners

**Visible Minorities:** 14

**Aboriginals:** 2

### When will the Toronto Planning Review Panel Meet?

#### 2016 Meetings

January 23, 2016  
April 2, 2016  
May 14, 2016  
September 10, 2016  
October 15, 2016  
November 26, 2016

#### 2017 Meetings

January 14, 2017  
March 4, 2017  
April 22, 2017  
June 10, 2017  
September 16, 2017  
November 18, 2017