



# Increasing Access to Cooling in the Community

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Toronto Public Health was asked to

- assess the access to cooling for people at risk for heat-related illness
- review the Cooling Centre program

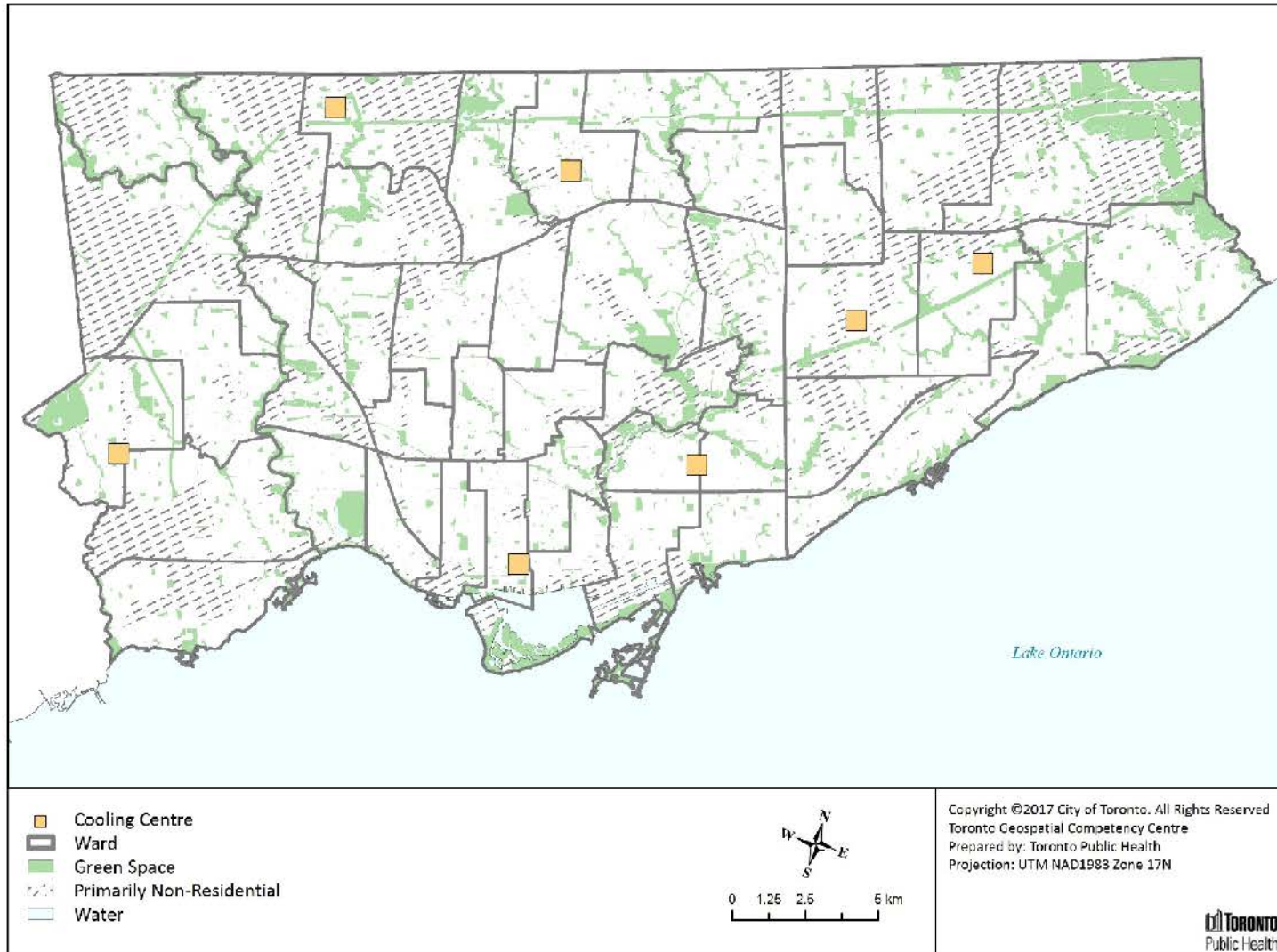
## This report:

- Provides an overview of current access to cooling in Toronto and common features of heat relief facilities across North America
- Introduces a proposed trial of a Heat Relief Network for Toronto for the summer of 2018

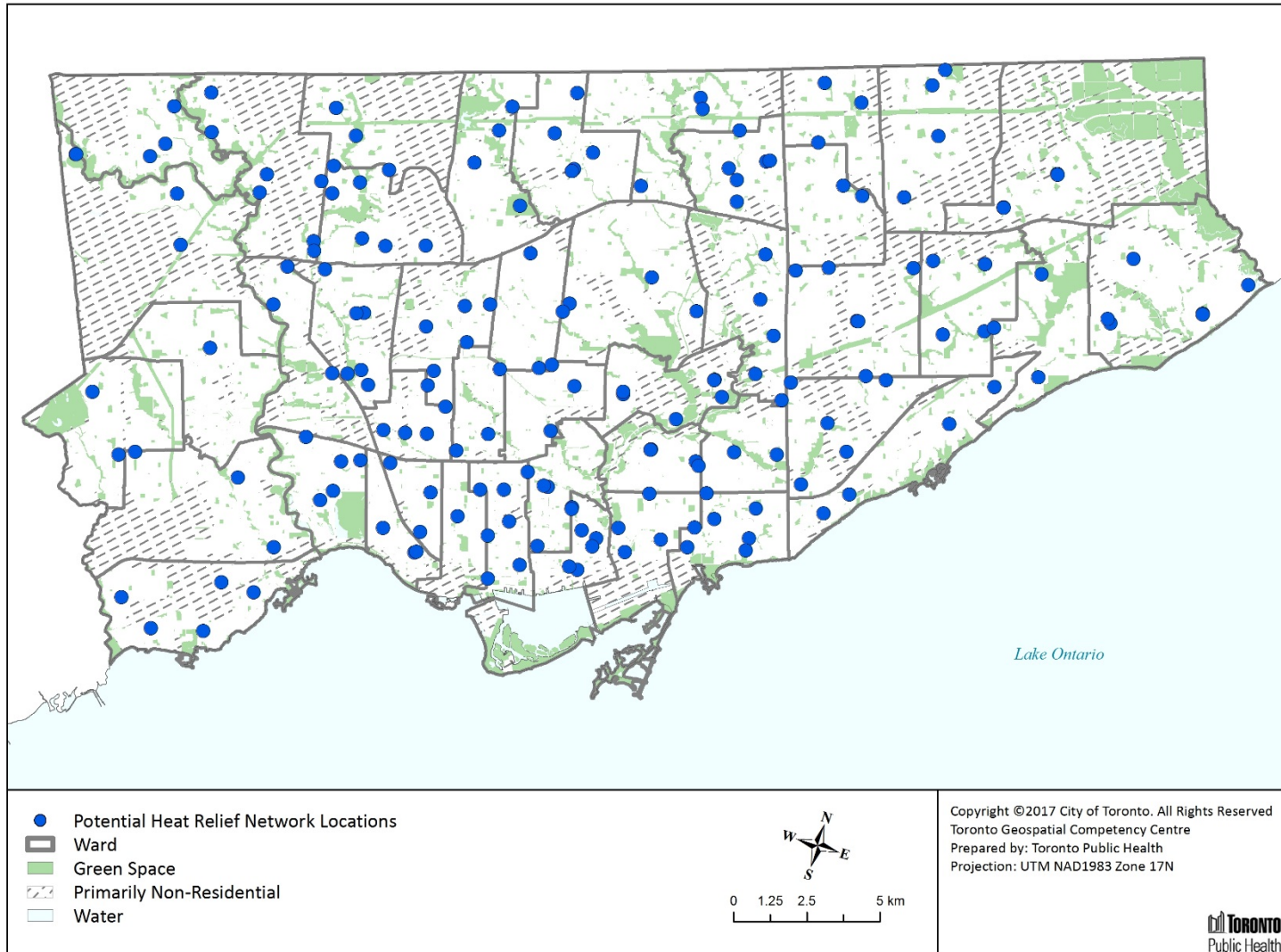
## Jurisdictional Scan

- Examples of programs from across North America that maximize the number of facilities that are designated as cooling centres/cool spaces and select facilities where people choose to spend their time

# Current Cooling Centre Program



# Potential Heat Relief Network Locations for 2018



- The new Heat Relief Network would include City operated air conditioned spaces starting with libraries and community centres in 2018 on a trial basis
- The Heat Relief Network would be promoted during a Heat Warning or Extended Heat Warning

TPH in collaboration with other Divisions will

- Conduct a trial of a Heat Relief Network that would maximize access to cool spaces within neighbourhoods and in locations that people already visit
- Continue to review the Cooling Centre program during the summer of 2018 to determine its role as part of a Heat Relief Network
- Determine how best to integrate locations and facilities that serve those experiencing homelessness into the Heat Relief Network
- Report back in early 2019 on the results from the trial Heat Relief Network