

Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee

Committee Mandate & Governance Overview



What is a Council Advisory Body?

- City Council may establish Council Advisory Bodies (CABs) at any time during the Council term to provide advice and assist its decision-making.
- Through CABs, City Council receives advice from the public, various sectors and industries, and stakeholders on key policy matters.
- CABs do not deliver services, direct City staff or make binding decisions on behalf of the City of Toronto.
- CAB composition includes Members of Council and at least 50% public members appointed by City Council. City staff are not members.

Current Council Advisory Bodies:

- **Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee**
- Film, Television and Digital Media Board
- Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee (*established under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*)
- Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee
- Toronto Music Advisory Committee

Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee – Purpose

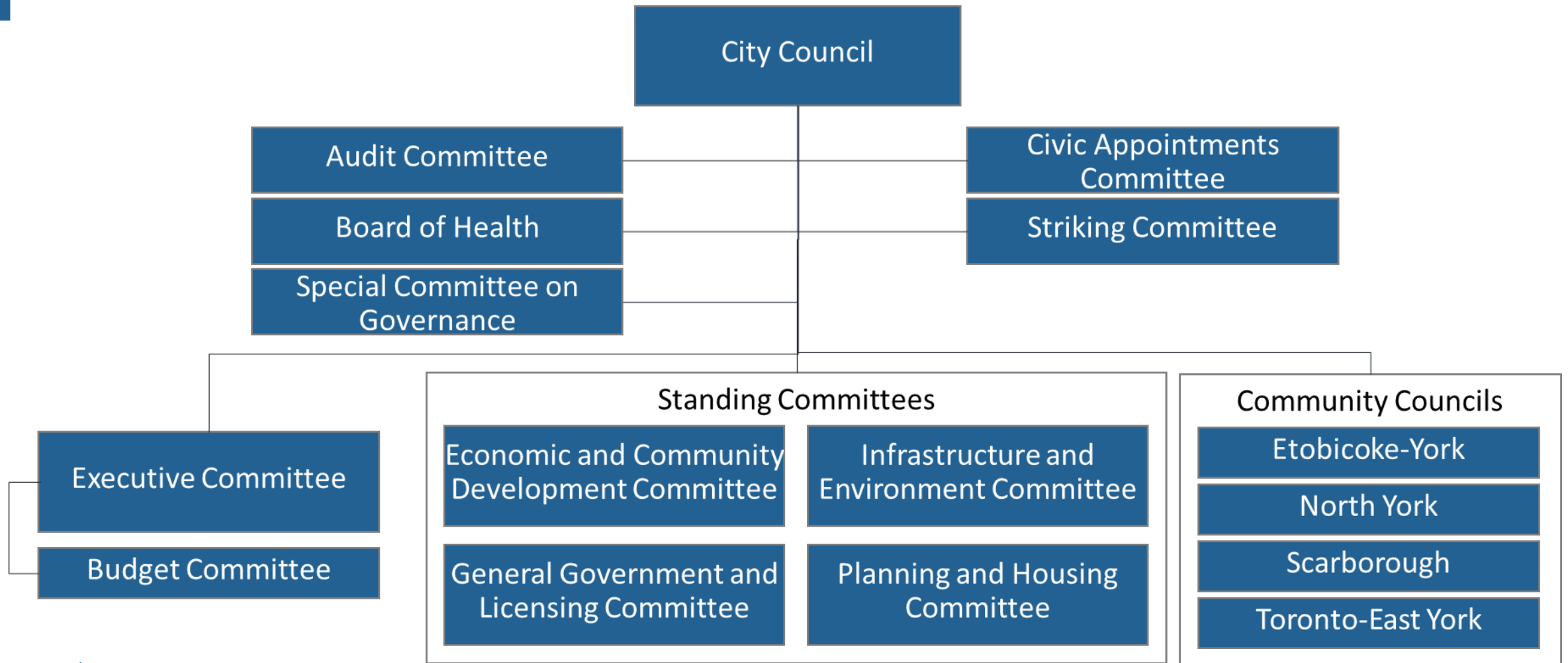
The mandate of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee is to provide advice to City Council on:

- a) The elimination of barriers faced by Aboriginal peoples including barriers related to City by-laws, policies, programs and service delivery;
- b) Act as a liaison with external bodies on barriers to the participation of Aboriginal peoples in public life; and
- c) Advancing the achievement of social, cultural, economic and spiritual wellbeing of Aboriginal peoples.

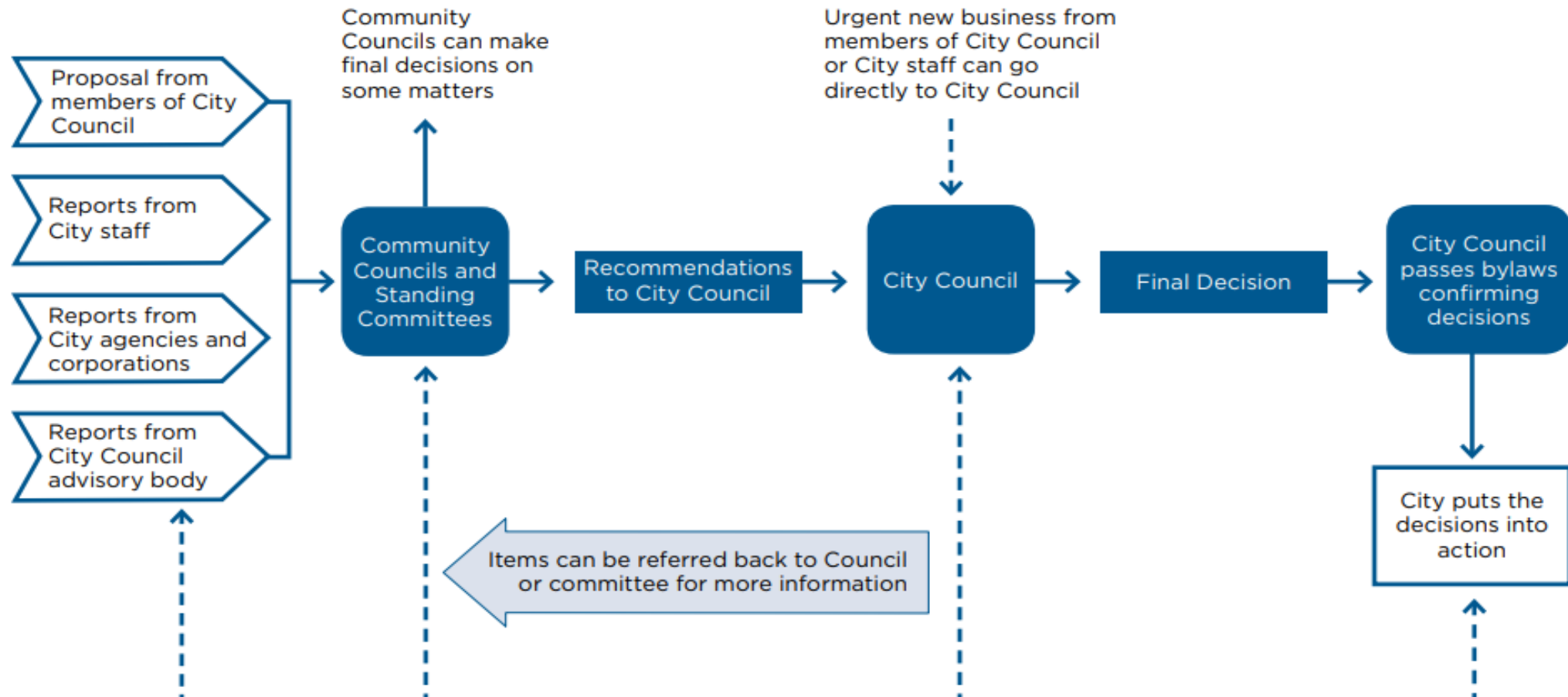
Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee – Governance

- Provides advice to City Council through the Executive Committee or other appropriate Council Committee
- Operates in accordance with Council's Simplified Procedures for Advisory Bodies
- All meetings will be open to the public and comply with the Open Meeting Requirements of the *City of Toronto Act*
- Will hold up to four meetings per year at the call of the Chair or Co-Chairs
- The Indigenous Affairs Office will provide policy-related support and strategic advice
- The City Clerk's Office will provide meeting management support

City Council Committee Structure



Overview of the City's decision-making process



Public engagement, consultations, interaction with Members of Council, speaking at Committees and written submissions, attending or watching Committees and City Council online, comment and feedback on City policies and services.

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