

TORONTO COVID-19

RECOVERY & REBUILD

Presentation to the
Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee



Toronto Office of Recovery and Rebuild Strategy



Public health remains our primary objective. Restart and recovery will start when necessary public health conditions are met and direction is provided by the Medical Officer of Health.

There is no distinct point at which activities transition from one phase to the next.

The virus will dictate the timeline; scenarios fed by continuous data informing decision making and planning.

Recovery and rebuild continues until all systems return to normal or better.

City partners, residents and businesses will play increasingly greater roles in restoring communities and social and economic infrastructures.

The experience, and definition of success will be unique for each community.

Objectives

TORR WILL:

- Coordinate a city-wide approach informed by public health evidence and best practices to bring innovation to the City's recovery strategies and actions.
- Engage stakeholders, residents, Indigenous communities, businesses and Council members and ensure information flows across City leadership, divisions, City Council and with the public.
- Leverage the subject matter, service and operational expertise that resides in our City divisions, agencies and partners.

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Purpose

- To develop recommendations which are actionable and implementable by the City of Toronto and its agencies and corporations to support the recovery and rebuild of our communities, organizations, partners and businesses.

Engagement

- Consultations will gather input on:
 - What they need from the City, other levels of government, or other partners for an effective recovery to rebuild their organization/business/community?
 - What services or programs the City should consider when rebuilding local government to operate in a COVID-19 context, and how that investment, program or partnership would impact them, their sector and the long term success of the City?

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Reports

Consultations, along with research and engagement of members of council, city divisions, agencies and corporations, will be summarized for the public and will result in recommendations to SLT and reporting to council.

Recommendations from TORR will:

- Speak to the City's relationship with other levels of government including cost-shared programs, revenue options and partnerships to address the long term needs of Toronto.
- Identify opportunities to strengthen the type and nature of the City's partnerships, alliances, services and programs.
- Identify immediate, practical actions and identify where divisions will report on longer term actions including resource, technology, resilience, engagement and equity implications.

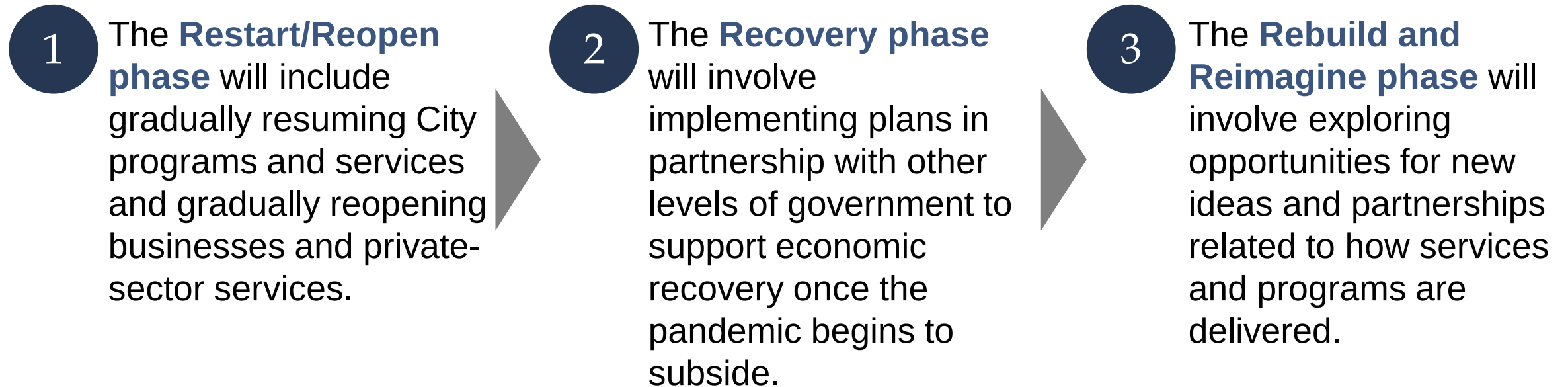
Opportunities & Actions

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Operation of TORR

- TORR is a time-limited Office.
- There is a regular feedback loop with the City's senior leadership team (SLT) and corporate leadership team (CLT) throughout the process.
- Once feedback is received through consultations, findings will be analysed and TORR will engage with Councillors and divisions and agencies to formulate final recommendations.
- All input, observations and recommendations will be captured in a report submitted to the City Manager and Council.
- Data and findings will be made available through [Toronto.ca/open](https://toronto.ca/open).

Restart to Recover to Rebuild



Four Leads Across Seven Themes



Indigenous
Communities

Equity Seeking
Groups

Resilience

City Division & Agency
Preparedness
Resilience & Climate Change

Jill Bada - Focus on preparedness, business continuity, resilience and climate change.

Vulnerable Populations
Strategic Alliances

Ryan Glenn - Partner with the City-Community Response Table and Work Group to forge alliances with NGOs, institutions, faith groups, labour and more.

Government & Financial
Renewal

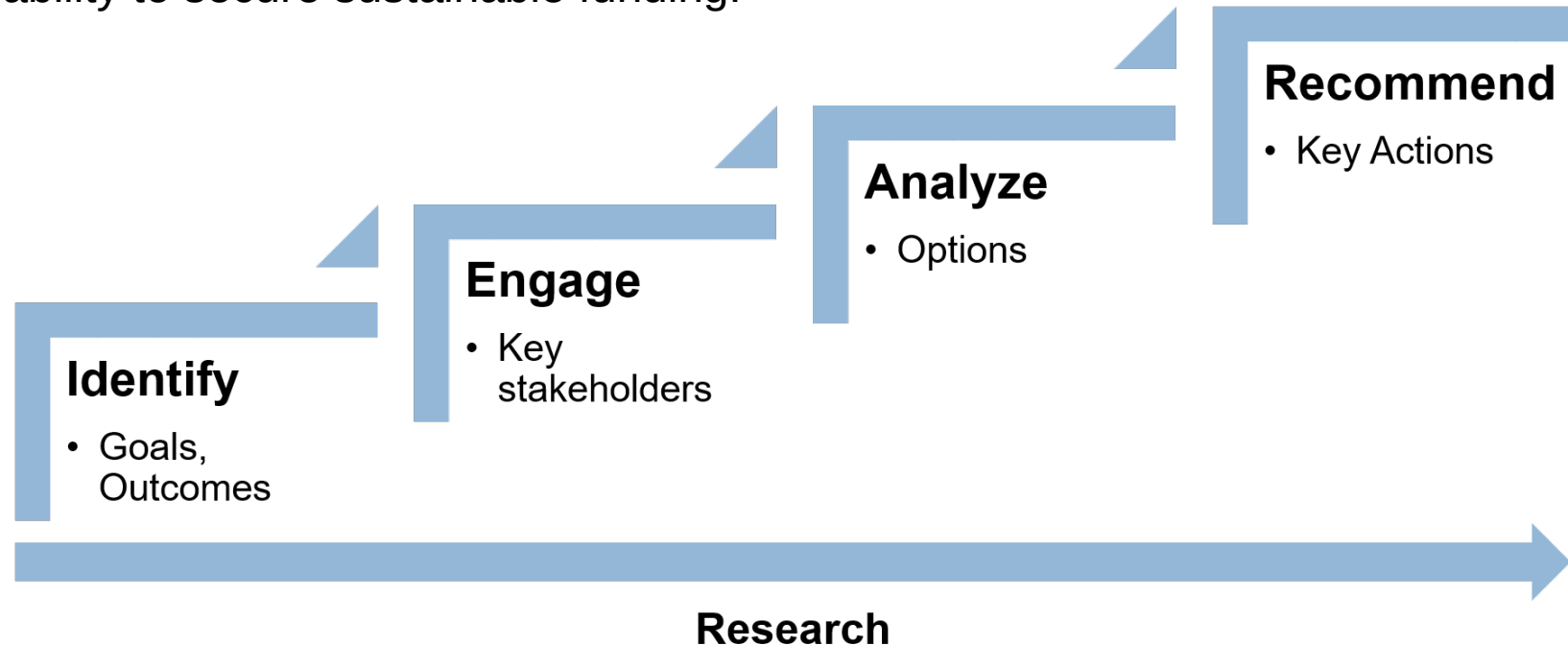
Cory Shankman – Work with City divisions and the Financial Implications Work Group to examine expenditures, revenue strategies and the role of municipal government and its relationships to other governments.

Business & Culture
Inspire Toronto

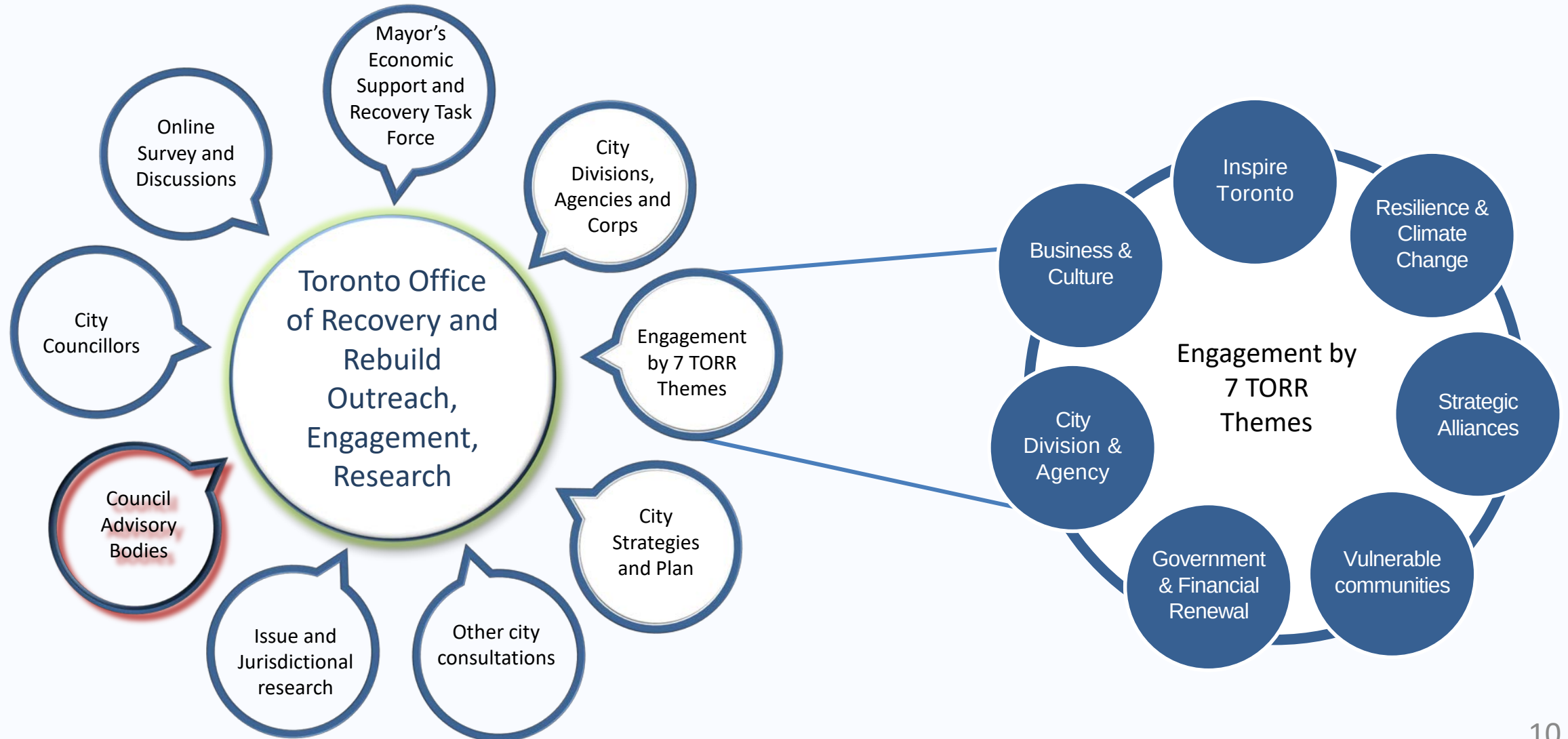
Marguerite Pigott - Leverage the work of Economic Support and Recovery Work Group, cultural organizations and build campaigns to promote and inspire the city.

Engagement, Research and Recommendations

- The City will undertake research and learn from other jurisdictions; Indigenous communities; institutions; local, regional and national networks; along with municipal staff from across Canada to leverage lessons and share best practices.
- Toronto's recovery and rebuilding will increasingly depend on our relationships with other orders of government; Indigenous communities; our regional, business and community partners; the residents of Toronto and our ability to secure sustainable funding.



Outreach and Engagement



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people with
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community?

- Engaged the City's Accessibility Unit to:
 - Better understand the issues and challenges people with disabilities have experienced due to the pandemic.
 - Reach out to their network to encourage individuals with disabilities and organizations that serve people with disabilities to share their views on how Toronto can recover and rebuild through the City's consultation survey.
- Reached out to targeted group of highly informed individuals with disabilities working in the cultural sector to learn about impact of COVID on their business/organization, strategies for recovery and their vision for rebuilding cultural industry with a focus on accessibility for creators and audiences.
 - Organizations include: Humber College, Tangled Art+Disability, Accessible Media, Ryerson – School of Disability Studies, Theatre Passe Muraille Accessibility Program, Out of Site Theatre Productions, Inside Out – Attitudes and Changing Lives, Harbourfront, Creative Users Projects, Reel Abilities Film Festival, Ryerson – School of Innovation, York University Theatre Department

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- Working with City Clerk's Accessibility Outreach Network to plan a dedicated facilitated session in early to mid July. TORR is working with the Accessibility Unit and the City Clerk's Office to ensure that a virtual session is as accessible as possible to prevent barriers to participation.
- Reaching out to community groups and organizations that serve people with disabilities as part of a broader engagement of community groups in July. Organizations will have the opportunity to submit their views, ideas and recommendations through an online survey or directly by email.
- Leveraging the City's Employee Disability Network to hear the views of employees with disabilities about their experiences with COVID and their views about recovery and rebuild.