

An aerial photograph of Toronto, Canada, showing a dense urban skyline with numerous skyscrapers in the background. In the foreground, a large, lush green park with a baseball field is visible. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text "City Manager's Board of Health COVID-19 Recovery Update" is overlaid in large white font across the center of the image.

City Manager's Board of Health COVID-19 Recovery Update

October 25, 2021



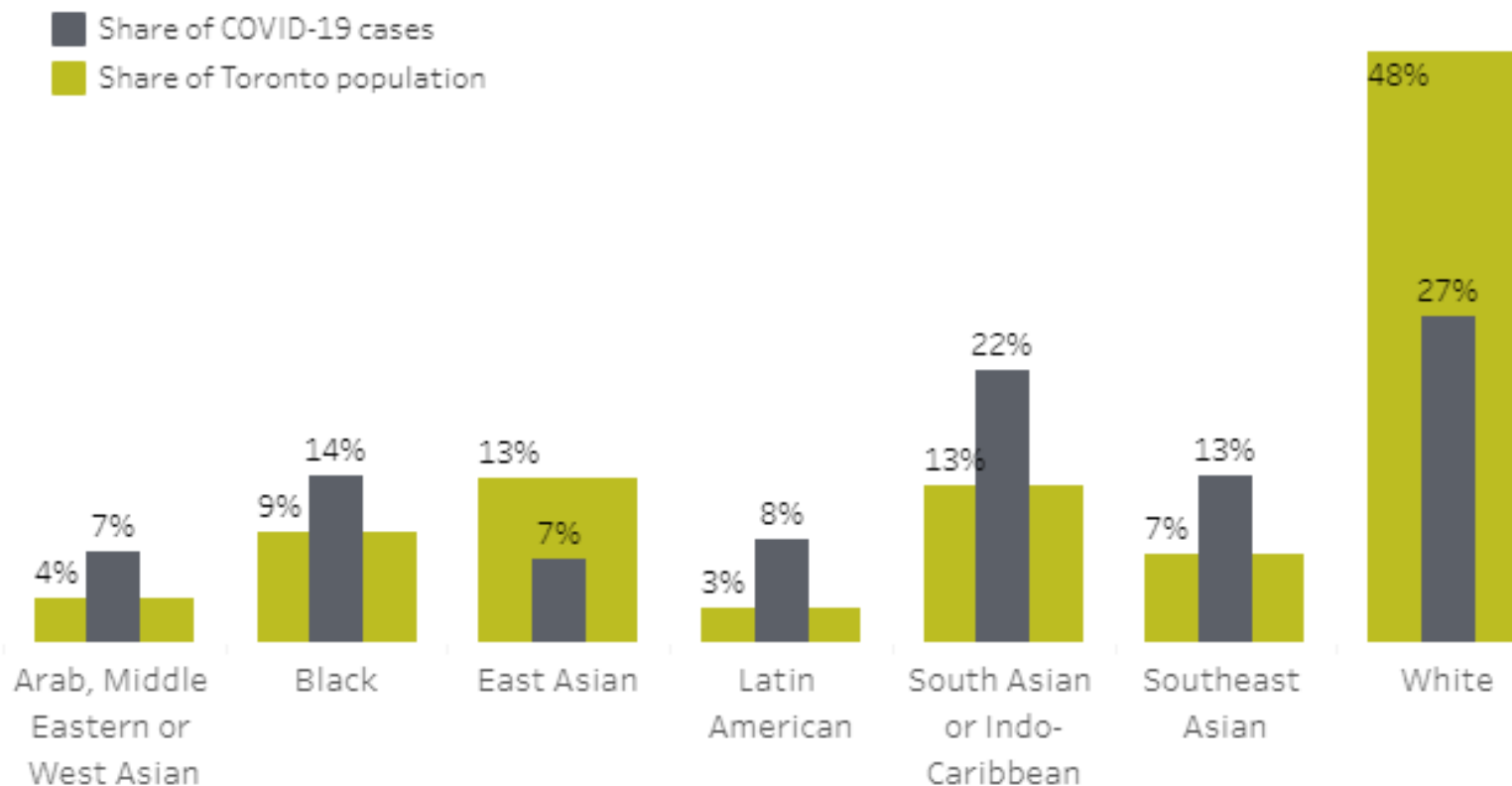
COVID-19 has changed us and our city



- We continue to build a strong foundation for recovery, including a vaccination strategy, while learning about new COVID-19 variants.
- The pandemic has exposed the significance of the social determinants of health as a metric of recovery.
- Protecting public health remains our priority.
- We continue to ensure the delivery of City services.
- Prosperity for all remains our recovery commitment.

Inequities remain a concern

We must deliver on the unique needs of Toronto's diverse residents, including those who are part of Black, Indigenous and equity-seeking communities, given the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19



Toronto Office of Recovery and Rebuild

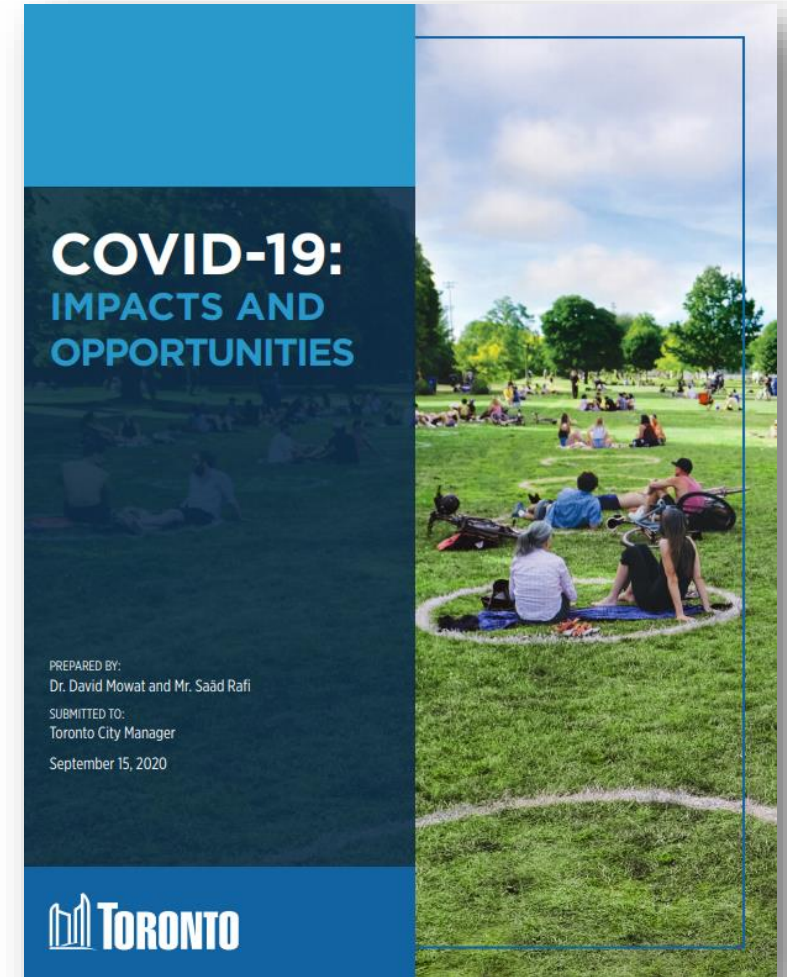
Expert advisors: Dr. David Mowat and Mr. Saad Rafi

Mandate: Provide advice to City Manager on long-term recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 through broad engagement, research and expert advice

Final report September 2020: *COVID-19: Impacts and Opportunities and Engagement Summary*

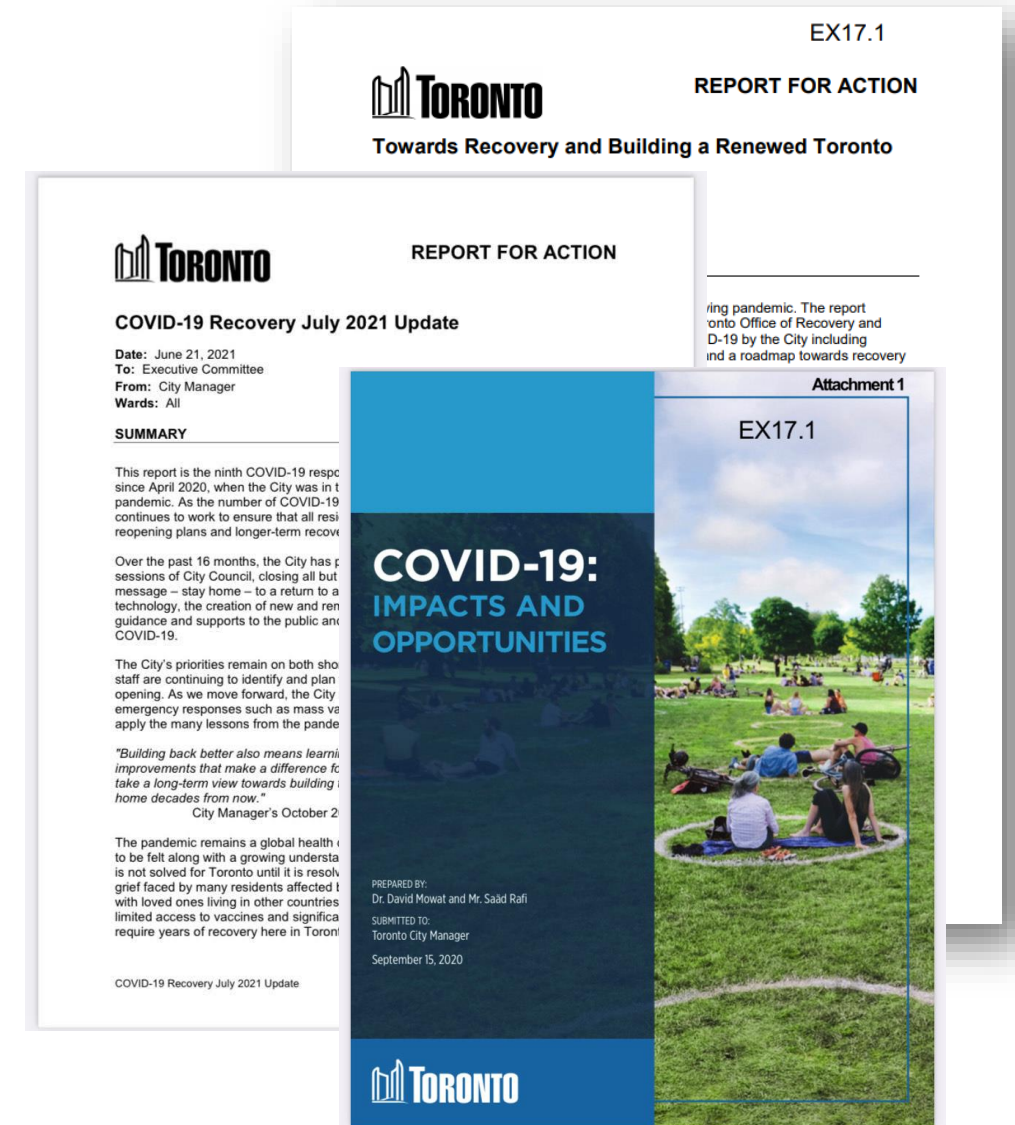
83 recommendations themed:

- Public Health
- Social Determinants of Health
- Increasing Prosperity
- Infrastructure and Mobility
- Resilience
- City of Toronto Services



Towards recovery

- City Manager has released ten COVID-19 reports since April 2020.
- Toronto Office of Recovery and Rebuild's final 83 recommendations: 32 implemented, 42 in-progress/ongoing and 9 with divisions for review.
- City priorities remain: immediate response and longer-term recovery
- Engagement and reporting on recovery continue through Council, budget and RecoveryTO.



Building a Prosperous Toronto

A **prosperous** Toronto means economic vitality, social equity, sustainability and resilience for all.

Equity



Climate
Action



Health and
Well-Being



Recovery **investments** to achieve prosperity

Prosperity through health

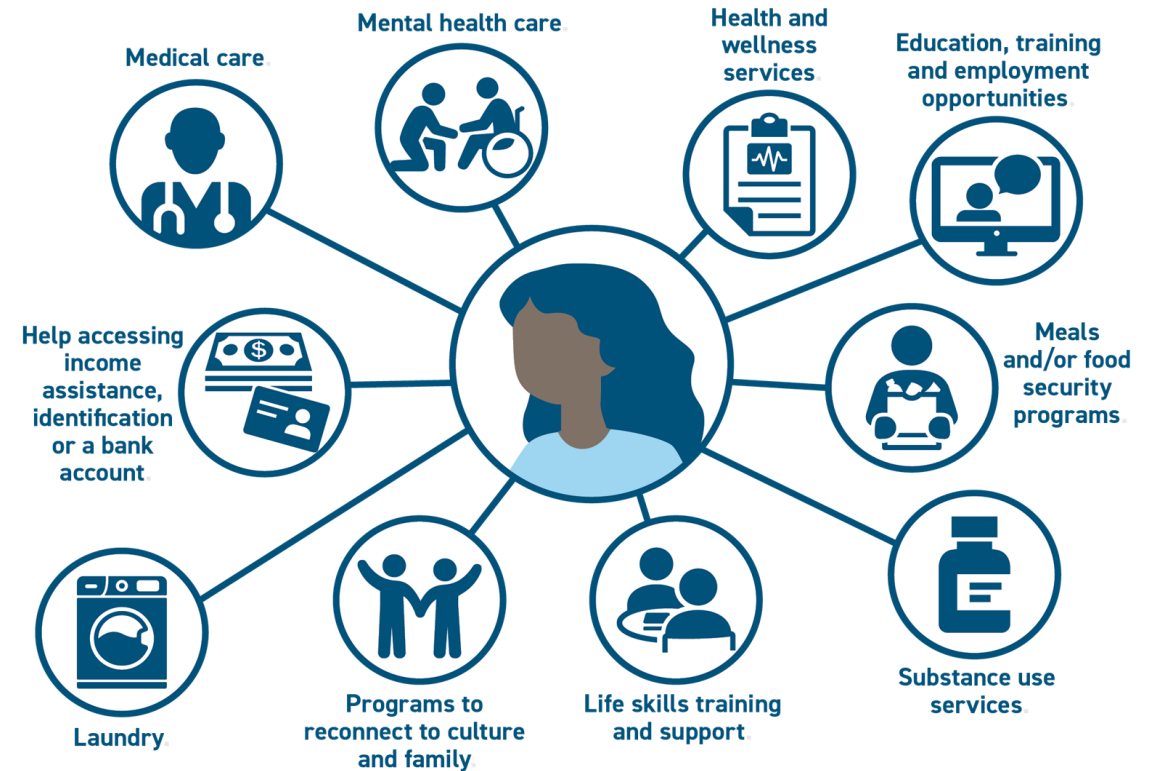
“Good health is a key ingredient of a vibrant and liveable city that meets the social and economic priorities of the community”

“Given the number of factors that influence health, it is only possible to achieve optimal health when all sectors of government and society are involved.”

[Healthy Toronto By Design](#), Oct 2011

What does investing in prosperity look like?

- Investing in social determinants of health
- Whole-of-government, whole-of-community approaches
- Applying an equity lens that emphasizes human dignity to support decision-making
- Regional coordination and cooperation
- Learning from past successes and mistakes and applying rapid innovation
- Monitoring and measuring progress



Supportive Housing Example

Learning from the past



Outside City Hall, 1919 (Toronto Archives)



Modular Housing Units in Toronto 2021

Thank you

www.Toronto.ca/RecoveryTO

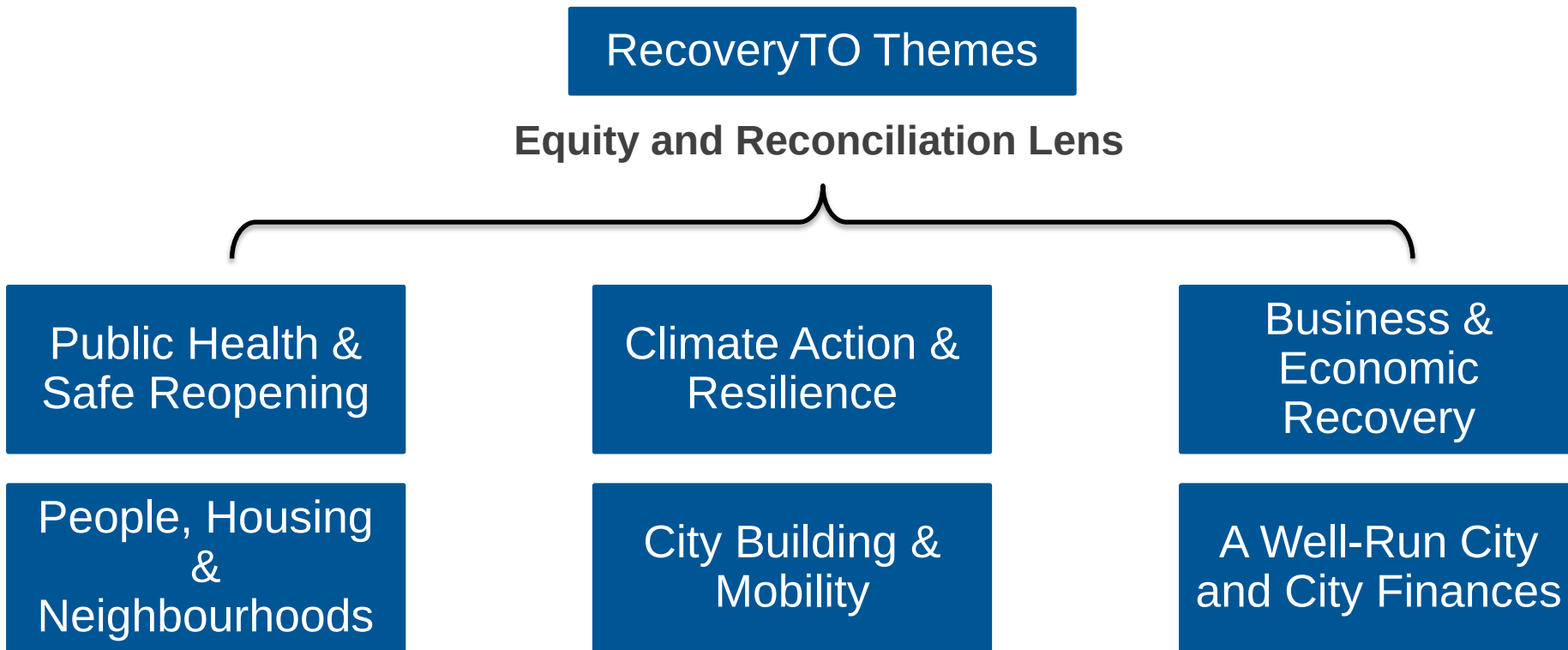


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RecoveryTO

www.Toronto.ca/RecoveryTO

Updates on the City's COVID-19 Recovery-related decisions, reports, data, dashboards, media announcements, strategies and initiatives.



Theme: Reconciliation and Equity

1. City Manager's Recovery Update Reports

- Laid the groundwork to rebuild a stronger City that is equitable, inclusive and prosperous city for all.

2. **COVID-19: Impacts and Opportunities** (final report of the Toronto Office of Recovery and Rebuild)

- Identified the longstanding harms of systemic discrimination, anti-Black and Indigenous racism, and linked addressing these issues to successful pandemic recovery.

3. RecoveryTO

- Information about equity and reconciliation actions the City is prioritizing during recovery is described for each of the 6 themes on www.toronto.ca/RecoveryTO

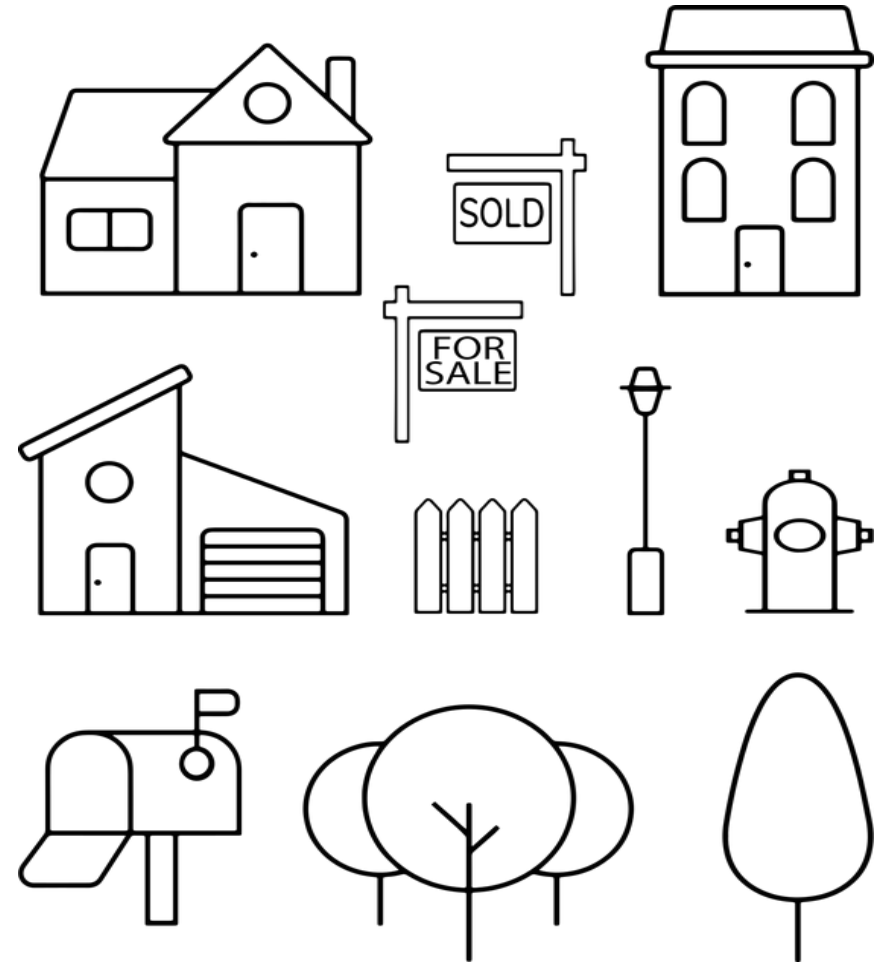


“Our future economic success will hinge on how well we do this work.”

Theme: People, Housing & Neighbourhoods

Sample updates

- Updated 2019-2022 **Poverty Reduction Strategy Action Plan**.
- Taking Action to Increase Affordable and Supportive Housing Opportunities through Federal **Rapid Housing Initiative**.
- **Community Crisis Support Service Pilot** for calls involving Torontonians in crisis.
- **ConnectTO** will leverage municipal broadband to increase access to affordable high-speed internet.



Theme: Climate Action & Resilience

Sample updates

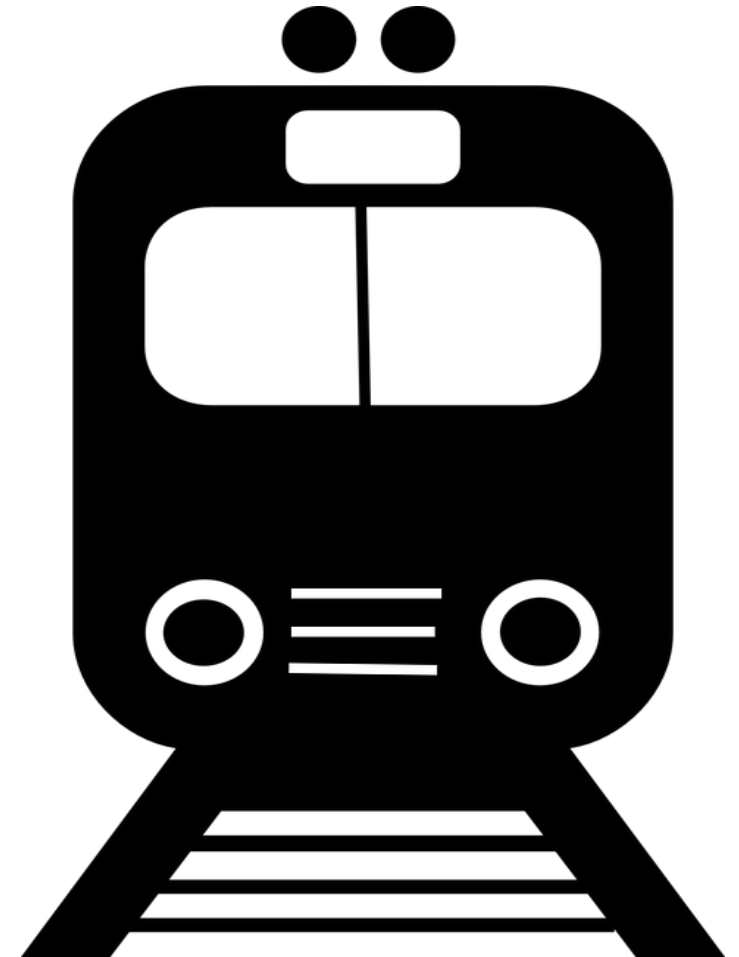
- The **Net Zero Existing Buildings Strategy** supports the decarbonization of residential, commercial and institutional buildings.
- The **Net Zero Carbon Plan** will reduce emissions from all City-owned buildings.
- Updated **Toronto Green Standard** will support sustainable development and emission reduction targets.
- City invests \$82.5 million funding for **Toronto Ravine Strategy**.



Theme: City Building & Mobility

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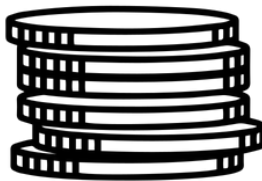
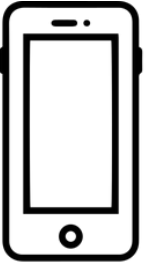
- City begins **Official Plan Review** to address growth-related challenges.
- City Council approves **Surface Transit Network Plan** public consultation plan.
- **ActiveTO** reports on lessons from 2020 and plans for future years.
- **Bike Share Toronto** announces program expansion to 20 of Toronto's 25 Wards.
- **RapidTO** will increase bus capacity and reliability on the busiest surface transit routes in the city.



Theme: Business & Economic Recovery

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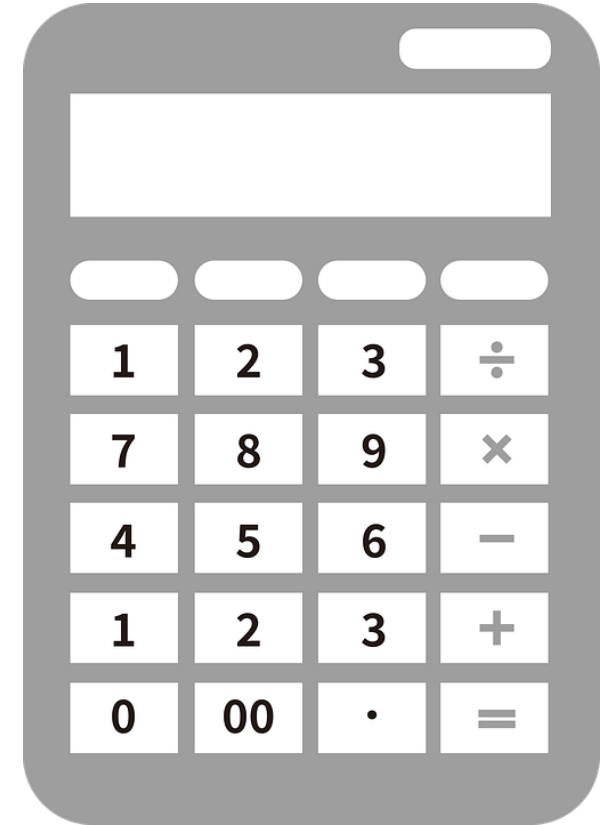
- An expanded version of **CafeTO** is successfully implemented.
- City reports on **Property Tax Deferral Program** for those experiencing financial hardship from COVID-19.
- **ArtworxTO: Toronto's Year of Public Art 2021-2022** kicks-off the City's new 10-Year of Public Art Strategy.
- City extends the **Creative Co-location Property Tax Subclasses** to live music venues permanently.



Theme: A Well-Run City & City Finances

Sample updates

- The **2021 Operating Budget** preserves existing services, manages impacts of COVID-19, and invests in key capital projects.
- City reports on the **Workplace Modernization Program Business Case and Implementation Plan**.
- City issues new debentures for \$350 million to help finance key capital projects.
- City receives **Diversio Certification** for commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.



Intergovernmental Relations

Sample updates

- City advances a **renewed intergovernmental strategy** and engages federal, provincial and regional counterparts on COVID-19 emergency response and recovery priorities.
- City shares ongoing COVID-19 recovery strategies with the federal and provincial governments, **other large Cities** and engages officials at the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**.
- City meets with the **Province and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)** on emergent municipal needs in response to COVID19.
- **Regional and GTHA tables** collaborate on emergency responses, areas of mutual interest.
- Toronto collaborates with the Federal and Provincial Governments to drive recovery investments
 - Resilience Infrastructure Stream, Rapid Housing, FedDev Toronto Investments (including in CafeTO), Ravine Strategy, etc.