

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Two-Spirit (LGBTQ2S+) Advisory Committee

Committee Mandate & Governance Overview

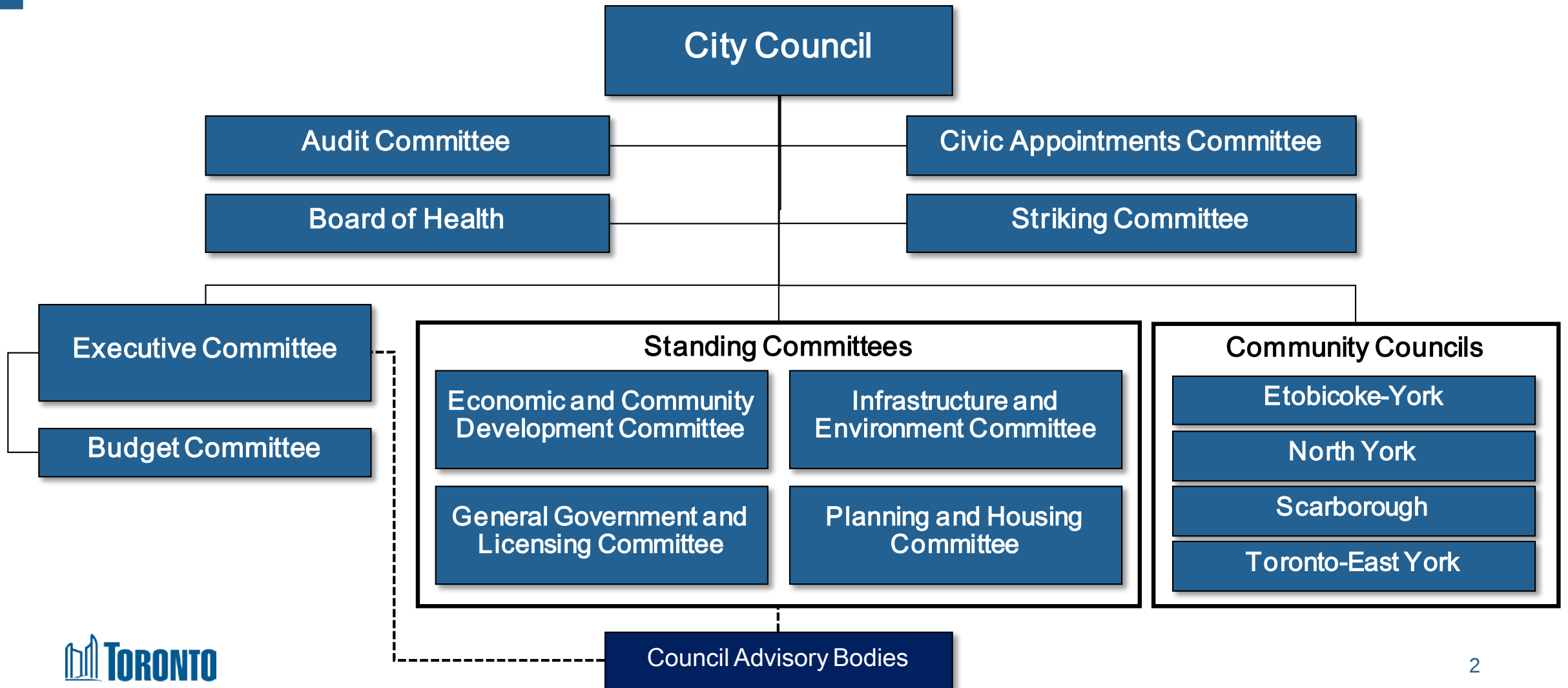
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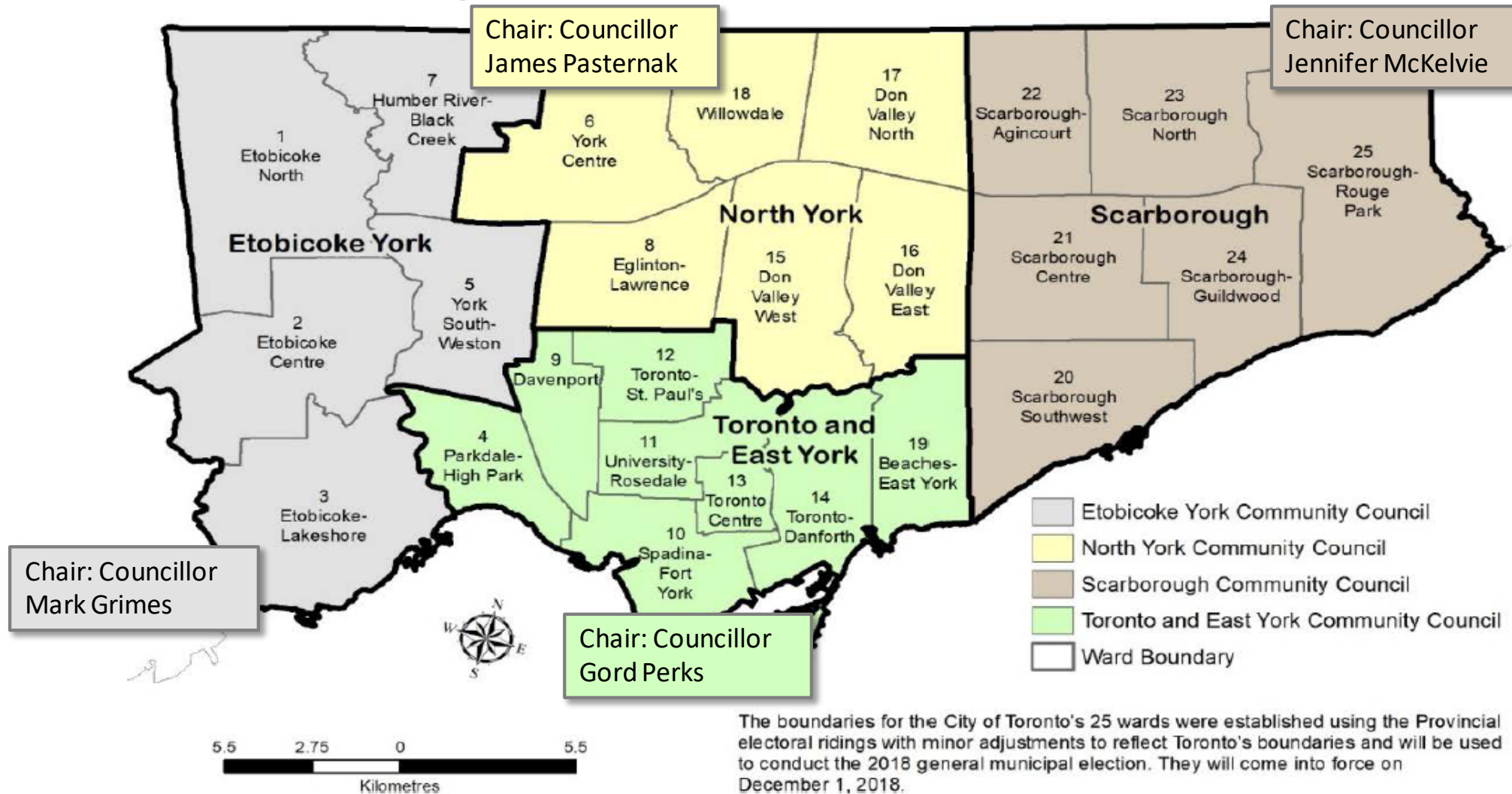
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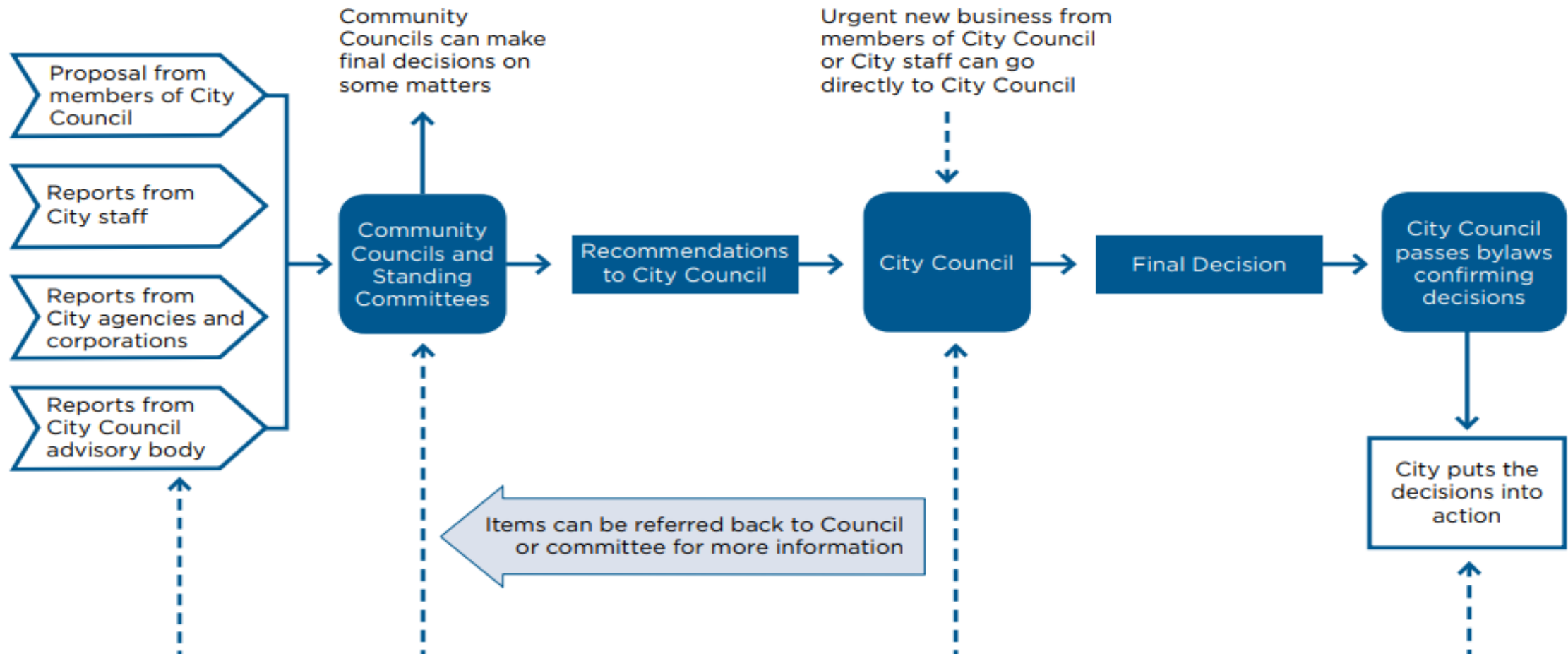
City Council Committee Structure



Community Councils



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.

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, Standing Committees receive 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
- **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Two-Spirit (LGBTQ2S+)**
- Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee (*established under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*)
- Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee
- Toronto Music Advisory Committee

LGBTQ2S+ Advisory Committee – Purpose

The mandate of the LGBTQ2S+ Advisory Committee is to provide advice to City Council on:

- a) Ensuring the interests and needs of the diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Two-Spirit (LGBTQ2S+) communities are reflected in City programs and service delivery;
- b) Strategies aimed at elimination of barriers faced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Two-Spirit (LGBTQ2S+) communities when accessing City programs and services; and
- c) Emerging issues and trends of significance to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Two-Spirit (LGBTQ2S+) communities as it relates to the City services and programs.

LGBTQ2S+ 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, 2006*
- Will hold up to four meetings per year at the call of the Chair or Co-Chairs
- People and Equity Division staff will provide policy-related support and strategic advice
- The City Clerk's Office will provide meeting management support

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