

Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee

City Governance Overview

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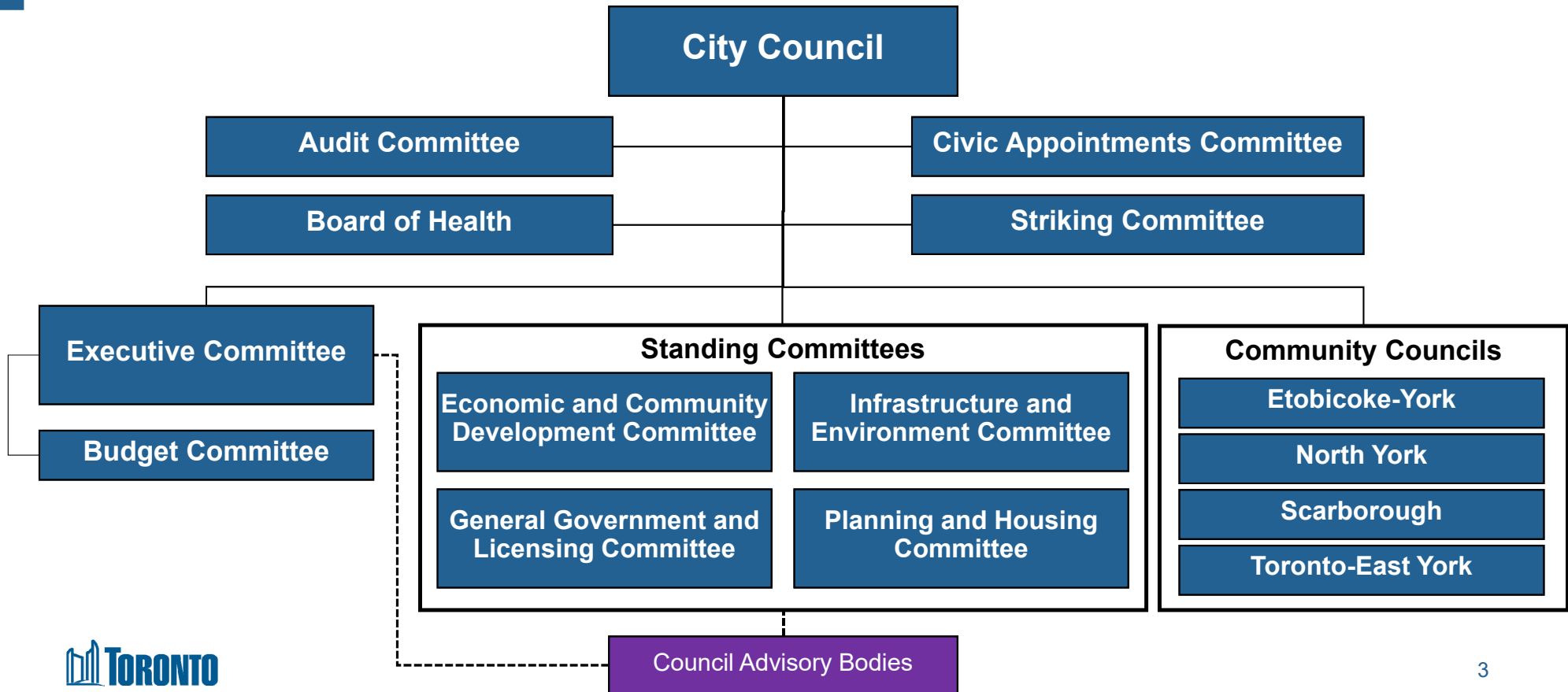
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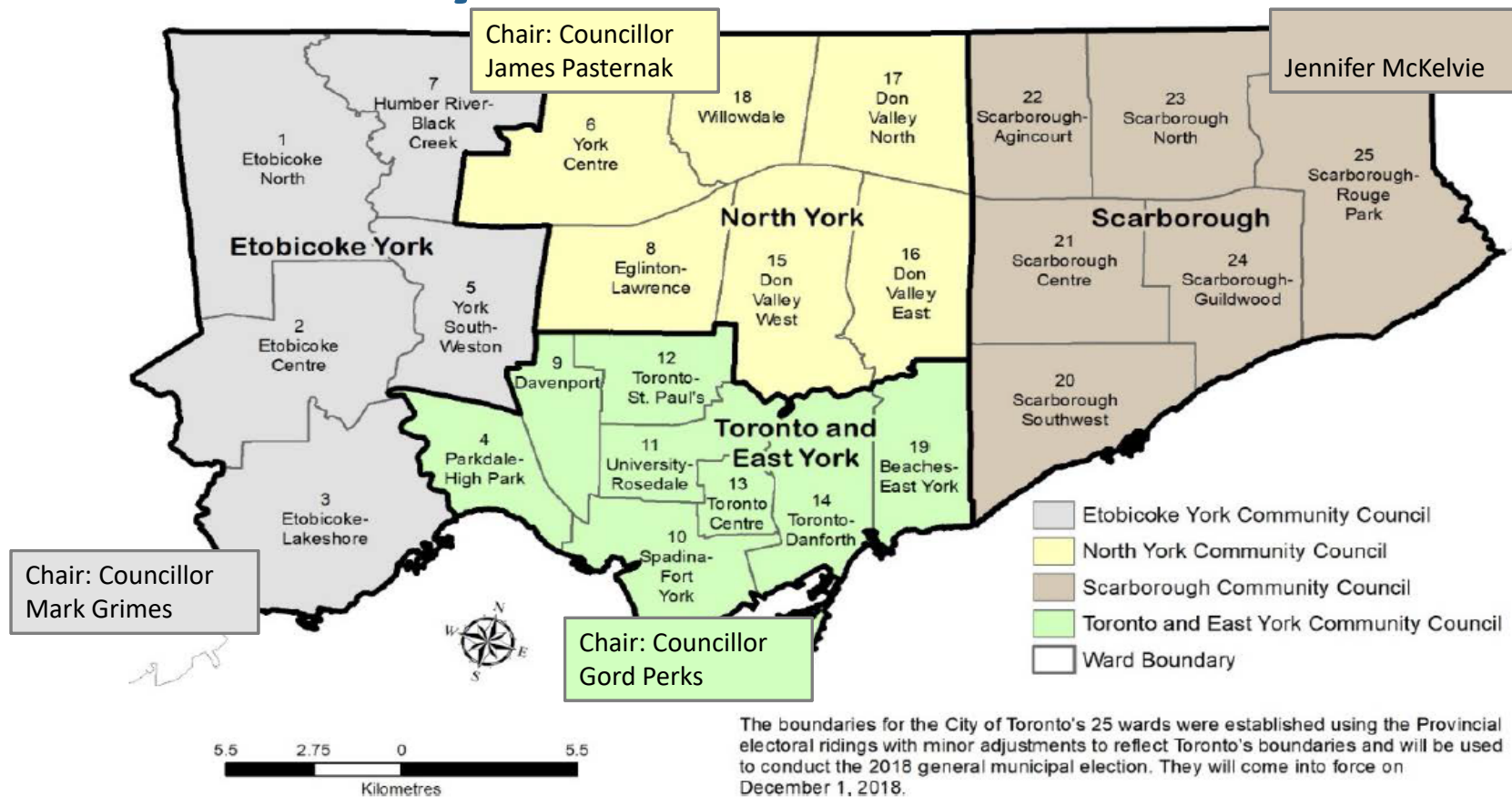
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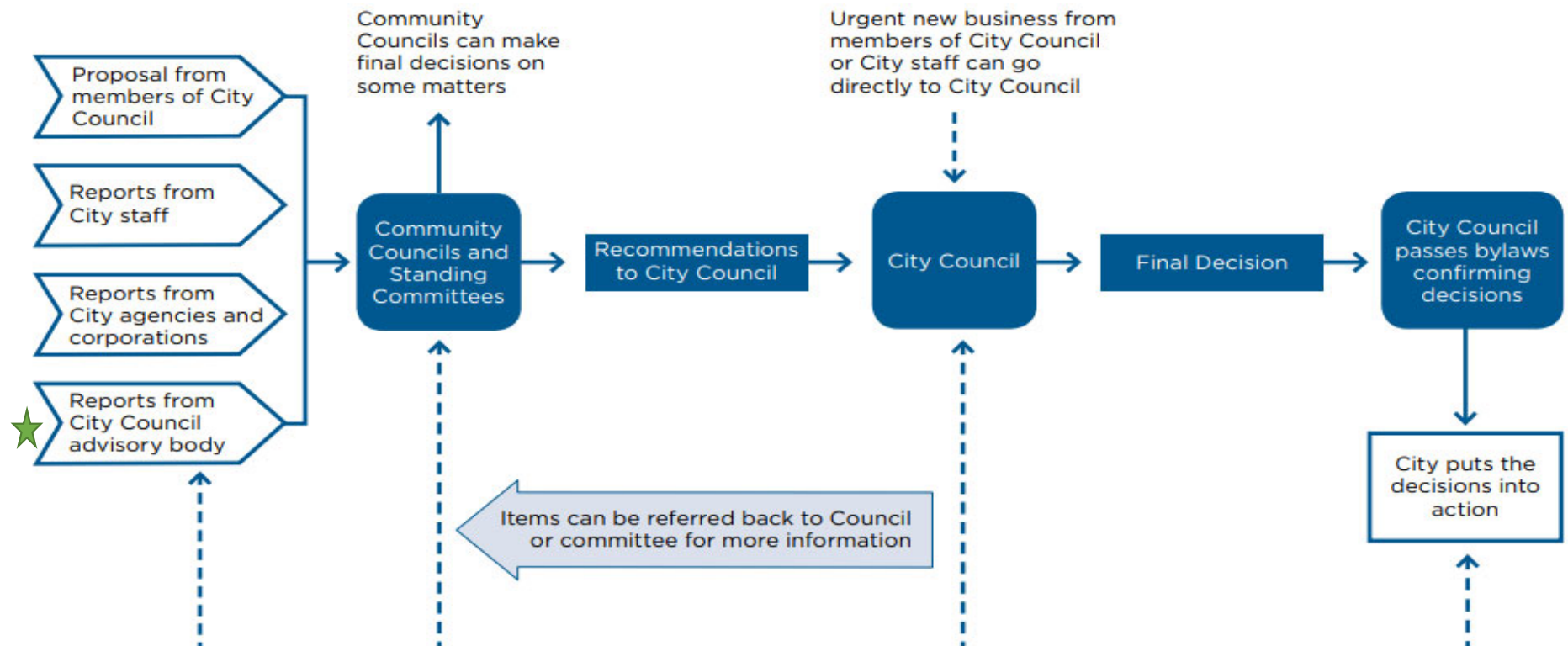
City Council Committee Structure



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.



Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee

Council Advisory Bodies

- City Council establishes Council Advisory Bodies (CABs) such as the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee during each Council term to provide advice and assist its decision-making.
- A CAB **provides advice** through Council's Standing Committees often with reference to input from the public, various sectors and industries, and stakeholders on key policy matters.
- CABs do not deliver services, direct the City's public service or make binding decisions on behalf of the City of Toronto.
- The member composition of CABs includes Members of Council and at least 50% public members appointed by City Council. City staff are not members of CABs.
- Similar to bodies that advise Council, there are also program advisory bodies that advise City staff, who in turn bring recommendations forward to City Council. These members are not appointed by Council and are engaged by City staff as required.

Council Advisory Bodies

- **Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee**
- Confronting Anti-Black Racism (CABR) Advisory Committee
- Film, Television and Digital Media Board
- Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee
- 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 – Mandate

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

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

Reference: [Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee Terms of Reference](#)

Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee – Governance

- AAAC provides **advice to City Council** through the Executive Committee or other appropriate Council Committee.
- It is composed of 25 members with one Member of City Council. With the exception of the Member of City Council, Aboriginal Advisory Committee members are representatives of Aboriginal organizations and the community at large.
- Operates in accordance with City 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*.
- Hold up to **six meetings per year** at the call of the Chair or Co-Chairs.
- The **Indigenous Affairs Office staff** provides policy-related **support and strategic advice** to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.
- The **City Clerk's Office** provides **meeting management support** to the Committee.

Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference

- City Council established the AAAC for the 2019-2022 term at its [March 2019 meeting](#).
- The Terms of Reference, which is approved by Council, describes the mandate of the committee, how often it meets, its membership, and other important details that guide its work.
- Following a recommendation from the AAAC, Council amended the Terms of Reference at its [October 2021 meeting](#) so that membership includes both representatives of Aboriginal organizations and the community at large.
- At that same meeting, City Council requested staff to report to the Committee on options for a revised public appointments process for the 2022-2026 term. This report is anticipated to be before the AAAC at the next meeting (March 8, 2022).

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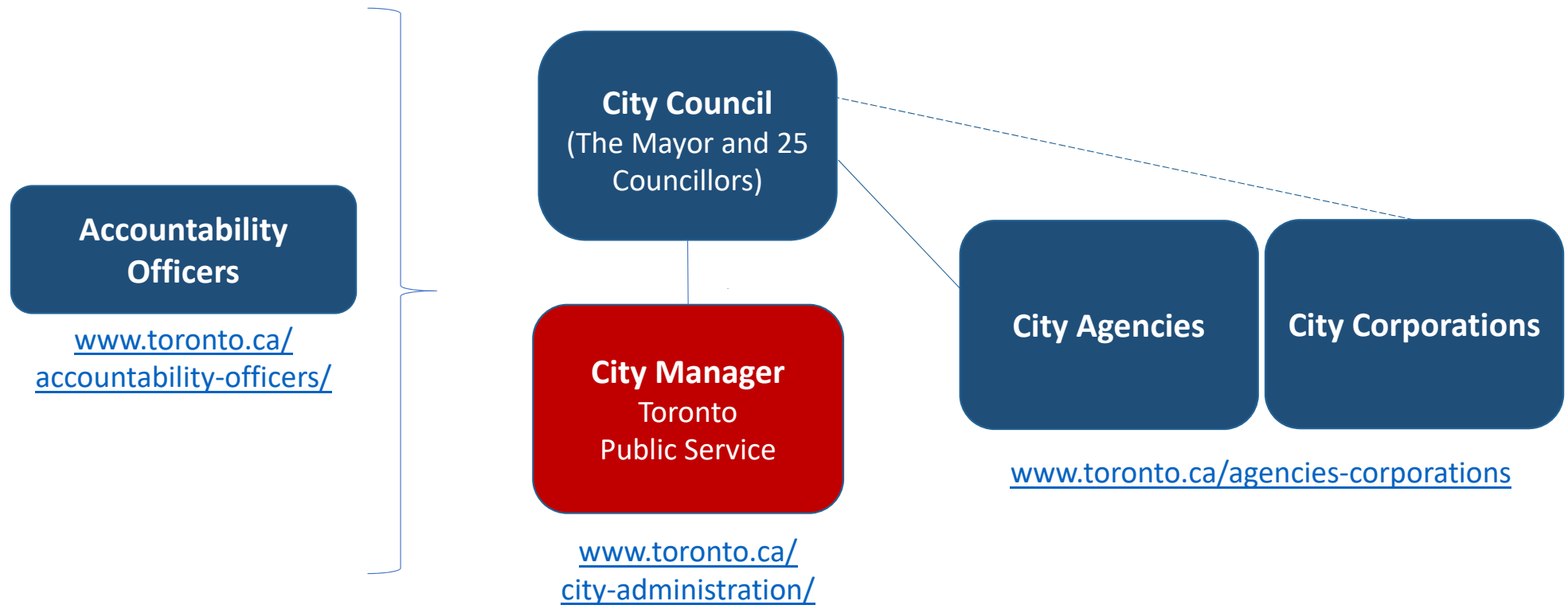
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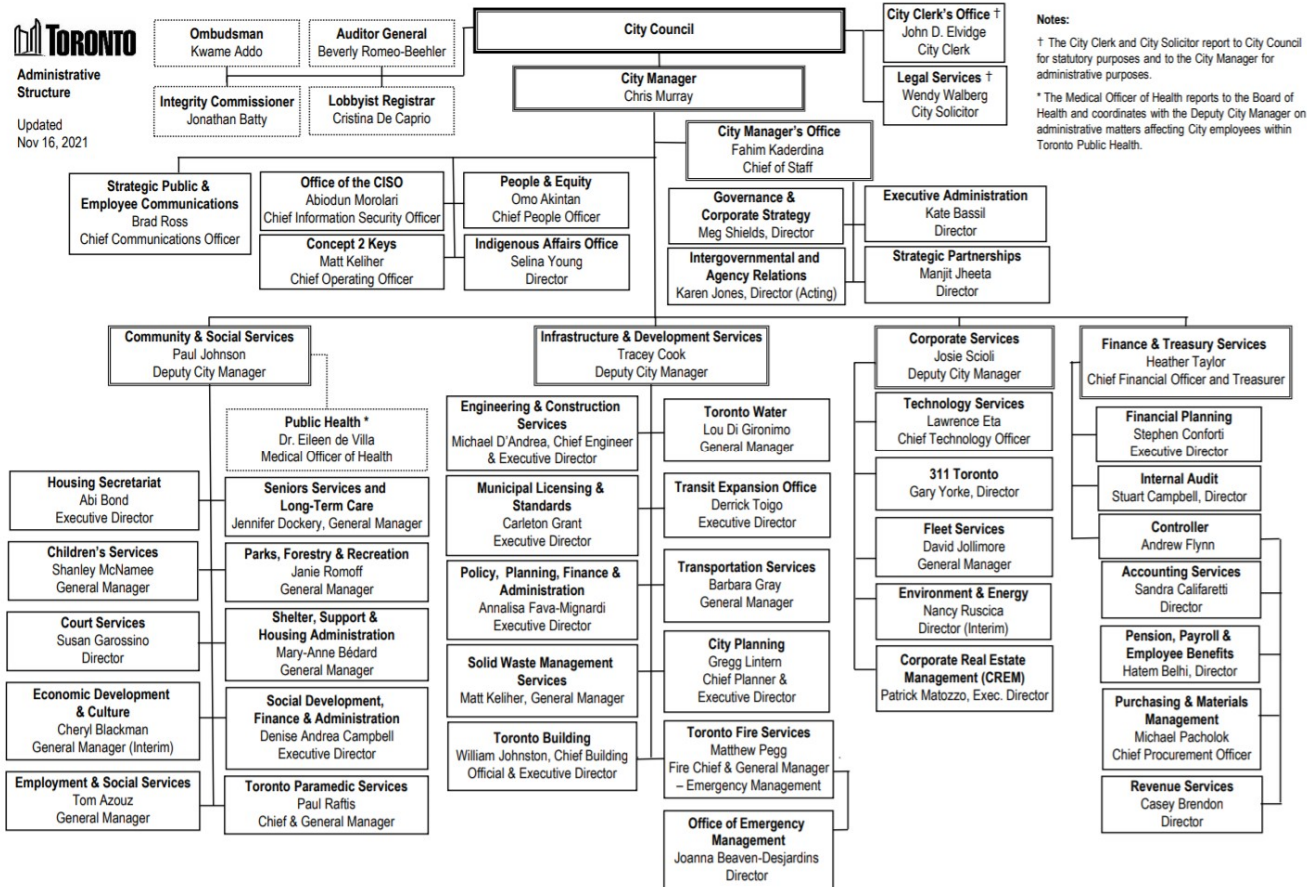
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Additional Information

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Toronto Public Service



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City's Intergovernmental Strategy

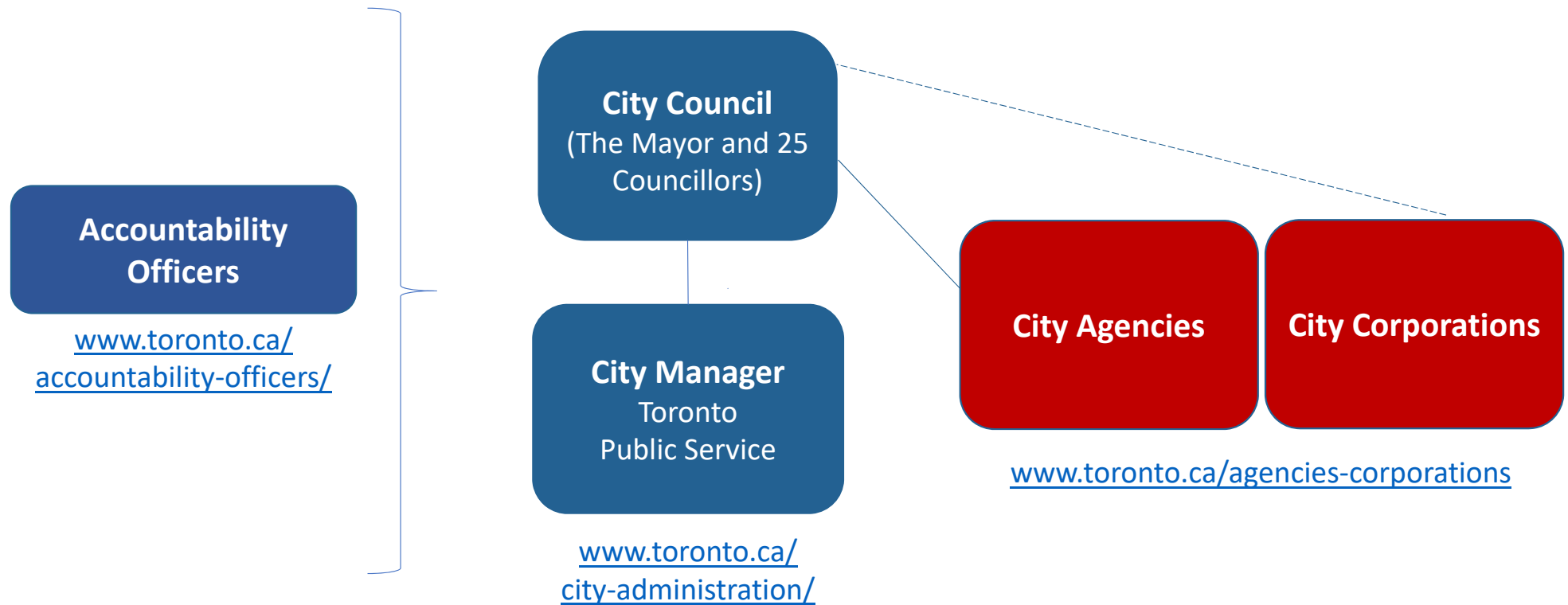
Vision

- Outcomes focussed in discussions with other governments on shared priorities
- Collaborative across and within all governments through a "whole of government" approach
- Collaborative with external partners, stakeholders and community through a "whole of community" approach collaborating with external partners
- Regionally Sensitive

Principles

- **One voice** - speak with one aligned voice on a common position, developed through robust collaboration and dialogue across Mayor, Council and the Toronto Public Service;
- **Outcome focus** - primarily and proactively focus on long-term positive outcomes for residents/businesses and take a 'whole of governments' approach when seeking out areas for joint-collaboration;
- **Collaborative** – engage, seek input, identify allies and build coalitions with the community, external partners, peer cities and strategic alliances;
- **Regionally sensitive** - consider and integrate as appropriate a regional lens (its perspectives and desired outcomes) as part of any advocacy;
- **Open, transparent and forthcoming** - including undertaking proactive consultation on planned City policies and programs;
- **Mutual respect** - be sensitive to the mandates, jurisdiction, authority, interests and decision making processes of other governments, while seeking to influence positive changes for Toronto.

Toronto's Government



Agencies and Corporations

- City Council has chosen to deliver services and perform certain activities through agencies and corporations in order to:
 - Meet legal requirements;
 - Operate in a commercial environment;
 - Focus on delivering a specific policy objective or service;
 - Enable independent decision making; and
 - Engage citizens in board decision-making, bring expertise, involve funders or fundraisers and use volunteer capacity.
- City Council delegates varying levels of authority to agencies and corporations to deliver services on its behalf. Each agency and corporation has a different mandate and responsibility.
- More at www.toronto.ca/agencies-corporations

Agencies

Service Agencies

- Board of Health
- TO Live (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, Toronto Centre for the Arts)
- CreateTO (Toronto Realty Agency)
- Exhibition Place
- Heritage Toronto
- Toronto Investment Board
- Toronto Atmospheric Fund
- Toronto Parking Authority
- Toronto Police Services
- Toronto Public Library
- Toronto Transit Commission
- Toronto Zoo
- Yonge-Dundas Square

Partnered Agency

- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Community-Based Boards:

➤ Arena Boards of Management:

- George Bell Arena
- Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena
- Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena
- McCormick Playground Arena
- Moss Park Arena
- North Toronto Memorial Arena
- Ted Reeve Community Arena
- William H. Bolton Arena

➤ Community Centre Boards of Management (AOCCs):

- 519 Church Street Community Centre
- Applegrove Community Complex
- Cecil Street Community Centre
- Central Eglinton Community Centre
- Community Centre 55
- Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre
- Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre
- Ralph Thornton Community Centre
- Scadding Court Community Centre
- Swansea Town Hall Community Centre

➤ 83 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management

Corporations

City Corporations

- Build Toronto Inc.
- Casa Loma Corporation
- Invest Toronto Inc.
- Lakeshore Arena Corporation
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation
- Toronto Hydro Corporation
- Toronto Port Lands Company (Toronto Economic Development Corporation)
- Toronto Seniors Housing Corporation

Partnered Corporations

- Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre Inc.
- Waterfront Toronto (Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation)

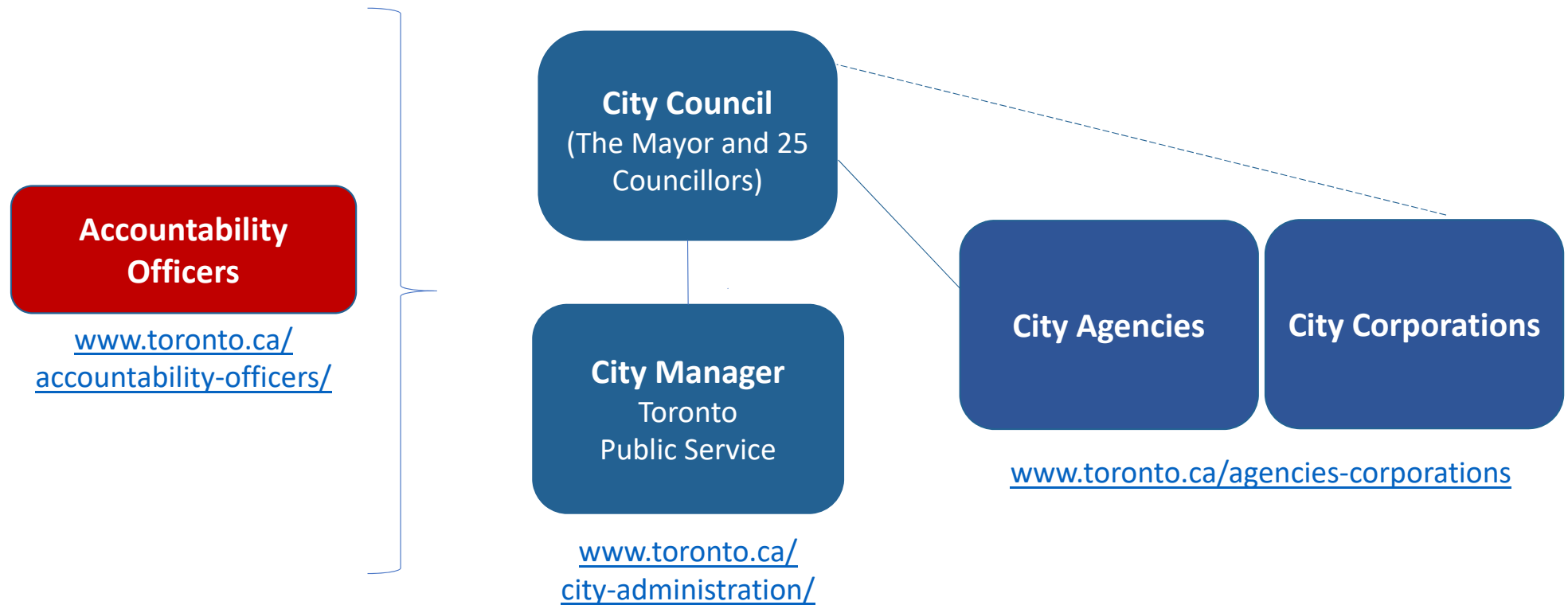
Adjudicative Bodies

Quasi-Judicial & Adjudicative Boards

- Administrative Penalty Tribunal
- Committee of Adjustment
- Committee of Revision
- Compliance Audit Committee
- Dangerous Dog Review Tribunal
- Property Standards Committee / Fence Viewers
- Rooming House Licensing Commissioner¹
- Sign Variance Committee
- Toronto Licensing Tribunal
- Toronto Local Appeal Body

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Accountability Officers

- The City of Toronto has four accountability officers that help ensure our government remains open and transparent.
- The City's accountability offices were instituted over a number of years, starting with the **Auditor General** in 2002, followed by the **Integrity Commissioner** in 2004. After the Province of Ontario granted further oversight authority, the City put in place the final elements of its accountability framework with the establishment of the **Lobbyist Registrar** in 2007 and the **Ombudsman** in 2008.

Mandate of Toronto's Accountability Officers

- Provide objective and independent oversight to ensure the transparency and accountability of Toronto's government.
- Each officer has a specific mandate and role set out in law to advance transparency and accountability at the City.
- Toronto's Municipal Code, Chapter 3, Accountability Officer sets out the Officers' governance framework within the City including their features of independence and accountability to City Council.

Reference: www.toronto.ca/accountability-officers/

Accountability Officers

Auditor General

- Assists City Council in holding itself and its administration **accountable for public funds and for value for money** in City operations. Also manages the City's Fraud and Waste Hotline.

Integrity Commissioner

- Provides **advice, complaint resolution and education about the Codes of Conduct**; and investigates complaints to determine whether or not there has been a violation of the Code.

Lobbyist Registrar

- Promotes transparency and integrity through **public disclosure of lobbying and regulation of lobbyists' conduct**. Provides advice and conducts inquiries and investigations to enforce compliance with lobbying requirements.

Ombudsman

- Works to ensure that the **City treats the public fairly, and that services are provided in a fair and equitable manner**. Investigates complaints about administrative unfairness related to City divisions, most City agencies and City Corporations.