

Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee

City Governance Overview

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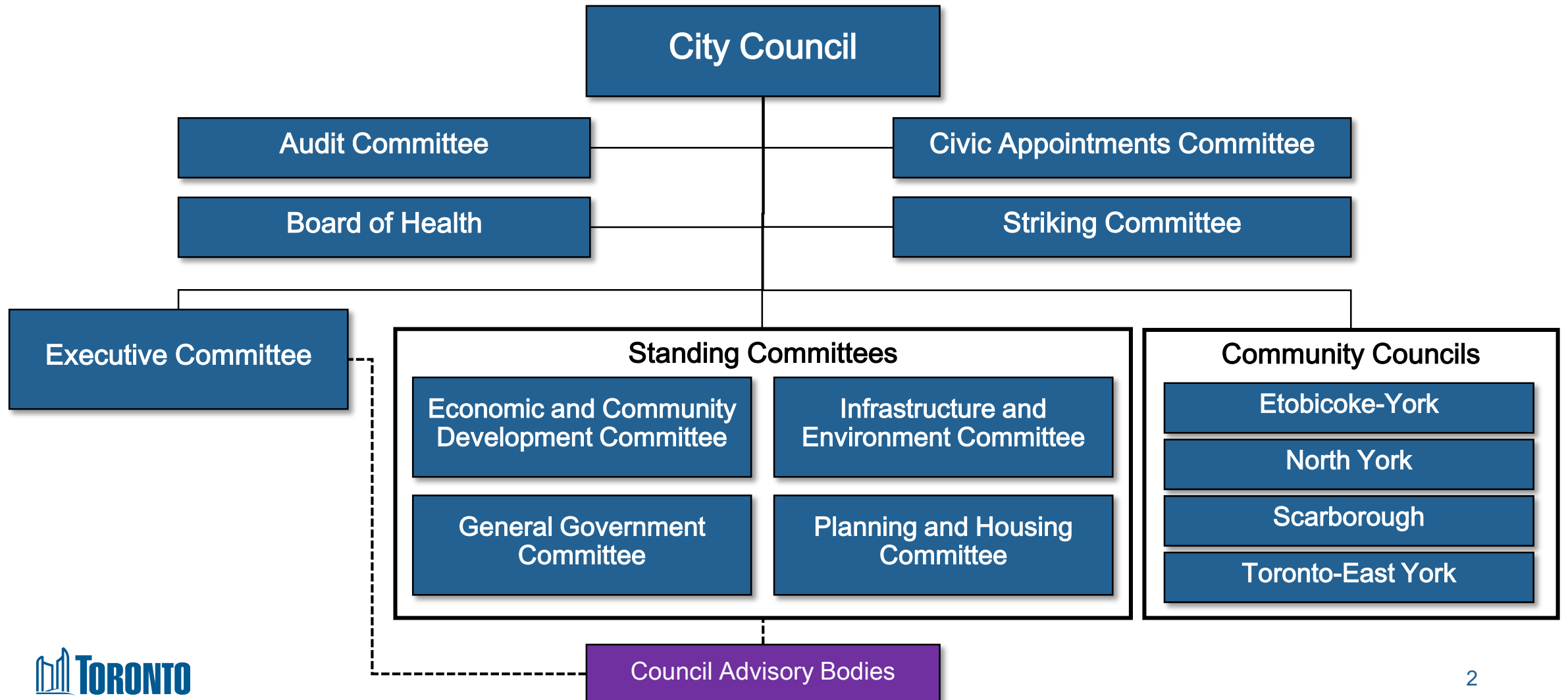


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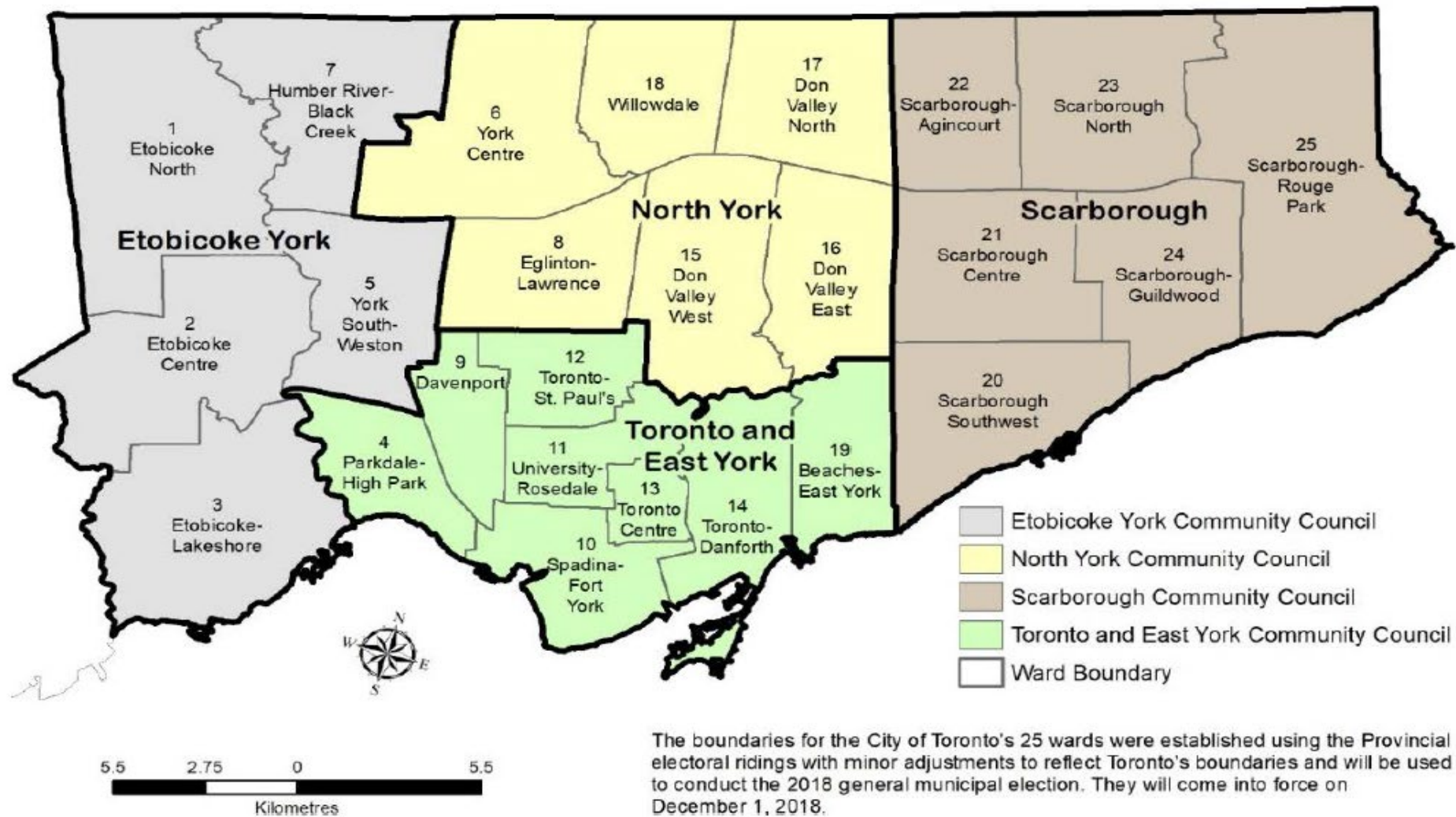
City of Toronto Act, 2006



City Council Committee Structure



Community Councils





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



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.



Council Advisory Bodies

Current Council Advisory Bodies:

- Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee
- **Confronting Anti-Black Racism (CABR) Advisory Committee**
- Film, Television and Digital Media Board
- Housing Rights Advisory Committee
- 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

CABR Advisory Committee - Mandate

Advice to City Council:

- a) To **support the implementation of the principles of the International Decade for People of African Descent**, to address:
 - **Recognition:** Support efforts to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Black Torontonians as part of the City's contributions to mark the decade;
 - **Development:** Support efforts for positive outcomes for Black Torontonians in areas of child-welfare, housing, healthcare, employment and entrepreneurship and education; and
 - **Justice:** Support efforts to promote equitable outcomes for Black Torontonians on issues relating to policing and the criminal justice system.
- b) On the **elimination of barriers faced by Black communities** and recommend City engagement to help **improve access to provincial, federal, and community agency services and programs**.
- c) To **ensure the interests and needs of Black communities are reflected in City programs and service delivery**.
- d) On **emerging issues and trends of significance to Black communities** as they relate to City services and programs.

CABR Advisory Committee – Governance

- The CABR advisory committee 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.
- Social Development, Finance & Administration **staff from the City's CABR unit provides** policy-related **support and strategic advice** to the Committee.
- The **City Clerk's Office provides meeting management support** to the Committee.

Resources

Committee Membership, Terms of Reference and Procedures:

- <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/#/committees/2744/24385>

Information for Public Appointees:

- <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/get-involved/public-appointments/resources-for-public-appointees/>

Introduction to Toronto's Government:

- <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/accountability-operations-customer-service/get-involved-how-government-works/>