# City Planning

PH2.6 - Study Work Program Update

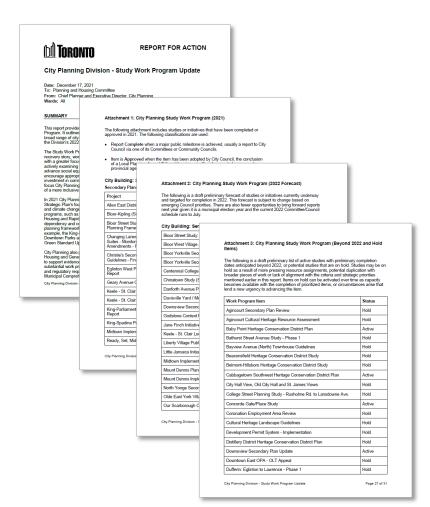
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### Study Work Program Update

#### Report addresses 4 items:

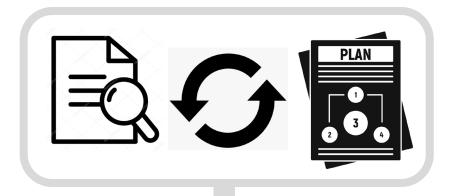
- 1. 2022 Study Work Program achievements
- 2. 2023 Study Work Program forecast
- 3. Alignment with **Housing Action Plan** priorities identified by Council to support delivery of more housing and more housing options across the city
- Growth strategies for complete communities





## City Planning's 2 Services

- City Planning delivers activities organized in two services:
  - Development Review, Decision and Implementation
  - 2. City Building and Policy Development
- All sections of City Planning contribute to the delivery of the two services, with activities in one service supporting the other
- The Study Work Program is one component of the City Building and Policy Development service







### **Strategic Lens**

- The Study Work Program is responsive to City-wide, Corporate and Divisional priorities
- Items are added either through requests from City Council or as identified by the Division in response to:
  - new strategic priorities
  - public investment
  - growth pressures
  - shifts in demographic and economic conditions
  - legislative changes





### **Defining Elements**

The Study Work Program's studies and initiatives reflect the following themes:



Maintaining and creating housing that is affordable, and providing more housing options



**Keeping Toronto moving** 



Investing in people and neighbourhoods



Tackling climate change and building resilience



Responding to Provincial legislation



Additional initiatives supporting city building (i.e. research, design and OLT matters)



#### 2022 Achievements

- In 2022, City Planning completed 84 items
  - **✓** 29 items completed under study-related Service Levels (SL):
    - 23 items under City Building Studies (SL 18)
    - 1 items under City-wide Urban Design Guidelines (SL 1)
    - 5 items under Heritage Conservation District Studies/Plans (SL 5)
  - ✓ 55 additional initiatives completed, including legislative review, Official Plan and Zoning By-law updates, OLT appeals, forecasts and modelling, Housing Now and EHON projects, and other special projects related to housing and the waterfront
- This is the highest number of items delivered in one year since reporting began in 2015.



#### 2023 Forecast

- The Study Work Program includes a preliminary forecast of studies or initiatives currently underway and targeted for completion by the end of 2023
- The list of forecasted items is provided in Attachment 2 to the staff report, and is subject to change based on emerging Council priorities and divisional capacity
- Many items represent the culmination of multi-phased projects initiated in the last term of Council and involving inter-divisional collaboration and broad community participation
- The forecast also reflects the new Council's direction in December 2022 to advance the
  Housing Action Plan to enable housing construction to achieve or exceed the Provincial
  housing target of 285,000 new homes in the City of Toronto over the next 10 years



### Aligning with the Housing Action Plan

- The Housing Action Plan will be brought to the Executive Committee in March 2023, and will include new work streams and existing items in City Planning's Study Work Program for 2023
- Items in the 2023 Study Work Program that support the Housing Action Plan are focused on:
  - ✓ aligning planning policies, zoning, and design guidelines to achieve the housing target
  - ✓ reviewing existing plans for major growth areas and approved Housing Now sites to ensure housing density is optimized
  - ✓ ensuring intensification is supported by infrastructure, facilities and services that support the development of housing as part of complete communities



#### **Growth Strategies for Complete Communities**

- The work program delivers growth strategies for complete communities that include more housing and jobs, and community infrastructure and services to support daily life
- Area-based studies like Update Downsview, the Jane-Finch Initiative, and the Yonge-Eglinton Secondary Plan / Midtown Infrastructure Implementation Strategy all take an integrated approach to planning for hard and soft infrastructure for communities undergoing large-scale change
- These studies include interdivisional coordination and collaboration to determine infrastructure and service needs for each growth area, and the strategy for delivering improvements





### **Managing Development Activity**

- Activities under the Division's two services - City Building & Development Review - are complementary and work together to support approvals for new housing
- Over the last 5 years, the City has approved twice as many residential units than are built each year

Managing Development Activity in 2022		
<b>Development Review</b>	Development Applications (received)	721
Reporting	Final Reports	120
(OPA/ZBLA)	Request for Direction	125
Committee of Adjustment	Applications	3,386
	Hearings Scheduled	97
	Applications Reviewed	3,920
	Consent Certificates	234
	TLAB Hearings	269
Heritage	Heritage Permits Received & Released	2,175
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Site Plan Approval	NOAC* - Residential Units	11,395
	NOAC - Non-Res GFA (m²)	135,418

<sup>\*</sup>NOAC – Notice of Approval Conditions



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