

Update Downsview

Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee
July 29, 2025





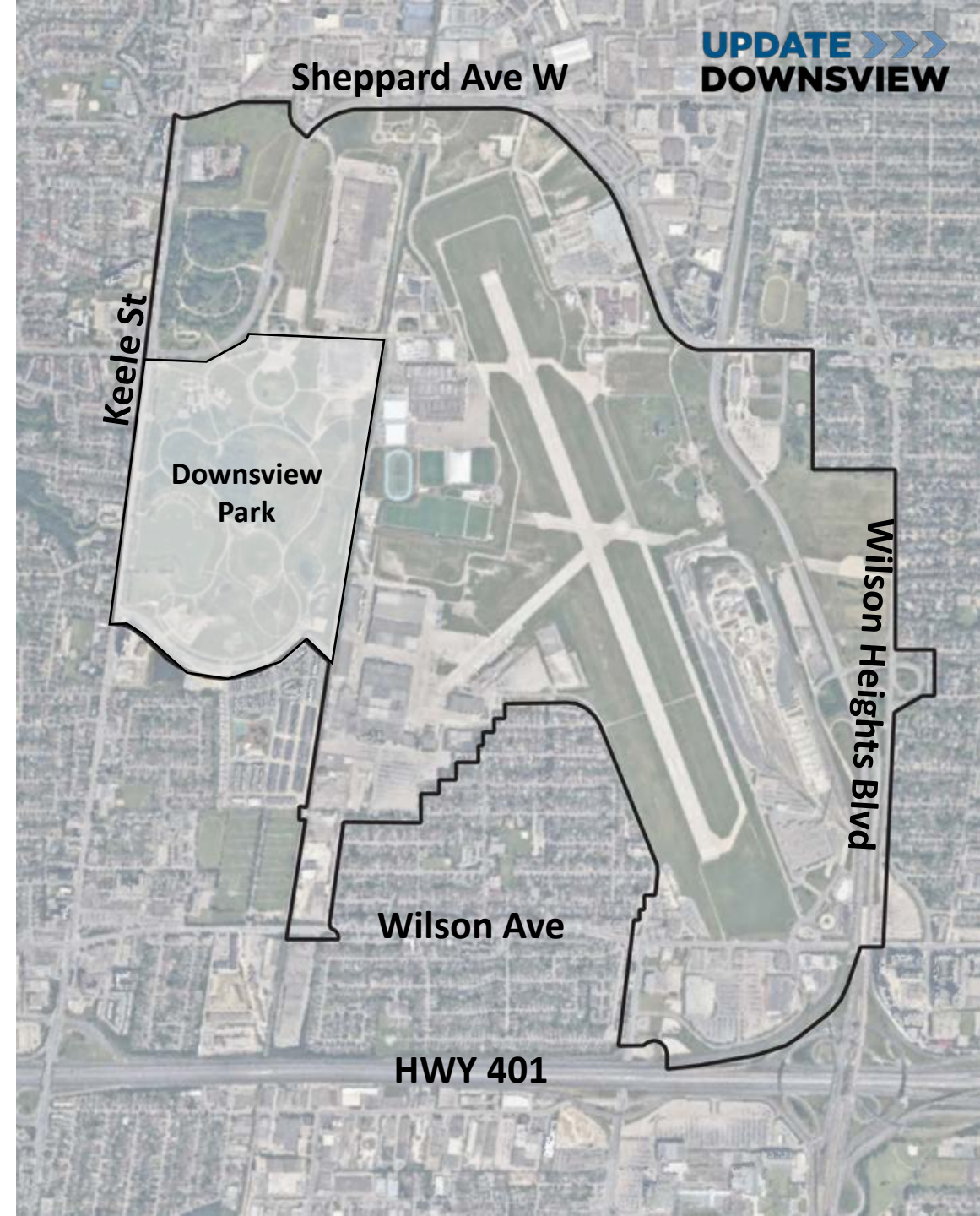
Agenda

1. Overview of Update Downsview
2. Indigenous Engagement



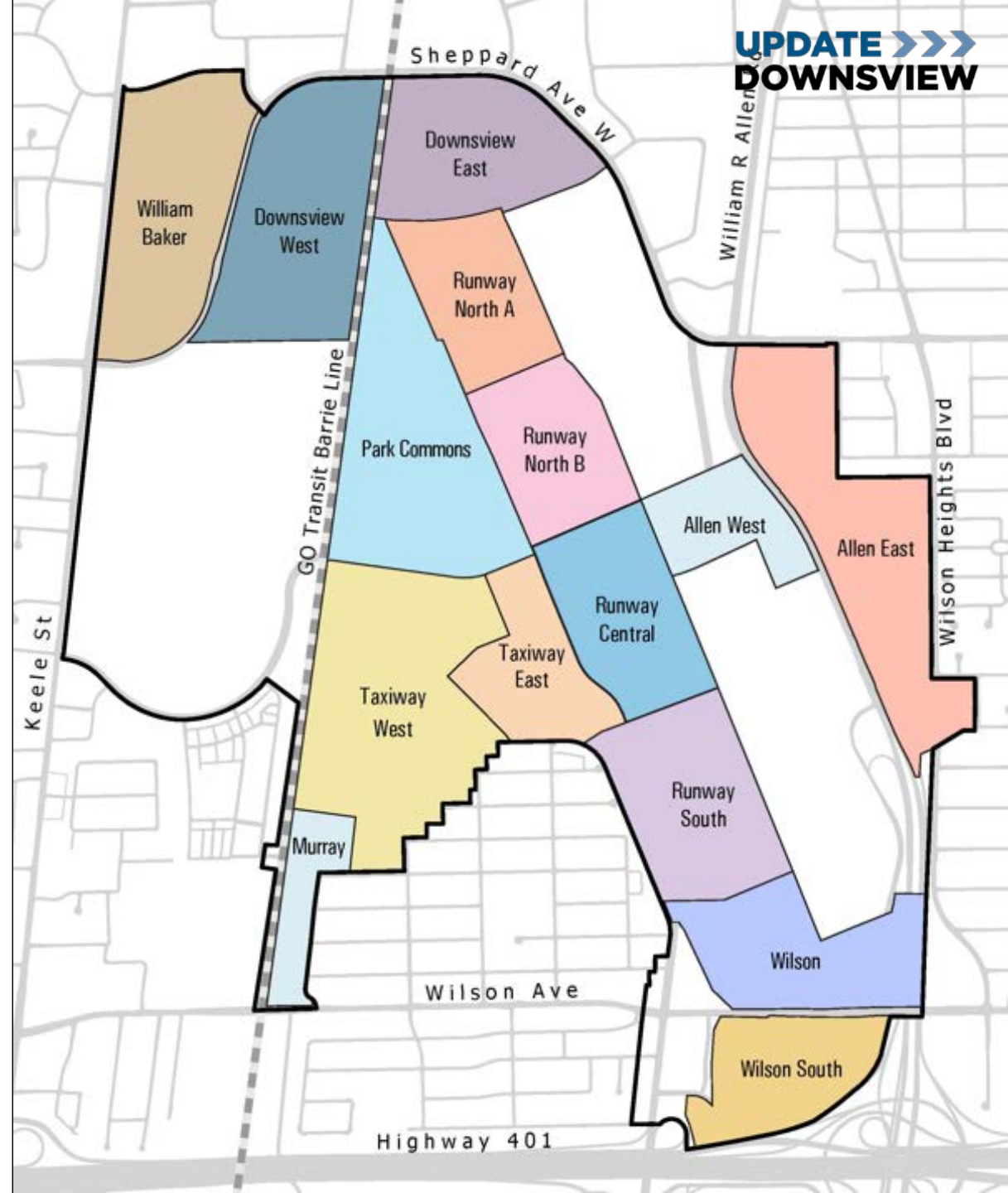
Project Overview

- A master planning and redevelopment project for the former Downsview airport and surrounding lands
- A vision of building a resilient, sustainable, equitable complete community
- The City is working with the major property owners
 - o Canada Lands Company
 - o Northcrest Developments



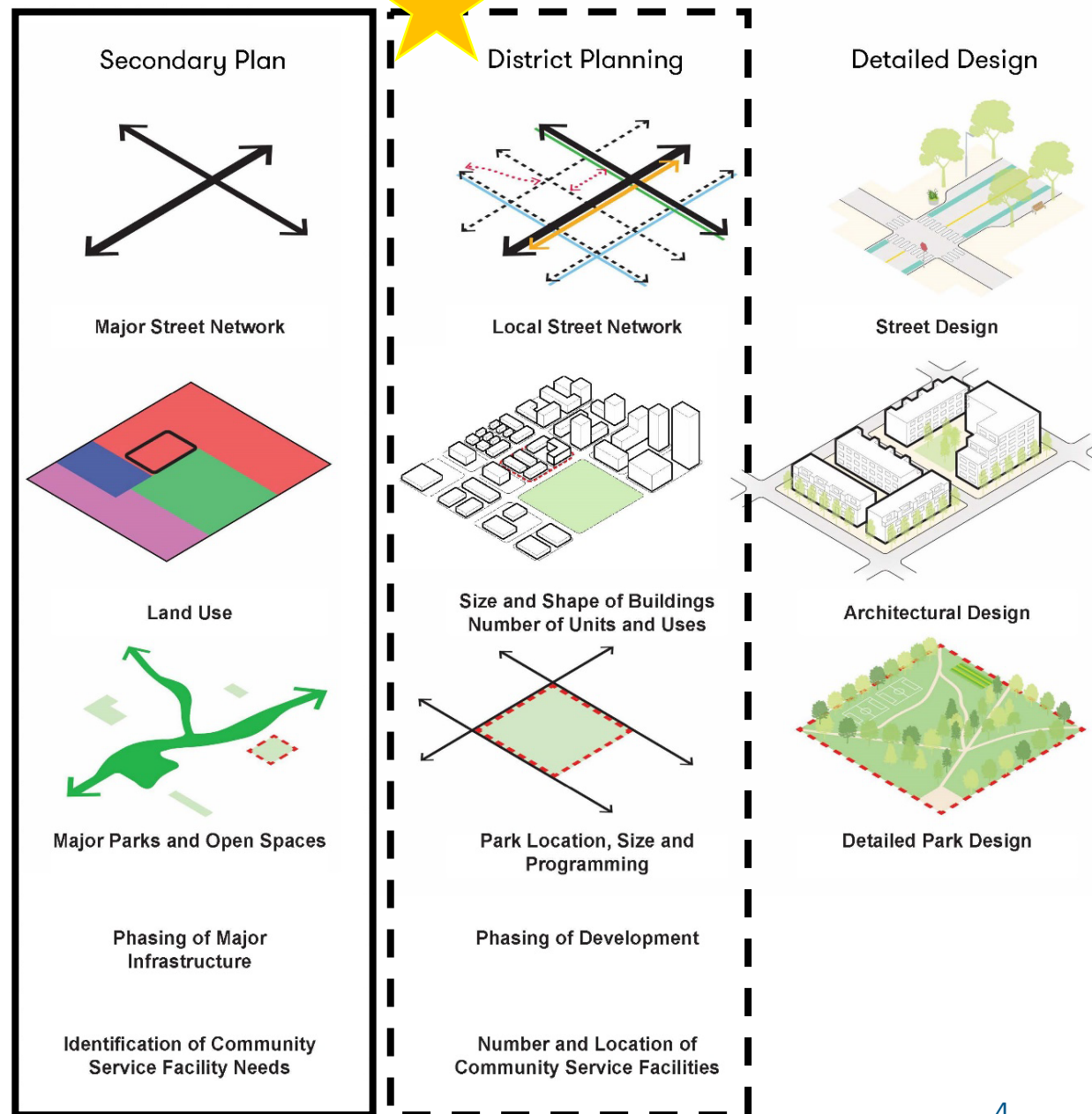
Building a 'City in the City'

Timeline	30 years
Site Area	540 hectares
Population	115,000
Homes	63,000
Jobs	52,000
Community Recreation Centres	2
Library	1
Childcare Centres	24-38
Schools	14 elementary schools, 1 secondary school
Community Agency Space	11,625m ²
Transit	3 existing subway stations, 1 GO station



Planning Process

- City Council adopted the new Downsview policy framework in May 2024
- Current work:
 - o District Plans and development applications
 - o Community Development Plan implementation
 - o Parks planning
 - o Community Rec Centre design
 - o Environmental Assessment (Phases 3 & 4)



Engagement Strategy

- A coordinated approach:
 - o Collaboration between City divisions & the City, Northcrest, and Canada Lands
- A strategic approach:
 - o Public events, committees, and 1-on-1 meetings
 - o In-person and virtual events
 - o Events at different times

Engagement Groups

- First Nations Rights Holders
- Urban Indigenous Community Resource Group
- Urban Indigenous Sharing Meetings
- Community Consultation Meetings (townhall, open house)
- Community Resource Group
- Interest Group Meetings
- Community Advisory Committee

First Nations Rights Holders

1-on-1 meetings during each project milestone

District Plans, Community Development Plan, Parks, Rec Centre

- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River
- Wendat Nation

Environmental Assessment

- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River
- Wendat Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Hiawatha First Nation
- Alderville First Nation
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Kawartha Nishnawbe

Urban Indigenous Engagement

Cambium Indigenous Professional Services (CIPS) has been contracted to support the City with urban Indigenous engagement

Indigenous Sharing Meetings

- Townhall-style
- Widespread invitations
- About 50 attendees
- Held during the previous stage of Update Downsview and continuing into this stage

Indigenous Community Resource Group

- Workshop-style
- Membership-based
- About 15 members
- This will be a new engagement group but will build off previous focus groups

Indigenous Community Resource Group (ICRG)

- Outreach to past focus group participants, and organizations and businesses identified by CIPS and the Downsview team
 - **Are there urban Indigenous organizations or individuals that you think we should invite to apply?**
- ICRG members will represent a diversity of Nations, ages, genders, and lived experiences
 - **What criteria should we consider when selecting members?**

Future Meetings with the AAAC

What topics would the AAAC be interested in?

- Indigenous and community engagement plans or summaries
- District plans and development applications
- Community Development Plan implementation
- Park planning and design
- Community recreation centre design
- Major streets environmental assessment



Thank you!