

## Attachment 4: Update - Evidence to Action: Partnerships and Collaboration

Toronto Public Health is a partner in the City of Toronto’s work on climate change. Like other public health units, TPH has been bringing a health perspective to the City’s climate change resiliency planning. TPH has been contributing to several key initiatives led by Environment, Climate and Forestry Division including the interdivisional resilience working group and the ongoing climate risk and vulnerability assessment which is summarizing local information and identifying the people, assets, and services that are most vulnerable to climate impacts.<sup>1</sup>

Toronto Public Health is also actively contributing to the City’s work on heat (Table 2).

**Table 2: Heat and Climate Change: Examples of TPH Projects and Roles**

Climate Change	Initiative	TPH Role
Extreme Heat	Partnerships for Healthy Cities <sup>2</sup> (TPH)	Lead Torontonians' heat and wildfire smoke attitudinal and behaviour survey
	Heat Relief Strategy <sup>3</sup> (City of Toronto)	Lead Heat Relief Network
	C40 Cool Cities Network <sup>4</sup> (Municipal Licensing and Standards)	Collaborate International indoor heat & policy scan
	Maximum Indoor Temperature <sup>5</sup> (Municipal Licensing and Standards)	Collaborate Consult with heat vulnerable populations
	Thermal Comfort Guidelines <sup>6</sup> (City Planning)	Contribute Shade Policy Guidelines

1 Environment & Climate Division (2024). IE12.3 Toronto's Climate Change Readiness: Updates on commitments and a refreshed mandate for coordinating resilience activities. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.IE12.3>

2 Toronto Public Health (2024). HL12.1 - Partnership for Healthy Cities - Seeking Authority to Receive External Funds for the 2024 Budget Year. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.HL12.1>

3 Toronto Public Health (2023). HL5.1 - Healthy Summer - Toronto Public Health's work to support summer activities. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.HL5.1>

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4 Environment and Energy Division (2009). EX5.15 Memorandum of Understanding – City of Toronto and the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc. [Memorandum of Understanding – City of Toronto and the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc.](#)

5 Municipal Licensing and Standards (2024). PH17.5 - Establishing a Framework to Address Excessive Indoor Temperatures in Leased Residential Premises.

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-250930.pdf>

<sup>66</sup> City Planning (2025). PH18.14 - Thermal Comfort Guidelines: For Large Area Studies, Public Realm Capital Projects, and Large Site Developments - Final Report.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.PH18.14>