

A woman wearing a beige hijab and a patterned black and white top is looking down at a brochure held by a person with short brown hair and glasses. The person has a bright teal backpack. They are standing at a table with several stacks of brochures. In the background, other people are visible, and the scene appears to be outdoors at a community event.

My Local Government

City of Toronto



Objectives

To share:

- A basic understanding of the structure of municipal government.
- Details about how you can find information about council and committee meetings



About Government in Canada



Federal Government

The **Government of Canada** is responsible for:

- National defence and Armed Forces
- Postal service
- Banking
- Employment
- Immigration and Citizenship
- Census
- Foreign affairs and international trade
- Agriculture and more



Provincial Government

The **Government of Ontario** is responsible for:

- Health
- Education & school boards
- Driver and vehicle licensing
- Energy
- Human rights
- Natural resources
- Environment
- Social services and more



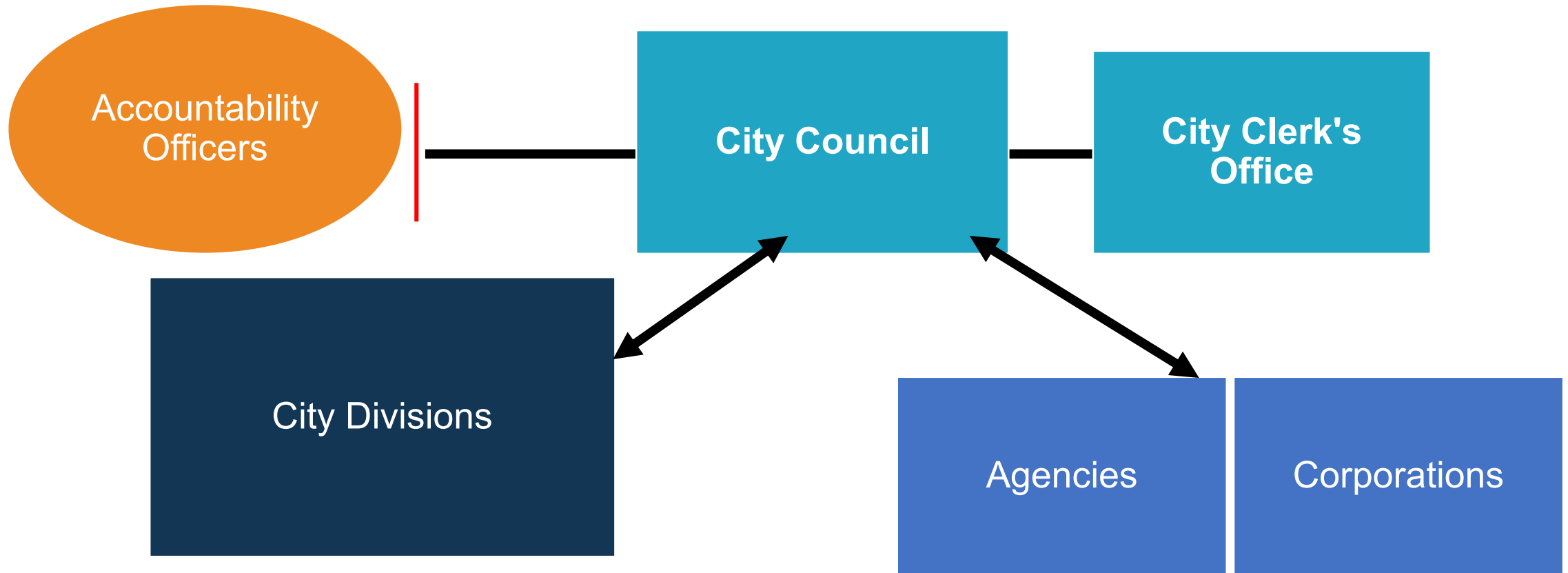
Municipal Government

The **City of Toronto** is responsible for:

- Water treatment
- Parks
- Libraries
- Garbage collection
- Public transit
- Land use planning
- Traffic signals
- Police
- Paramedics
- Fire services
- Sewers
- Childcare
- Homeless shelters
- Recreation centres and more



Municipal Government at a Glance



About City Council



Role of the Mayor



Role of City Councillors



Contact Your Councillor

You can call, email or visit your Councillor's website to:

- share your views on issues affecting the city or your neighbourhood
- get help accessing City services
- join their mailing list
- invite your Councillor to a community event or meeting

toronto.ca/councillors

Members of Council

City Council is made up of 26 members: the [Mayor](#), who is elected city-wide, and 25 Councillors who are elected in each ward across the city.

To find your ward and Councillor, please enter your address below.

Find Your Councillor

Lookup your address

[Lookup Address](#)

In This Section

- Council
- City Council Meetings, Agendas and Minutes
- Members of Council**
- Office of the Mayor
- Budgets and Expense Reports
- Policies and Guidelines
- My Local Government – It's For Me

Related Information

- By-laws and the Toronto Municipal Code
- Visitor Sign-In and Sign-Out Procedures
- Council Member contact information
- Elected officials' data download

Toronto Public Service



City Agencies & Corporations

Boards of agencies and corporations:

- Govern and manage various City services on behalf of City Council
- Include both councillors and members of the public who contribute their skills and experience

Examples of agencies and corporations include:





About Committees

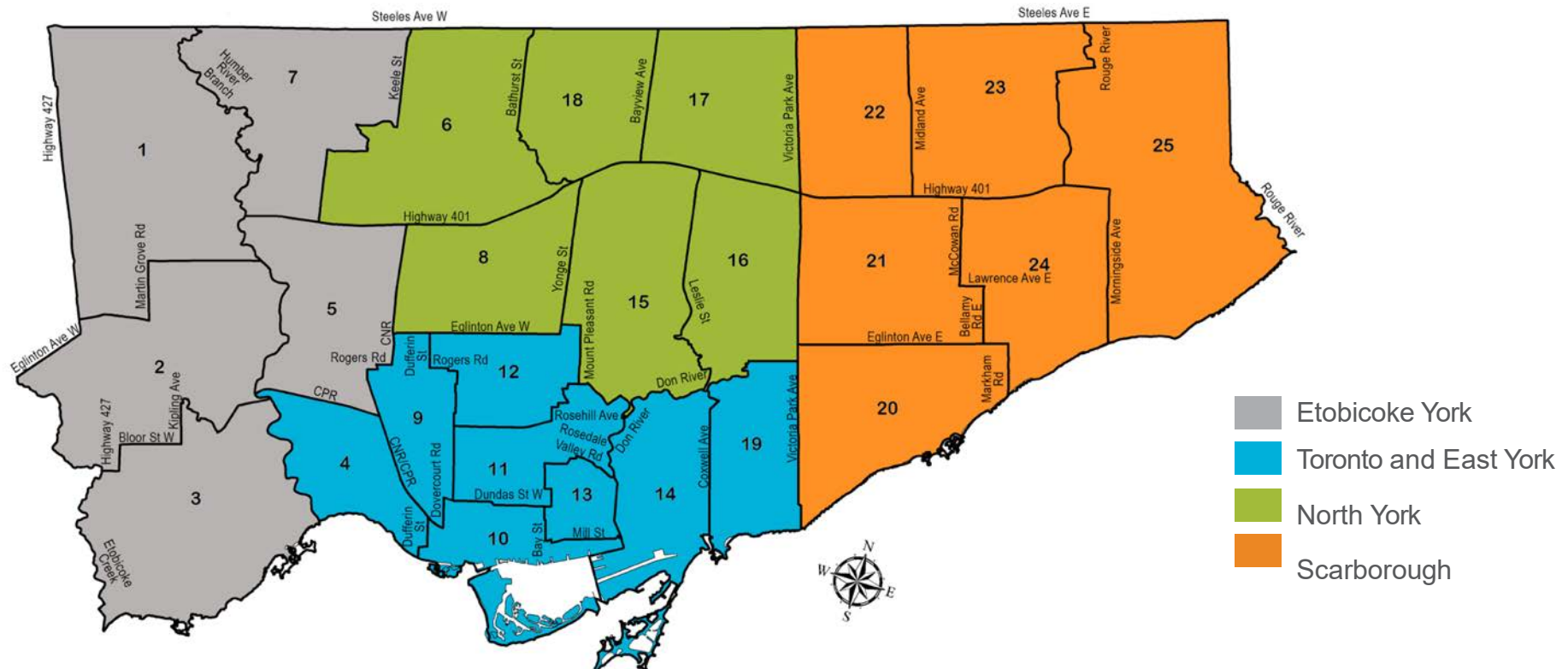
Standing Committees

Standing committees - make recommendations on city-wide issues, such as parks, budget, roads and bridges, garbage and recycling, housing, planning, economic development, licensing and more. Final decisions are made at City Council meetings. There is an executive committee, chaired by the Mayor, as well as four standing committees.



Community Councils

Community councils - make recommendations on local issues such as traffic lights, tree removal, parking permits, fence bylaws, appointments to local boards, local planning and development applications and more. They can make some final decisions without going to City Council. There are four community councils and each represents an area of the city.



Activity: Match Up

City Services	Committee of Council
Tree Removal in North York	Executive Committee
Development Application in East York	Planning and Housing Committee (Standing Committee)
Budget	Economic and Community Development Committee (Standing Committee)
Recreation Programs	Infrastructure and Environment Committee (Standing Committee)
Fence Bylaw in Scarborough	Etobicoke York Community Council
Municipal Shelters	Scarborough Community Council
Front Yard Parking in Etobicoke	North York Community Council
Parks	Toronto and East York Community Council

Watch Council & Committee Meetings


- City Council meetings are held at City Hall
- Committee meetings are held at City Hall and the civic centres
- All meetings are open to the public
- Meetings are streamed live online and can be watched on YouTube at youtube.com/TorontoCityCouncilLive

Follow Council & Committee Meetings

On the City Council website you can:

- View meeting agendas - available a week in advance
- Access recommendations, background reports and correspondence from the public on agenda items
- Stay informed of decisions Council has made

toronto.ca/council



The screenshot displays the Toronto City Council website. The top navigation bar includes links for Services & Payments, Community & People, Business & Economy, Explore & Enjoy, and City Government, along with a HELP button. The main header reads "Toronto City Council and Committees Meetings, Agendas and Minutes". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Home, Meeting Schedule, Committees, and Search Items. The main content area features several sections: "Welcome to the website for Meetings, Agendas and Minutes", "Registry of Declared Interests", "Subscribe to Council and Committee e-updates", "Watch Toronto City Council Live on YouTube", and "Free public Wi-Fi available at City Hall and the Civic Centres". On the right side, there are sections for "Schedule of Meetings", "Today's Meetings" (listing the Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting 3), and "Upcoming Meetings" (listing the Economic and Community Development Committee Meeting 3 and the Riri Award Panel Meeting).

Participate in a Committee Meeting

- 1. Speak about an issue at a committee meeting**
- 2. Write to City Council or a committee**
- 3. Submit a petition**

Toronto City Council and Committees Meetings, Agendas and Minutes

Home

Meeting Schedule

Committees

Search Items



Welcome to the website for Meetings, Agendas and Minutes

Welcome to Toronto's legislative website that is used to manage meetings, agendas and minutes for City Council, Committees and Community Councils.



Registry of Declared Interests

Browse or search the record of interests declared by Members of Council and local boards under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.



Subscribe to Council and Committee e-updates

You can subscribe to announcements about agendas and minutes as well as meeting schedule changes.



Watch Toronto City Council Live on YouTube

We are livestreaming many City Council and Committee meetings.



Free public Wi-Fi available at City Hall and the Civic Centres

The City is now offering free public Wi-Fi during public hours in several locations.



By-laws and Municipal Code

Browse or search the City's by-laws and the Toronto Municipal Code.



Have Your Say

Make your views known in writing or register to speak on an item that is being considered by a committee.

Schedule of Meetings

June 2019						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 City Council Board of Health	2 City Council	3 City Council	4 City Council	5 City Council	6 City Council
7 Executive Committee	8 Public Works and Transportation Public Works and Transportation	9 Planning and Housing Planning and Housing	10 Infrastructure and Environment Infrastructure and Environment	11 Board of Health	12 Board of Health	13 Board of Health
14 Board of Health	15 Board of Health	16 Board of Health	17 Board of Health	18 Board of Health	19 Board of Health	20 Board of Health
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Today's Meetings

- [Infrastructure and Environment Committee - Meeting 3](#)

Upcoming Meetings

- [2019-04-03 - Economic and Community Development Committee - Meeting 3](#)
- [2019-04-03 - Bid Award Panel - Meeting 19](#)
- [2019-04-04 - Civic Appointments Committee - Meeting 5](#)
- [2019-04-04 - Planning and Housing Committee - Meeting 4](#)
- [2019-04-05 - Board of Health Toronto Urban Health Fund Review Panel - Meeting 2](#)
- [2019-04-08 - Board of Health - Meeting 4](#)

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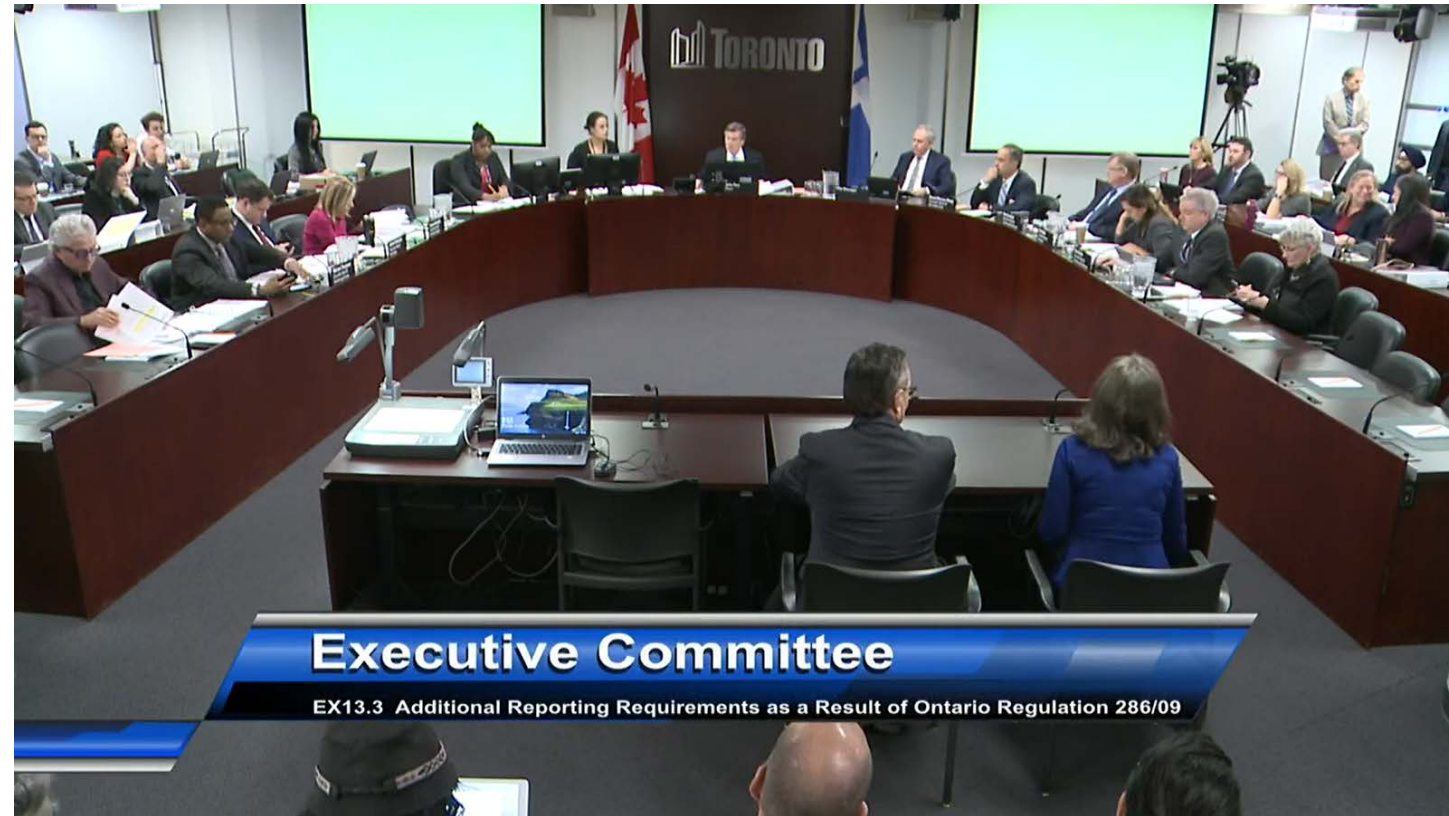
Recent Meetings

For more information about how to participate in a committee meeting you can click on the **Have Your Say** icon on the council website.




New business generally starts in committee

- Allows for public presentations
- Allows for more detailed scrutiny of items
- Breaks down the work of the Council into smaller units



Staff Reports

 **Toronto** Item Share 1

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Tracking Status

- This item was considered by [Etobicoke York Community Council](#) on January 5, 2022 and was adopted with amendments.

☐ **Etobicoke York Community Council consideration on January 5, 2022**

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Picture Mount Dennis Planning Framework Study - Consultant's Final Report

Community Council Decision

The Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Directed staff to continue consultation with the Local Advisory Committee and to engage with the public and key stakeholders including equity-deserving groups within the local community, Indigenous partners, landowners, businesses and agencies, as necessary on the draft Official Plan Amendment, including the draft Secondary Plan, draft Zoning By-law Amendment and draft Urban Design Guidelines for the lands included in the Picture Mount Dennis Planning Framework Study, together with the Ward Councillor.

- Reports from City Officials make up the majority of agenda items
- Communications from Members of Council
- Transmittals from Agencies and Boards
- Transmittals from Advisory Committees
- Transmittals from Council or other standing or special committees

How committee meetings work

Staff presentation (optional)



Public presentations



Committee members can ask questions of City staff



Members speak to the agenda item and place motions



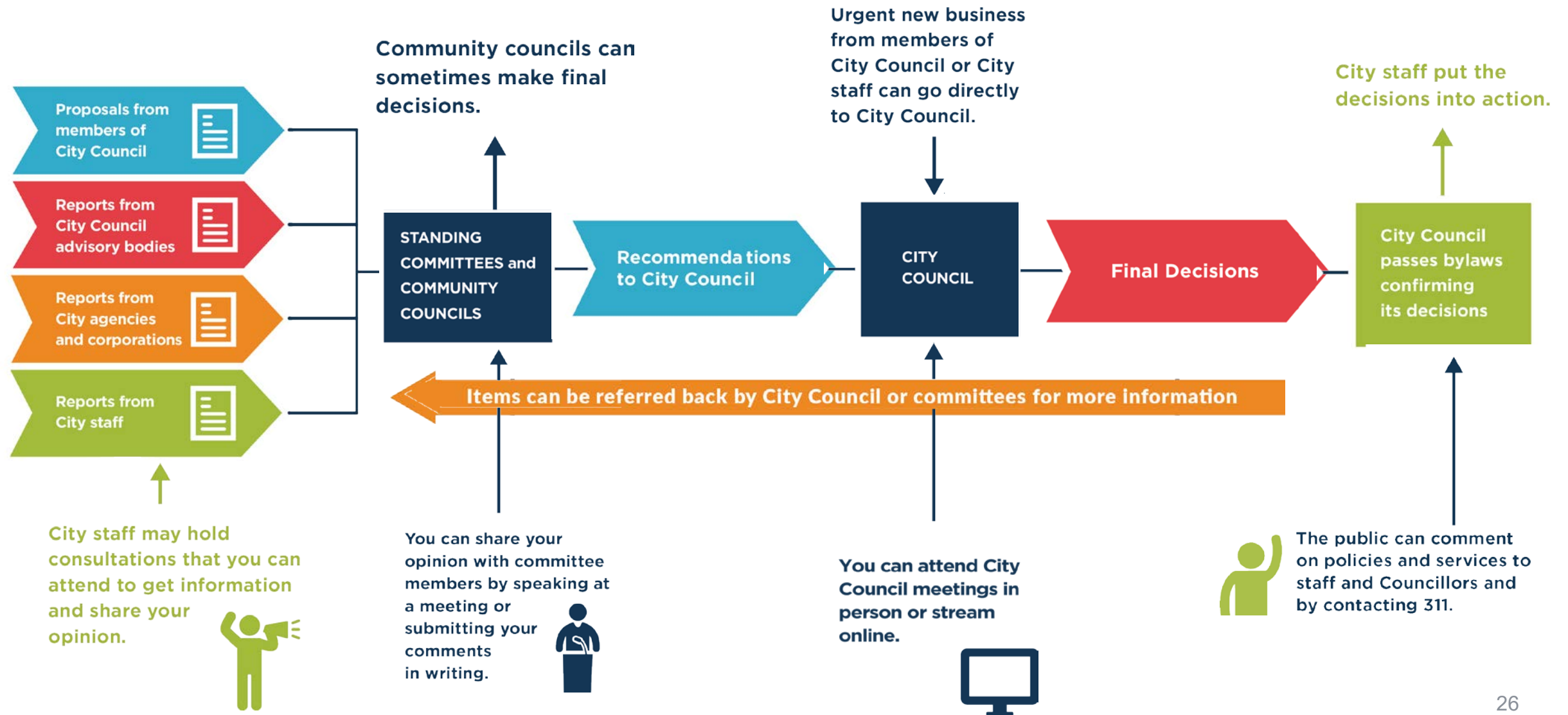
Committee members vote on the motions and the item

Council procedures provide opportunities for people to participate in the process

- Anyone can appear at committee on an item listed on its agenda
- No public presentations at Council
- Written submissions at any stage up to the point a final decision is made on a matter



How Decisions are Made



Thank You



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