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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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**Governing Toronto Advisory Panel
Process & Chronology of Activities: June – December, 2005**

This document provides information about the consultation process and chronology of activities undertaken by the Governing Toronto Advisory Panel in the preparation of its report *The City We Want – The Government We Need*, which is before Council this week.

JUNE

Volunteer Panel appointed by Council
Terms of Reference approved by Council
June 14 Council meeting

Joint Toronto/Ontario public consultation on *City of Toronto Act*
June 22
Attendance: over 700 people in 4 locations
Data and information made available to the Panel

**JULY &
AUGUST**

Panel Orientation Meeting, July 19

Panel Meeting with Policy and Finance Committee Members, July 25

Process Briefings

- Council governance system
- *City of Toronto Act* Joint Toronto/Ontario Review
- Budget Process
- Legislative Process
- Planning Process

Stakeholder Meetings (these groups had published positions on governance)

- Toronto Act Now Coalition (11 members of the group attended)
- Broadbent Group (12 members of the group attended)
- Board of Trade (5 attendees)

Research Papers Commissioned

- Selected Urban Governance Models and Practices
- Civic Engagement

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Meetings/discussion with Council Members by Standing Committee

- Administration Committee, September 13
 - Community Services Committee, September 20
 - Planning and Transportation Committee, September 20
 - Economic Development & Parks Committee, September 22
 - Works Committee, September 22
- Attendance: 18 Councillors in total

Individual interviews with Mayor and Councillors

Mayor and 36 members of Council interviewed; most by telephone (8 members were not available)

Council workshop / discussion session, October 24

½ day workshop for all Members of Council
Attendance: Mayor & 10 Members of Council

Senior staff discussion session & interviews

Attendance: 29 at September 22 group session and individual interviews

Stakeholder Meetings

- Greater Toronto Homebuilders' Association
- United Way of Greater Toronto
- Scarborough Chamber of Commerce
- Toronto Women's Call to Action (8 members of the group attended)
- CUPE Local 79 - 2 representatives (Note: Local 416 declined invitation)
- COTAPSAI - 4 representatives
- Other interviews as requested

University of Toronto Session (Munk Centre): Governing Large Cities: A Comparative Perspective, October 19. Attendance: 67

Community Consultation Sessions

Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN): Two sessions:

- Mid-Scarborough Community Centre, October 20; Attendance: 33
- Elmbank Community Centre, October 27; Attendance: 35

Scarborough Community Groups meeting with Panel Chair
October 26. Attendees included representatives of:

- Accessible Community Counselling and Employment Services
- African Canadian Heritage Association
- Horn-of-Africa-Parents Association
- Malvern Family Resources Group
- Salvation Army, Immigrant and Refugee Services
- Society for the Aid of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) Minorities

- South Asian Family Support Services
- Warden Woods Community Centre

Final Research Papers Received

Note: several written submissions were also received by the Panel from various stakeholder organizations

NOVEMBER

Stakeholder Meetings

Working Group on Immigration and Refugee Issues, November 14

Attendees included representatives of:

- Access Alliance
- Afghan Coalition/Afghan Women's organization
- African Canadian Social Development Council
- Canadian African Centre
- Chinese Canadian National Council, Toronto Chapter
- COSTI Immigrant Services
- Council of Agencies Serving South Asians
- FJC Refugee Centre
- Hispanic Development Council
- Jane Finch Community and Family Centre
- Jiamini Community Consultants
- Muslim Canadian Congress

Public Consultation Session, November 15

St. Lawrence Market Complex

Attendance: 150

Note: Approximately 60 on-line citizen surveys were submitted to the Panel

Panel's Report Released, November 23

The City We Want – The Government We Need

- Report delivered to Members of Council, 9 am
- Media Conference, Royal York Hotel, 10:30 am
- Report electronically distributed to stakeholders

- **Briefing for Members of Council**, November 23, 12:45 pm, Committee Room 1
Attendance: Mayor & 20 Councillors

Panel's Report Considered at Policy and Finance Committee, November 29

DECEMBER

Report on Council agenda, December 5 meeting