

# Equity and Climate Change Integration: Bringing Equity into Transportation Planning in the City of Toronto

Part of CAP's Equity Webinar Series 2021

Webinar starts at 1 PM



**We are thankful to be able to join you from the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat.**

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# Agenda

- 1:00 Desi, CAP – overview of workshop on equity 2020
- 1:10 Katie Wittmann and Matt Davis from City of Toronto
- 1:40 Q&A + Menti



# Summary From Workshop October 2020

## **Municipal climate action areas where equity considerations are/can be prioritized:**

- Sustainable, Affordable Housing (Energy, Retrofits/ Upgrades)
- Food security
- Flooding mitigation
- Access to green space, community gardens
- Transportation planning
- Conservation of biodiversity and natural areas



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## **What are the challenges you encountered/would encounter in incorporating equity considerations into climate actions?**

- How to start? Process, examples?
- Lack of engagement with vulnerable population & equity seeking groups/stakeholders
- Lack of diverse leadership with better experience and understanding of equity concerns

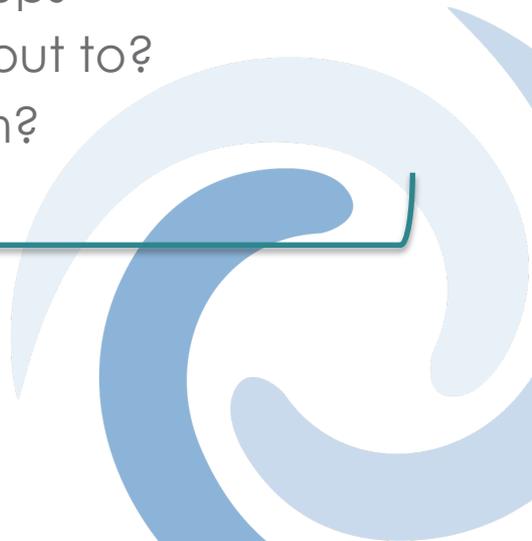


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## What supports are needed to enable your efforts to advance equity considerations?

- Examples of equity incorporation in municipal projects/programs
- Building relationships with equity advancing groups
  - Who are the groups we should be reaching out to?
  - And how should we be reaching out to them?

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# Upcoming Webinars:

## **May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Equity Lens and Municipal Actions, Jade Schofield and Julius Lindsay**

- Equity lens in the Whitby Green Standard and into the RFP for the Whitby Adaptation Plan
- Equity in Richmond Hill and Black Environmentalist Alliance

## **May (6,13, 20 TBD) - Equity in Transportation: Peel Community Cycling Program**

- The process of creating deliberate structure of cycling org. + community org. that has led to unique cycling adoption programs that are reaching not-usual-suspects

# CAP is part of Transforming Cities from Within

- Community of practice of 37 city-based teams across Canada that will work together on urban challenges of climate change, growing inequity, ongoing colonization, and structural racism and oppression
- This project is organized by the University of BC and Canadian Urban Sustainability Practitioners (CUSP) and aims to get various teams to share their experience and learn from each other



## Guest Speakers:

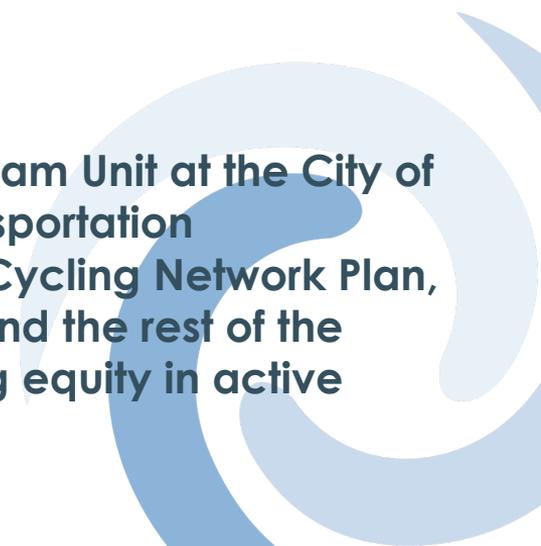
### Matthew Davis:

Matthew Davis is the Manager of Capital Projects & Program for the City of Toronto's Transportation Services division. In this role, Matthew has undertaken the task of prioritizing equity to help guide \$5 billion in transportation infrastructure investments planned over the next 10 years. Matthew works with an amazing team to deliver a transportation network that is safe, equitable, and accessible to all road users.

### Katie Wittmann:

Katie Wittmann is a Project Lead in the Capital Projects & Program Unit at the City of Toronto. Her current work is focused on advancing active transportation infrastructure, and she played a key role in the update of the Cycling Network Plan, including the introduction of equity in cycling analysis. Katie and the rest of the team continue to learn and explore new ways of incorporating equity in active transportation planning.

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- **Within the realm of climate change and emissions, are there any other focus points that we should be looking out for? Any particular emissions profile?**
- **Are you aware of other municipal equity projects/equity-seeking groups that will be of value to present to the network? Please share.**

**Thank you!**

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