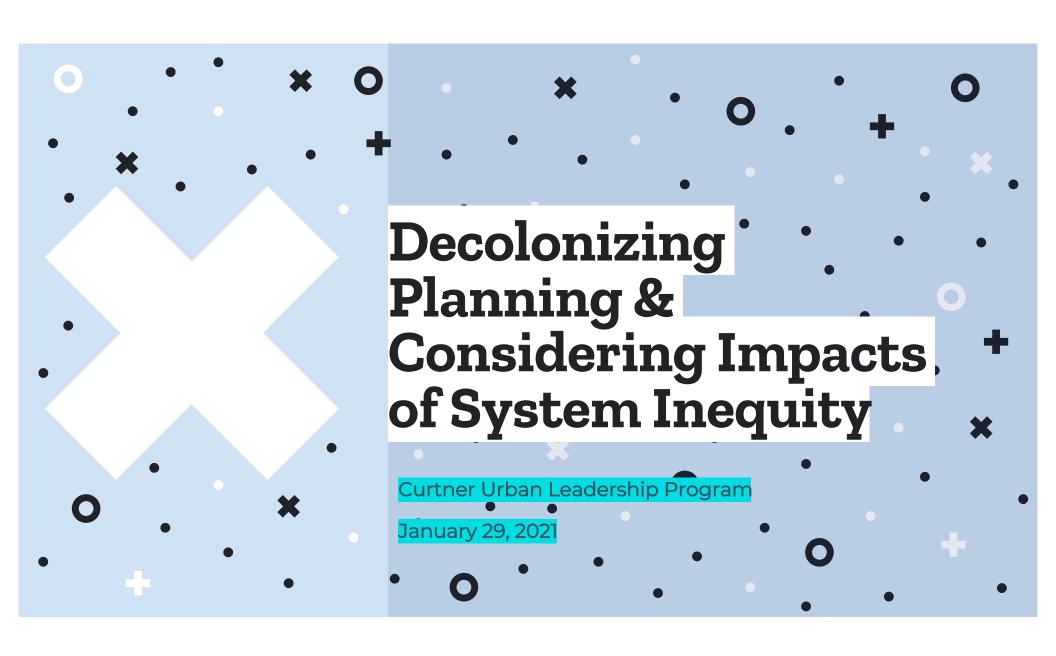
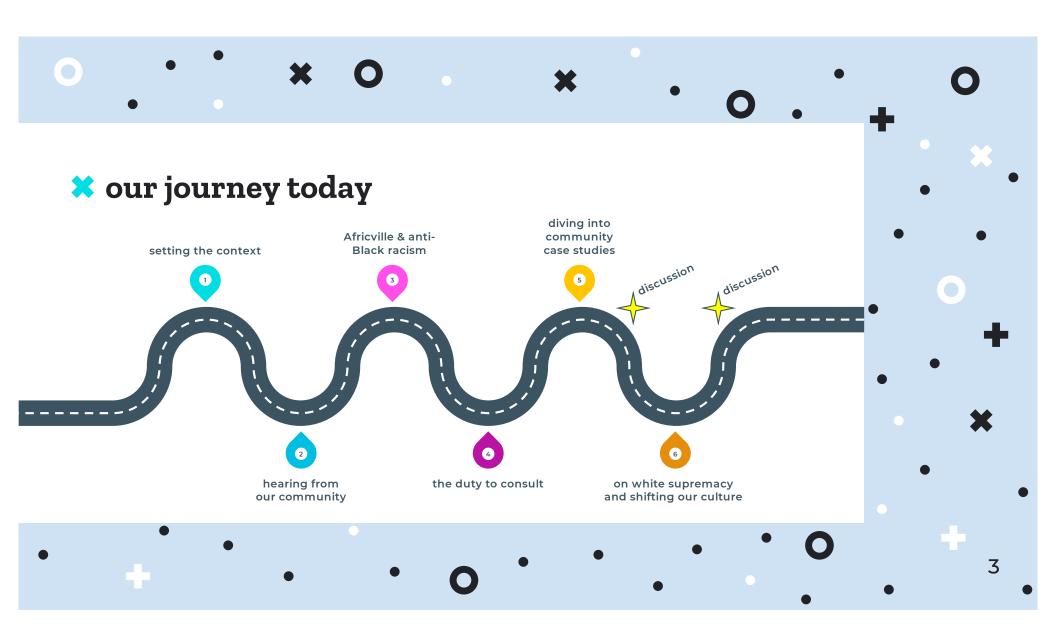


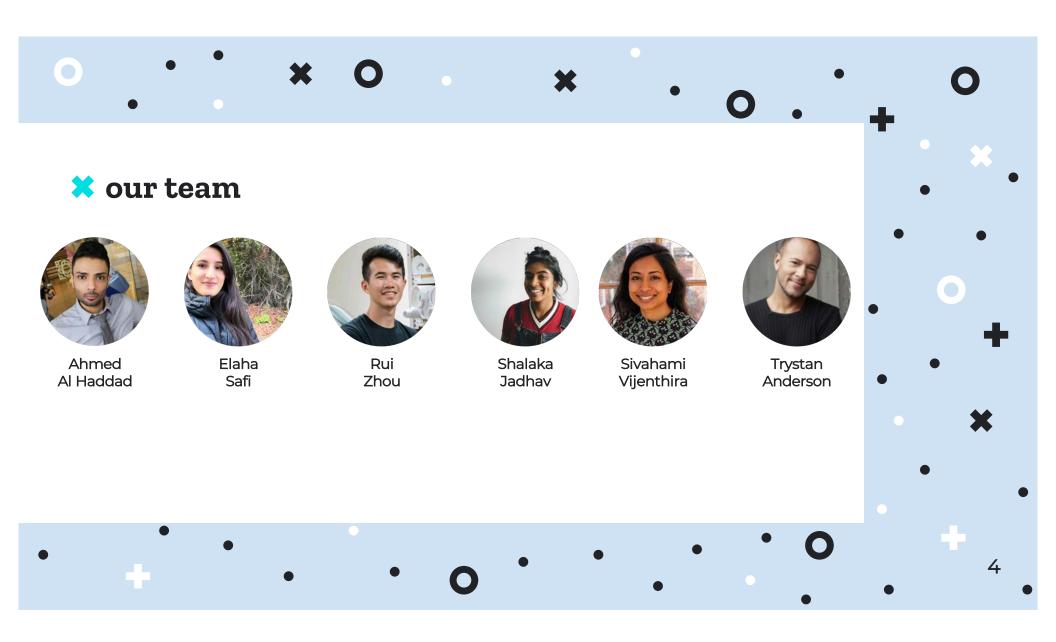




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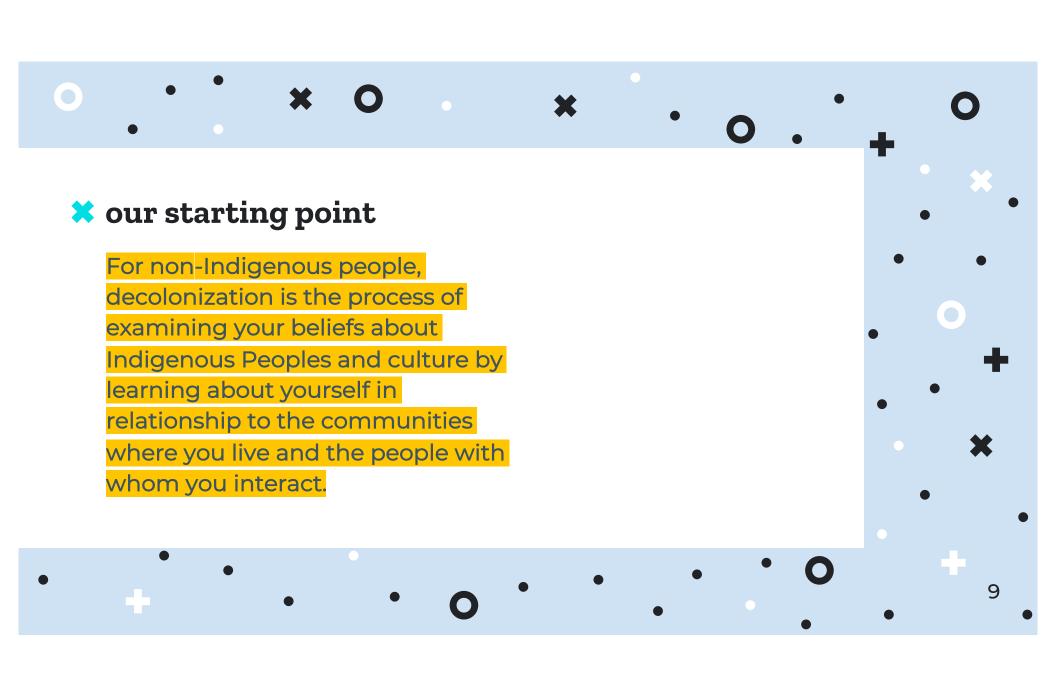
If you are a non-indigenous person and think land acknowledgements aren't enough or you want to do something more/better? Start describing *your* relationship *to* the land. Where did your family come from? How did you end up here, today? What did you benefit/lose/gained/loss?

7:47 PM - Dec 17, 2018 from Toronto, Ontario - Twitter for iPhone









our starting point In Canada, the history of livability discourse in urban planning dates back to 17th century "Anti-Black Racism in the by Jamilla Mohamud, in Liveable City and Canada" European colonial town building principles that centered the economic prosperity and comfort of white settler populations at the expense of Indigenous and Black lives (Maynard, 2017) Often looked like heavily fortified colonial settlements that facilitated the military and administrative control over Indigenous lands and peoples (Stelter, 1980) 10

× our starting point

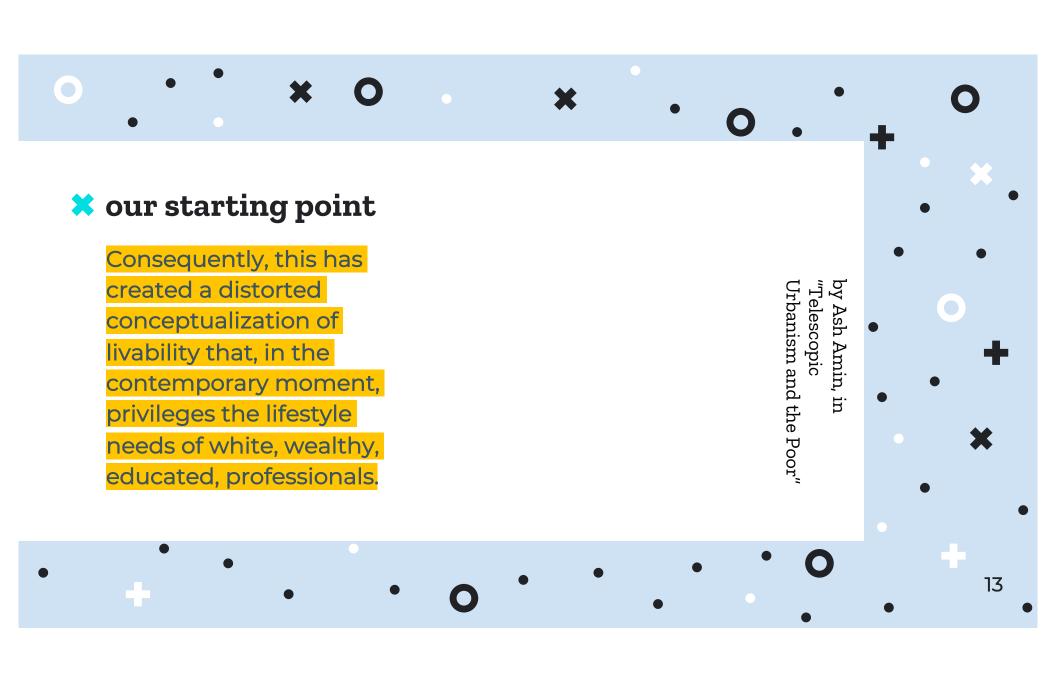
Urban planning, and planners, were critical to the construction of this extractive and racist system. The complicity, and the instrumentality, of the planning profession is evident in specific planning practices, such as urban renewal and large-scale public housing revitalization projects, which have exacerbated these racialized disparities through forced tenant relocation and displacement caused by processes of gentrification in low-income and Black communities.

by Jamilla Mohamud, in "Anti-Black Racism in the Liveable City and Canada"

our starting point

Since the 1980s, Toronto's municipal planning regimes have adopted a highly institutionalized conception of the liveable city in the form of generalized policies related to global livability metrics (McArthur and Robin, 2019). These indices score cities on rigid frameworks on what it means to be a liveable city and ascribe to an "objective" and "race-neutral" framework that conceals the deep material inequities within cities.

by Jamilla Mohamud, in "Anti-Black Racism in the Liveable City and Canada"



× our starting point

The fact that racism determines policy is not statistically debatable. Racism insidiously finds its way into "livability" programs with stated goals of urban renewal, as we saw when Vancouver aimed to drive a highway through Hogan's Alley in the early 1970s, intentionally decimating an entire Black community through crime prevention, design, displacement and policing under a historic white spatial order.

by Amina Yasin, in "Whose Streets? Black Streets."

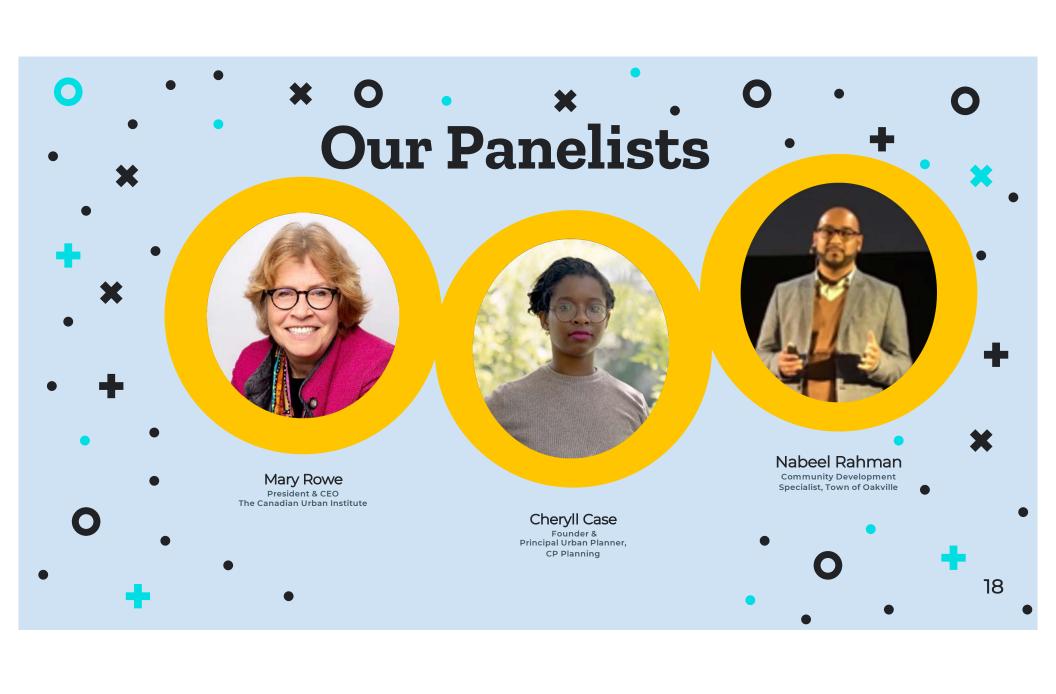
our starting point

We also see it in health care outcomes, such as the high fatality rates of COVID-19 on Black lives. We see it in food and housing insecurity, which is based on race and income. We see it in access to transit and neighbourhood walkability and roam-ability. We see it in community surveillance and housing. Racism, especially anti-Black racism, permeates every aspect of public space. It is the very foundation of the built environment.

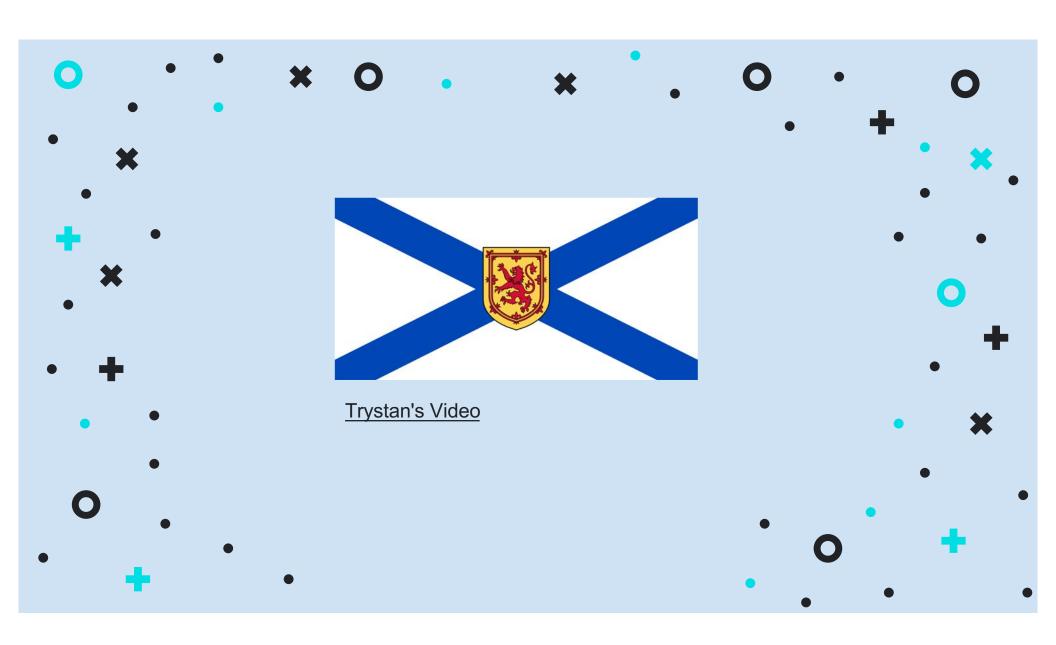
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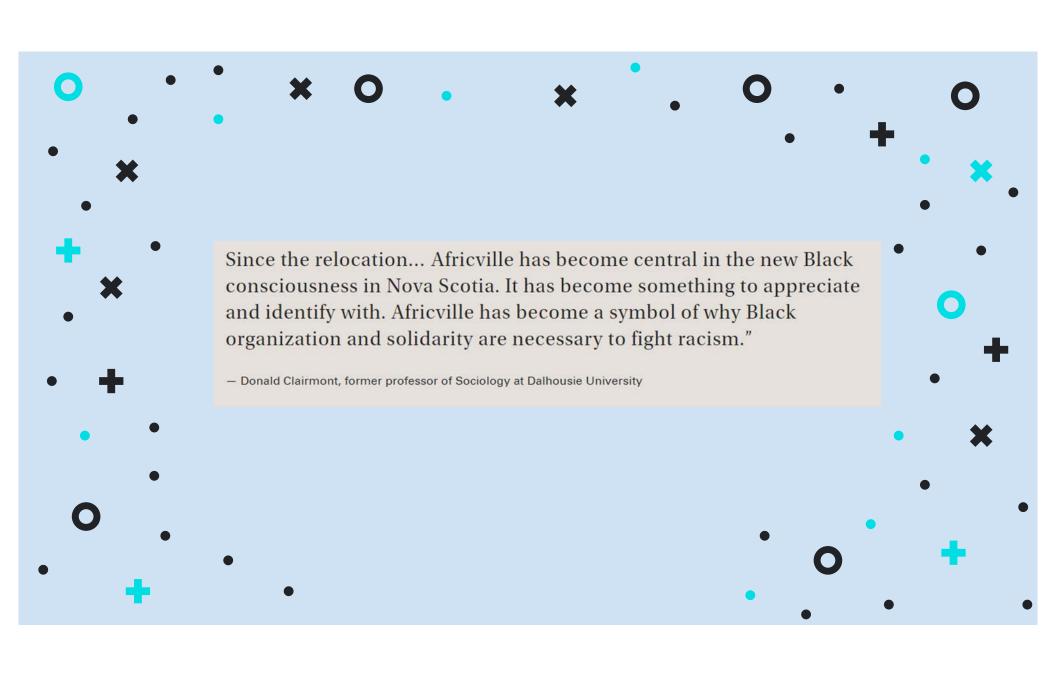






Africville: The Black community bulldozed by the City of Halifax

For the province of Nova Scotia, racism predisposed the country's origin and has directly impacted the emancipated slaves who immigrated into the city of Halifax. Africville suffered from extreme racism where its residents were denied the standard services needed to thrive in their community, while continuing to pay city taxes; in 1967, Africville was demolished and those who lived here were forced out of their homes...



Africville lives on for African-Canadians As part of the urban renewal projects of the 1960's, officials introduced a plan to level the community and relocate its residents. The community mobilized and even though no buildings were saved, Africville became a symbol of the ongoing struggle by African Canadians to defend their culture and their rights. In 2010, the City of Halifax apologized to the residents, which was backed up a total of nearly \$5 million from three levels of government for the black community - \$3 million from the city, \$1.5 million from the province and \$250,000 from the federal government





What is the Duty to Consult and

* Accommodate?

- Statutory, contractual & common law obligation fulfilled by the Canadian Government (The Crown) prior to taking actions or making decisions which may infringe on the rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canada rooted in the "Honor of the Crown"
- Applies to federal, provincial and territorial governments
- Consultation may be delegated; however, the Crown retains ultimate responsibility
- Failure may result in delay or cancellation of a project but does
 NOT imply Indigenous veto power upon development activities
- Considered as an important step to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and decolonization

X History • European colonization began in the late 15th century Land was taken by force, unfair treaties, and oral agreements Recognition and affirmation of Indigenous and Treaty Rights in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 under the "Honor of the Crown" R. v. Sparrow (1990) Delgamuukw v. British Columbia (1997) Haida Nation v. British Columbia (2004)

R. v. Sparrow (1990) Arrest of Ronald Edward Sparrow, member of the Indigenous Musqueam band in B.C. First test of the scope of Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 • How are Aboriginal Rights recognized under Section 35? What is the test for the extinguishment of aboriginal rights? Supreme Court set out criteria and test for determining "existing" rights and government justification in extinguishing them

Delgamuukw v. British Columbia (1997)

- Chief Earl Muldoe (Delgamuukw) and other hereditary chiefs of the Gitxsan and Wet'suwet'en First Nations ownership and jurisdiction over 58,000 sq.km of territory in northwestern B.C.
- What is the nature of the protection given to Aboriginal Title under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982?
- Did the province have the authority to extinguish the title after confederation?
- Established Oral Testimony as legitimate form of evidence
- Established test for existence of aboriginal title to land and test to allow infringement upon
- Court ruled that government has a Duty to Consult regarding Crown lands

X Haida Nation v. British Columbia (2004) B.C authorized transfer of Tree Farm License to Weyerhauser Company on lands claimed by the Haida Nation without consent or consultation How do you know if there is a duty to consult with aboriginal peoples, and what does this duty entail? Defined the Duty to Consult and Accommodate today Three part test established, that if met, gives rise to the Duty to Consult and Accommodate on the part of the Crown Scope of the duty depends on the strength of the Aboriginal claim and the extent of the proponent's intrusion

X Common Issues and Critiques

- The Duty to Consult and Accommodate does not mean an agreement or consensus must be met with Aboriginal Peoples, only that meaningful consultation was provided
- Delegation: Duty can be delegated to lower administrative bodies and jurisdictions, even to industry participants which make up the bulk of delegation recipients
- Funding: Participation in consultation requires various resources which Aboriginal communities typically lack
- Cumulative Impacts: Aboriginal communities lack veto power in the consultation process and multiple projects in the same area may erode right over time
- Example; Park Block 524/525 development in Mississauga

× New Zealand and the Maori

- Provisions for local governments to create Maori Wards in proportion to number of Maori City councilors elected
- New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, home to country's largest urban population of Maori
- Independent Maori Statutory Board formed to advise Auckland Council
- The combination of Maori wards with electoral seats and the Maori Statutory Board ensures Maori engagement and perspectives are considered in decisions
- New Zealand does not stop at Consult and Accommodate, the Maori typically stand on equal footing to their governments

Planning as
Property:
Uncovering
the Hidden
Racial Logic of
a Nuisance ByLaw



X Key Aspects

 Planning plays an important role in affirming the sovereignty claims of the settler state while diminishing the sovereignty of Indigenous peoples

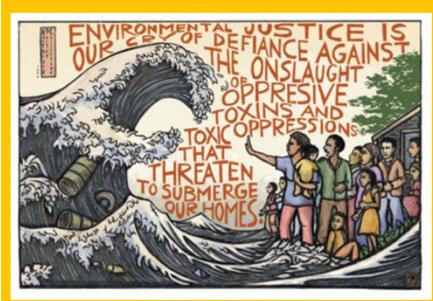






Key Aspects

- Hazardous waste and other industrial pollutants disproportionately burden marginalized communities while economic, employment and revenue generation are distributed broadly across the society
- Groups that suffer the most environmental injustice such as the urban poor, visible minorities and new immigrants have the least power to change their circumstances.





X Introduction Rental housing as the dynamics of spatial exclusion in Toronto Identifies deep and disturbing social, racial, and spatial inequities Reveal spatial exclusion as it functions for racialized and immigrant individuals 38

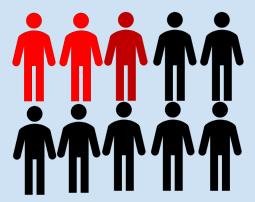
Spatial Exclusion

- Social Exclusion: The systematic denial of legitimate ways to acquire and exchange various types of resources (economic, social, cultural, and symbolic) ordinarily available through participation in a social system, thus restricting the volume and functional quality of assets held and reinforcing dispossessed positions and economic, spatial, and social divides.
- Overall, social exclusion describes a state in which individuals are unable to participate fully in economic, social, political and cultural life, as well as the process leading to and sustaining such a state

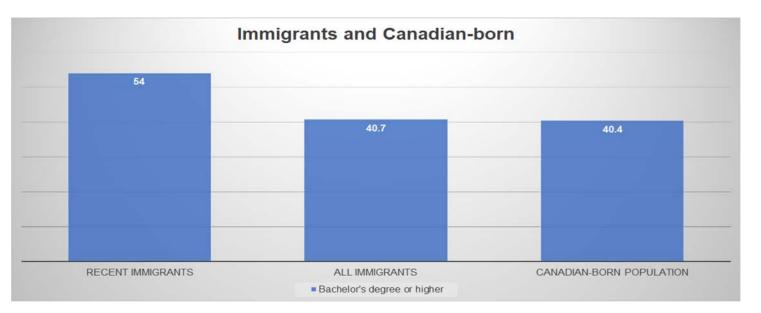
X Toronto Population The percentage of population by The percentage of racialized and non-racialized individuals immigrant status Newcomers Long-term immigrants Racialized individuals Non-Racialized individuals ■Born in Canada Non-permanent residents

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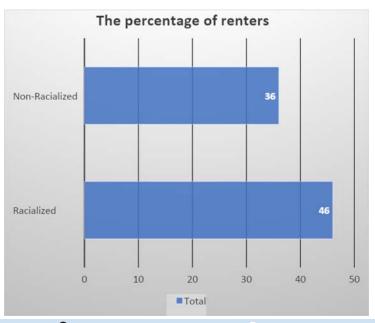
 30 % of Toronto population live in unsuitable overcrowded houses, racialized and immigrant individuals make up to 75 % of them

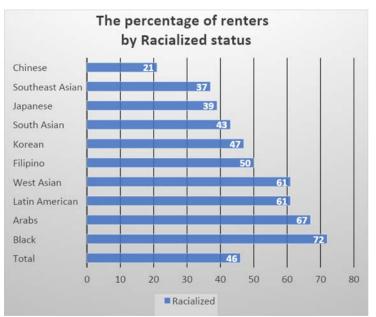


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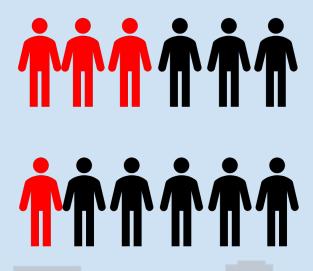
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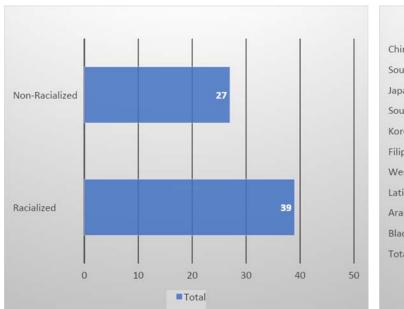
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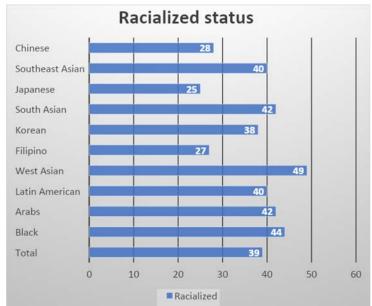
 One out of two racialized and immigrant individuals live in unsuitable overcrowded houses while only one out of six nonracialized individuals live in unsuitable overcrowded houses



X Indicators of a rental housing crisis Individuals living in rented dwellings in core housing need Individuals living in tenant households that spend 30% or more of income on shelter costs Individuals living in rented dwellings that are unsuitable

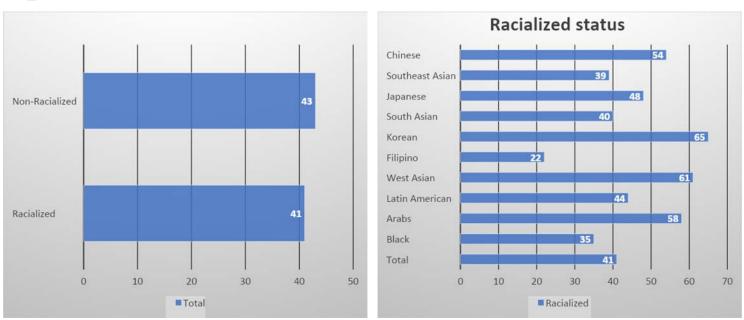
Individuals living in rented dwellings incore housing need





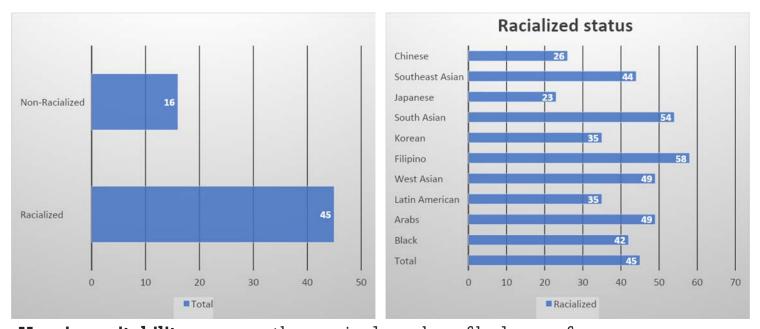
Core housing need: housing falls below at least one of the adequacy, affordability or suitability standards and it would have to spend 30% or more of its total before-tax income to pay the median rent

Individuals living in tenant households thatspend 30% or more of income on shelter costs



Using "racialized" and "non-racialized" as the categories in this analysis may mask essential differences experienced by specific racialized population groups.

Individuals living in rented dwellings that are unsuitable



Housing suitability: assesses the required number of bedrooms for a household-based on age, sex, and relationships among household members.

Individuals living in rented dwellings that x are unsuitable Figure 37: Percentage of Racialized Individuals in the City of Toronto Living in Figure 36: Percentage of Non-racialized Individuals in the City of Toronto Living in Rented Dwellings that are Unsuitable (2016), by Ward Rented Dwellings that are Unsuitable (2016), by Ward 16% - 25%

DISTURBING FACT

The percentage of interview call-backs for applicants with names that signalled non-white ethnicity is 44% less than those that signalled white ethnicity.

44% in Canada





33% in the USA



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Spatial Exclusion and Public Health:

X The Housing Crisis and COVID-19

- Racialized individuals make up 83% of recently reported cases while representing just 52% of the population
- The shutdown in March 2020 failed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection in low-income neighbourhoods and neighbourhoods with a high percentage of racialized individuals
- 20 neighbourhoods with the highest percentage of racialized residents and the 20 lowest-income neighbourhoods, reported COVID-19 cases increased dramatically following the shutdown, revealing stark racial, spatial, and economic divides

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Policy & Research Directions

PRINCIPLES AND APPROACHES

- Promote housing as a universal human right
- Community engagement and collaboration in the development
- Universal policies toward diminishing racial inequities

POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

- Independent office of the Housing Commissioner of Toronto
- Eviction prevention strategy
- Programs for individuals living in crowded housing conditions to self-isolate

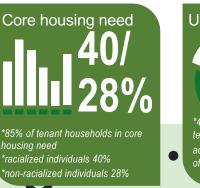
RESEARCH OPTIONS

- Research on social exclusion associated with Indigenous identity, gender, age, disability status, and LGBTQ2S identity, using an intersectional lens
- Explores spatial inequities at the neighbourhood level



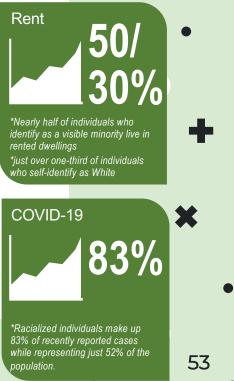
- The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the critical need for safe, decent, and affordable housing
- Toronto's housing crisis is a broad human right and public health concern and a matter of racial injustice and denial of immigrant rights
- Immigration category and racialized status intersect to produce deep economic, spatial and social inequities
- We are all connected

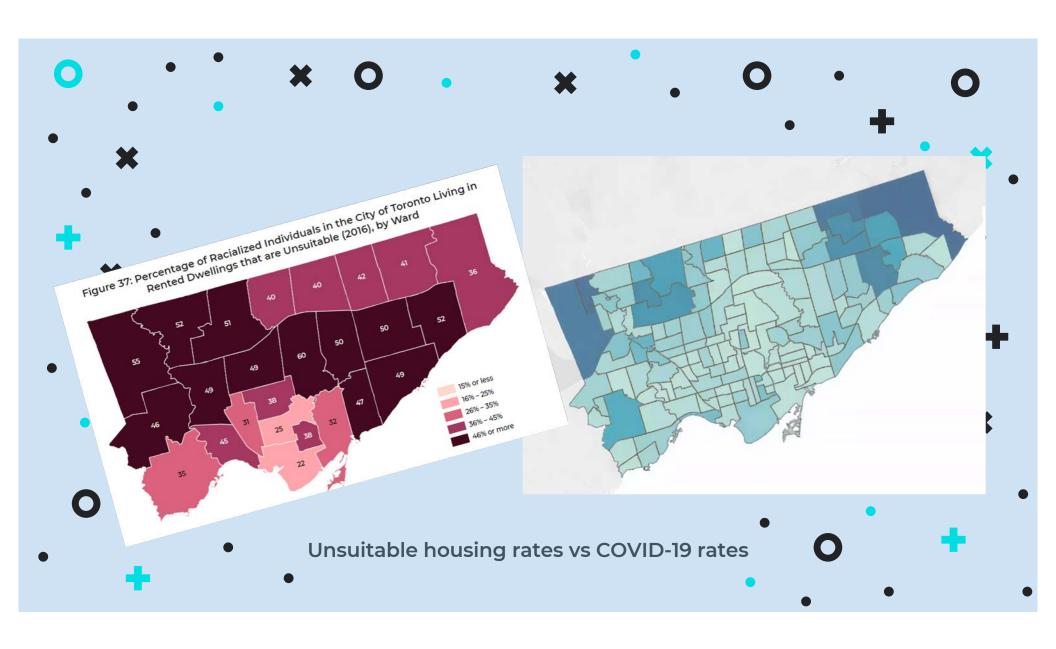














agreed beliefs & behaviours

Theme: Inclusion

- Ask who's not in the room?
- Greater truth comes through diversity of people and opinions
- Inclusive Language
- Everybody has a lived experience to share
- Be curious about divergent perspectives

Theme: Thoughtfulness

- Being present (out of office!)
- Consider lived experiences
- Consider Intersectionality
- Empower
- Mute yourself when you're not talking
- Understand that you can never have 100% of the context.

Theme: Leadership

- Break out of your comfort zone
- Leading by Example
- Be bold, courageous + vulnerable (it's ok to make mistakes!)
- Speak truth to power
- Express discomfort (group or individually)
- Assume you know nothing (Have an open mind)
- Be Courageous
- Encourage wild/ ambitious ideas

Theme: Safe Space

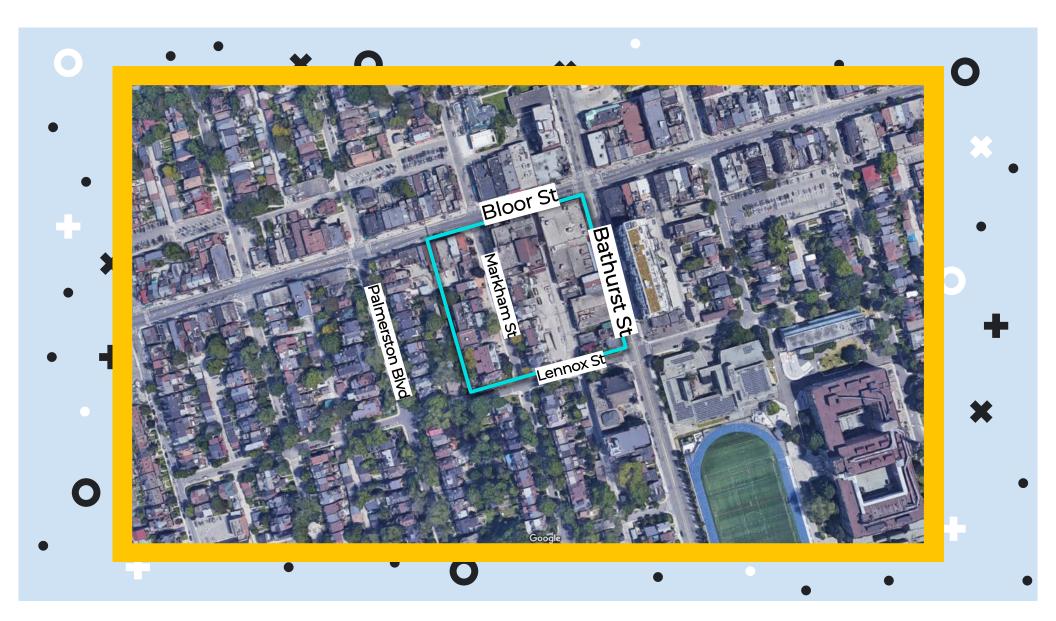
- Provide positive feedback and encouragement to others
- Hear and acknowledge
- Make mistakes
- Create a safe space
- What happens on Zoom stays on Zoom
- Taking Risks & Learning from Mistakes
- Defer Judgement
- Consider your own assumptions & perceptions
- Defer judgement, empower others and build on ideas
- Being respectful of shared thoughts, ideas & conversations
- Be Positive
- First seek to understand
- What's discussed remains in the room this is a safe space

Theme: Semantics & Speaking

- Listen actively, intently & empathetically
- Discuss assumptions
- unbridled honesty
- Being ok with silence
- If you don't know, ask. (don't assume)
- Be respectful, one speaker at a time & give everyone the
- chance to speak
- Try to not get defensive
- **Empathetic & Understanding**
- "Yes, and..."
- Listen carefully
- Be respectful
- Be vulnerable







X The Black history of Bloor & Bathurst

- Markham St was part of the Underground Railroad
- Caribbean immigration beginning in the 1960s
- Dozens of Black-owned shops, salons, newspapers, services
- A Different Booklist:
 bookshop founded in the
 1990s, built on previous
 initiatives



X The layered history of the Mirvish Village block

- Locus of Afro-Caribbean culture and commerce
- Subsidized artist community on Markham Street
- Honest Ed's as a resource for low-income residents & immigrants
- Trend of "de-intensification" despite being next to a subway





X Development process

- City undertook a land use study of Bathurst St in 2012
- Mirvish property was sold to Westbank in 2013
- Three years of community engagement centred around event hub (Markham House)
- Cultural heritage mapping as part of heritage preservation process



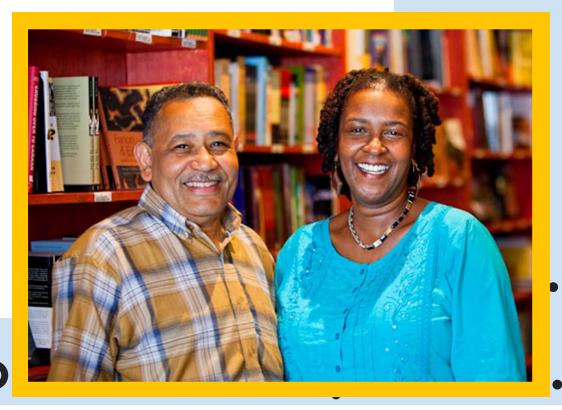
X Development outcomes

- A collection of low-rise, midrise, and "microtowers" with different facades
- All rental, 50% "family-size"
- Narrower storefronts for small businesses
- "Pedestrian-first" redesign of Markham St with new park
- Outdoor public market, onsite daycare, bike hub, and more



X A place for A Different Booklist

- Land swap deal in 2017:a creative solution
- Future land trust?
- Buy-a-Brick campaign: adbcc.org/donations/ buyabrick
- ULI event with co-founder
 Itah Sadu on Mon, Feb 1st at
 12pm: toronto.uli.org

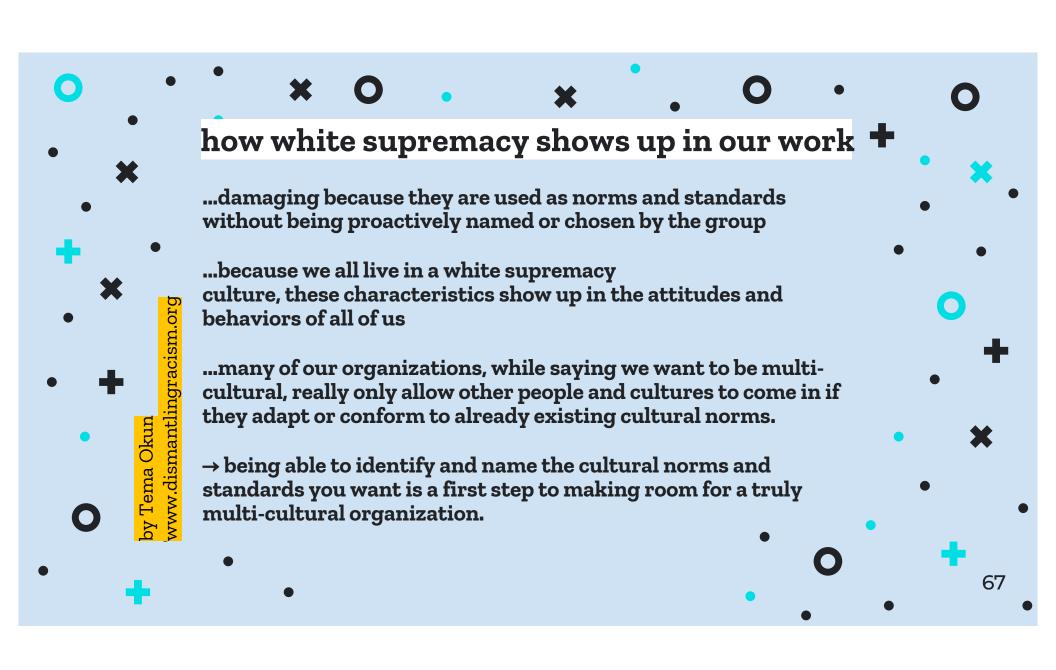


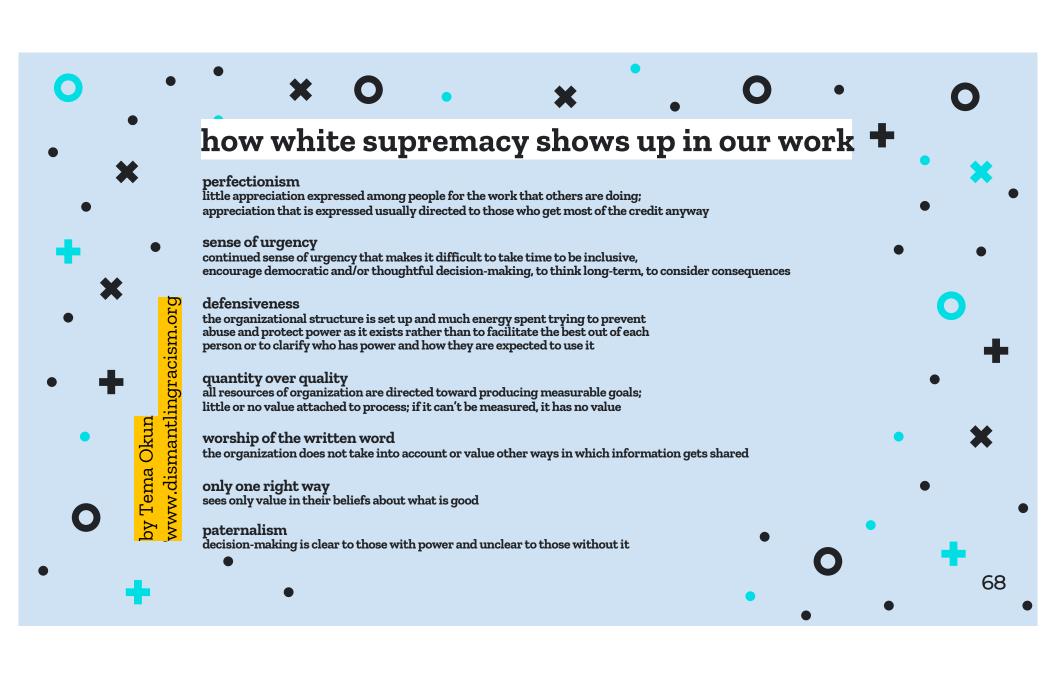
What-does-it-take? Who does it take?

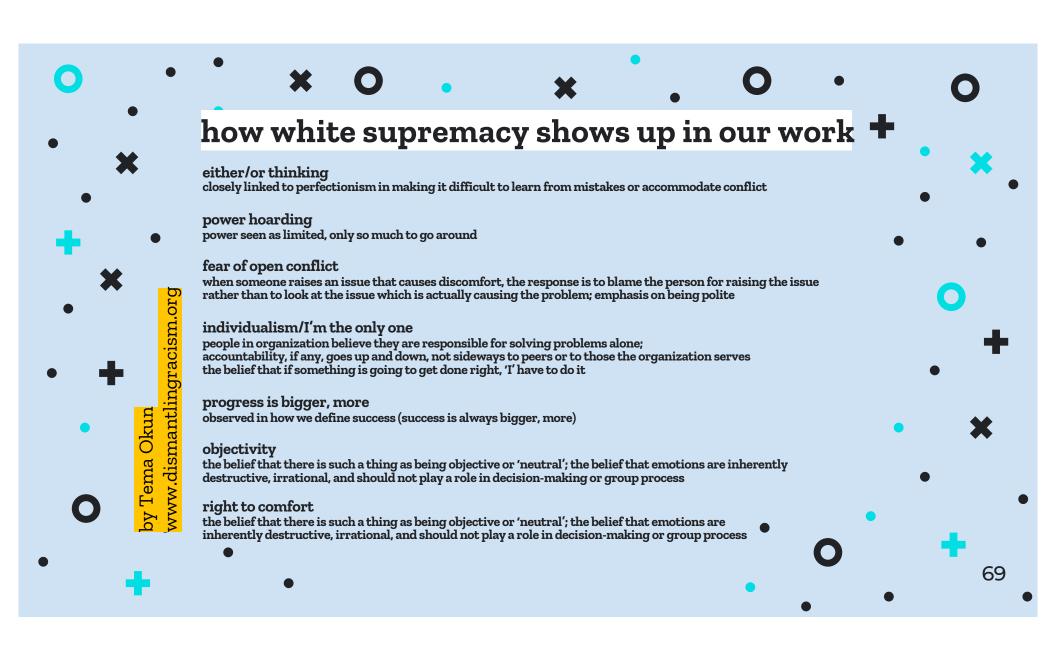
- Itah Sadu & Miguel san Vincente* from A Different Booklist
- Chinedu Ukabam, curator of Welcome to Blackhurst
- City Councillors Mike Layton*, Adam Vaughan & Joe Cressy
- Anthony DeCarli*, Peter Venetas, Jonah Letovsky & Ian Gillespie from Westbank
- Alexis Cohen* from ERA
- Howard Tam* from ThinkFresh Group (and this program!)
- Countless individual community members, planners, and development industry players, i.e. any one of us

*huge thanks to these folks for generously taking the time to tell me this story











Quick Personal Assessment:

Are you currently addressing racial inequity in your urbanism practice?

If yes, what approaches have you taken, and how have these approaches contributed to a reduction in racial inequity?

If no, what is the primary barrier preventing you from contributing to the reduction of racial inequity in your practice?

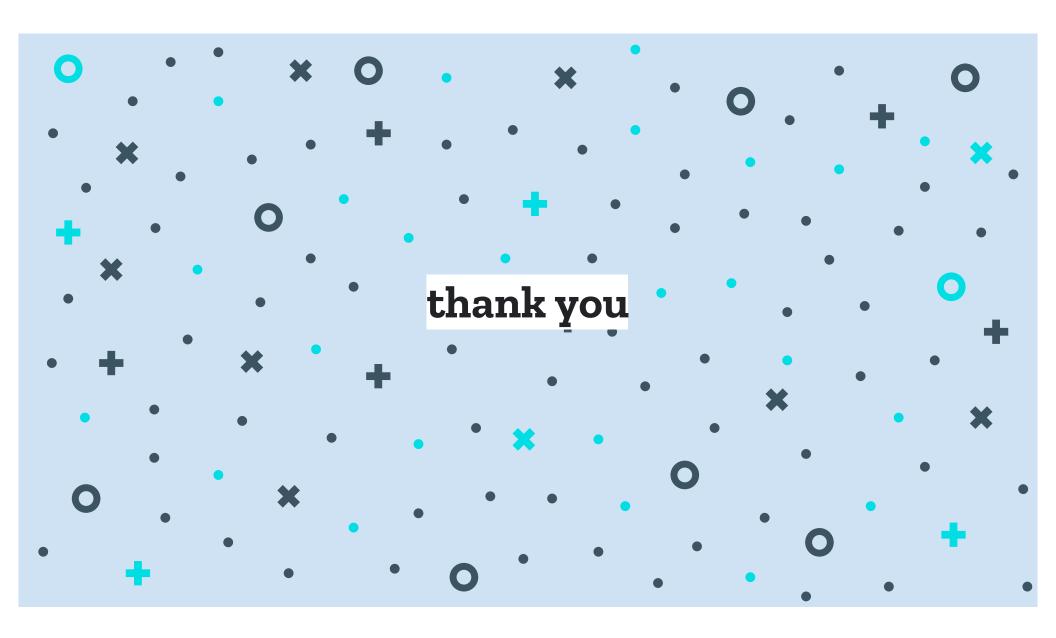
What makes you most uncomfortable or reluctant to engage in urbanism practices and conversations focused on racial inequity?





Reminder that Indigenous pathways and connection to the land is closer than we often acknowledge.

Listen in on how mapping and counter-mapping create multiple ways of knowing places and lands, or read the panel's transcript at the Blackwood Gallery website.





× our resources **Environmental Justice in Toronto** Planning as Property: Uncovering the Hidden Racial Logic of a Municipal Nuisance By-law New Research Reveals the Social, Social & Geographic Divides of Toronto's Housing Crisis Welcome to Blackhurst exhibit and videos, historical information & interview with the curator A Different Booklist's story (2010), more (2016) & Mike Layton's land swap motion CBC documentary There's No Place Like This Place Anyplace Westbank's page on Mirvish Village **Dragon Centre Stories** White Supremacy Culture A Call to Courage: An Open Letter to Canadian Urbanists