Appendix C: Neighbourhood Improvement Areas: fifteen indicators of inequity

In the City of Toronto's *Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020*, 31 neighbourhoods were designated as Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs). These neighbourhoods were determined to have the most inequitable outcomes based on the following indicators of inequity across the following five thematic domains:

Domains	Indicator	Data Source
Economic Opportunities	**Unemployment** Number of unemployed persons age 15+.	2011 National Household Survey
	Low Income Percentage of persons living below the after-tax low income measure.	2010 T1 Family File, Statistics Canada
	Social Assistance Percentage of persons who are recipients of Ontario Works, persons on ODSP participating in OW employment programs and non-OW persons receiving assistance with medical items.	Toronto Employment & Social Services
Social Development	**High School Graduation** Composite measure of four indicators predicting the rate of youth graduation from high school (2006-2011).	TDSB, TCDSB, 2006 Census
	Marginalization A combined measure of 18 variables representing residential instability, ethnic concentration, dependency and material deprivation.	Ontario Marginalization Index, 2006 Census
	Post-Secondary Completion Percentage of persons age 25-65 with post secondary certificate, diploma or degree.	2011 National Household Survey
Participation in Decision-Making	**Municipal Voting Rate** Percent of eligible voters who voted in the last municipal election.	Toronto Election & Registry Services, Toronto Open Data
Physical Surroundings	**Community Places for Meeting** Average number of meeting places within a 10 min. walking distance measured from each residential block in the neighbourhoods (incl. libraries, recreation facilities, places of worship).	Toronto Open Data
	Walkability A walkability score between 0 (not very walkable) and 100 (very walkable).	Walkscore.com

	Healthy Food Stores The average number of healthier food stores within a 10 minute walking distance from each residential block in a neighbourhoods.	Toronto Dinesafe 20134, Toronto Open Data
	Green Space Average amount of green space (incl. parks and public areas) per km^2 in a 1 km circular buffer from each residential block in the neighbourhood.	DMTI, University of Toronto
Healthy Lives	**Premature Mortality** Age-adjusted number of deaths under age of 75 per 100,000 population age under 75.	Ontario Mortality Data 2005-2009, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
	Mental Health Percentage of those age 20+ reporting very good or excellent mental health.	2005-2011 Canadian Community Health Survey
	Preventable Hospitalizations Age and sex adjusted number of ambulatory care sensitive condition hospitalizations per 100,000 population.	2009-2011 Discharge Abstracts Database, Canadian Institute for Health Information
	Diabetes Age and sex adjusted number of persons age 20+ with diabetes per 100 population.	Ontario Diabetes Database, Ontario Registered Persons Database, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

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