

From Planning to Engagement

A brief overview of the Community Social Planning Council of Toronto

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Social planning is a mixed bag of social research, policy analysis and development, political advocacy, public education, and methods of engaging and mobilizing populations within an urban area. The Community Social Planning Council of Toronto is the product of six independent, not-for-profit, local planning organizations that amalgamated when the City of Toronto did, in 1998.

Why do we do this work? What do we do and how do we do it? With which populations do we work? Who are our partners and allies? How do we assess the changes taking place in the City, or that affect the City, and how do we plan our work accordingly?

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