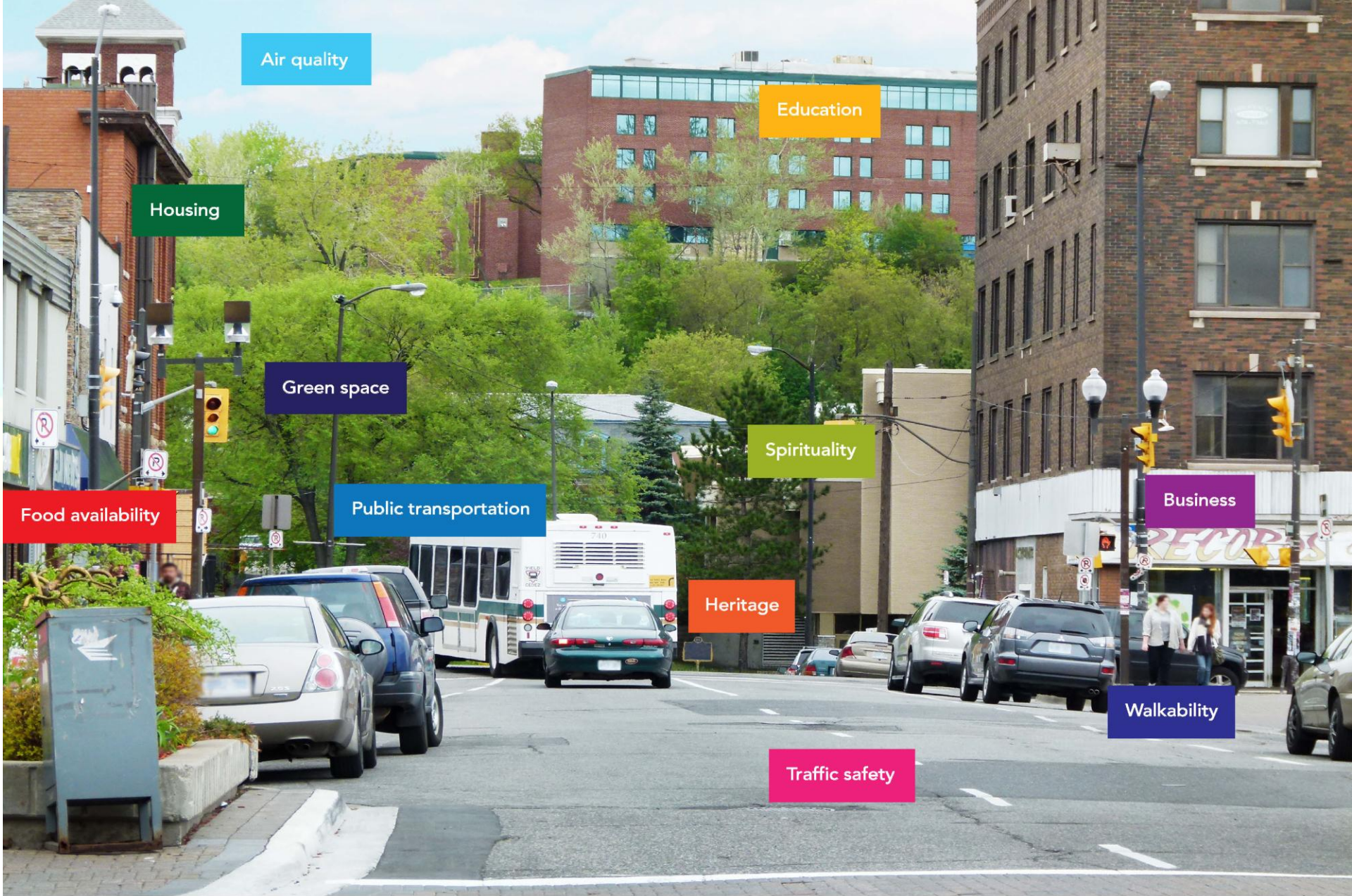


Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

*A tool to promote
healthy communities*

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Air quality

Education

Housing

Green space

Spirituality

Business

Food availability

Public transportation

Heritage

Walkability

Traffic safety

I'm part of a healthy community ...



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Priority #5: Healthy Community

"Incorporate a health impact assessment tool or healthy community lens into City decision making for large scale projects and initiatives"

- **What is a Health Impact Assessment (HIA)?**
- **How can it be used by municipalities?**
- **How could it benefit the City of Greater Sudbury?**

Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

“a combination of **procedures, methods and tools** by which a policy, a program or project may be judged as to its **potential effects** on the health of a population and the **distribution of effects** within the population”
(Gothenburg Consensus Paper, 1999)

Why do a Health Impact Assessment?

**Because you are proposing a
new policy, program, or project
that is **NOT** specifically intended
to impact health and . . .**

Because you want to know . . .

1. What are the potential health impacts of this policy/program?
2. Will some members of our community be more impacted (positively or negatively) than others?

And because you want to know . . .

**How can we minimize the negative
and enhance the positive aspects of
this policy to *have the best impact
on health?***

Screening



Scoping



Appraisal



Reporting



Evaluation & Monitoring

- HIA typically involves five steps
- The scope and intensity of each of the steps is flexible and adaptable

HIA guides and tools



Application of HIA in other municipalities

- Toronto Public Health [HIA framework](#), 2008
- Peel – public health impacts of [land use planning](#), 2009
- Across municipal and county councils in the UK, Australia . . . *“The key message from our local case studies is that HIA is do-able.”*

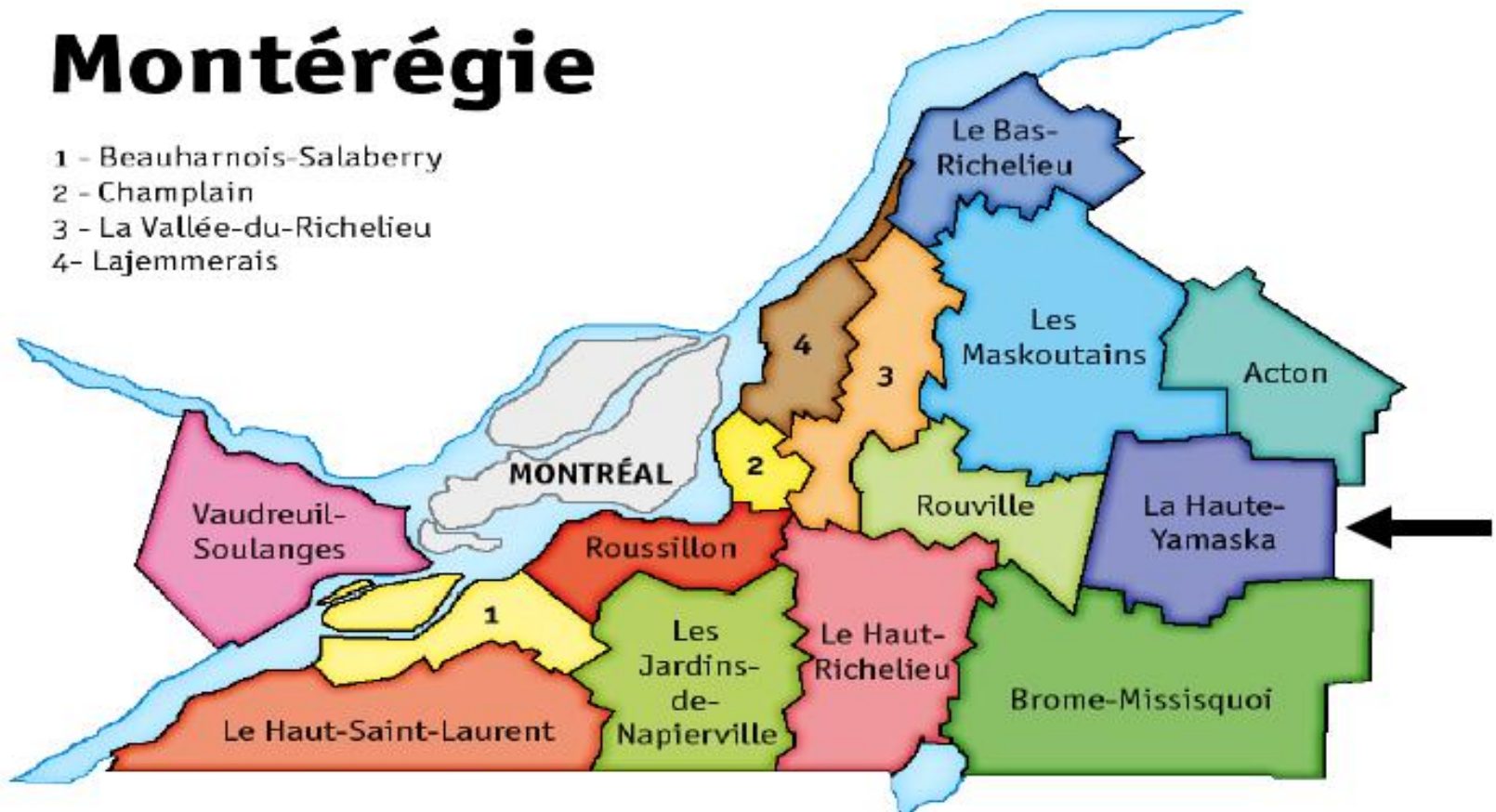
Review of 36 HIAs conducted in Yorkshire and Humber regions, UK

The example of Montérégie, QC

Pilot projects to explore use of HIA
in a Canadian municipality

Montérégie

- 1 - Beauharnois-Salaberry
- 2 - Champlain
- 3 - La Vallée-du-Richelieu
- 4 - Lajemmerais



The Montérégie HIA Pilots:

- Highlighted issues not taken into account at the start of projects
- Prepared the municipality for citizen responses to projects
- Were “politically sound” – demonstrated municipality’s attentions to the health value of policies and projects
- **Added value to policy or project development process**

HIA Community Pilots

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What can HIA do for the City of Greater Sudbury?



- Identifying *positive* health impacts can boost citizen support of CGS projects and policy decisions
- Identifying *potentially negative* health impacts *before* a project goes forward can save time and money in the long run
- HIA processes can promote communication and understanding across CGS departments and with community citizens

HIA



Healthy Decisions



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