

Faith-based Ethnic Communities in the Greater Toronto Area: Process of Inclusion or Exclusion?

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Outline

- Introduction
- Research questions
- Context
- Method
- Community profiles
- Findings
- Conclusion
- Future research



Introduction

- What is Faith-based ethnic community?
 - Planned
 - Organically-evolved
- Religious pluralism? Or gated community?
- Faith-based community – a planning challenge



Research questions

- What are the internal structure and characteristics of faith-based ethnic communities?
- What social and personal considerations draw people together to faith-based communities in this modern age?
- What is the role of religion in binding people together? Does it contribute to increased neighbourliness?
- Are these communities sites of spatial and social segregation?
- How do local municipalities deal with the growth of such communities?

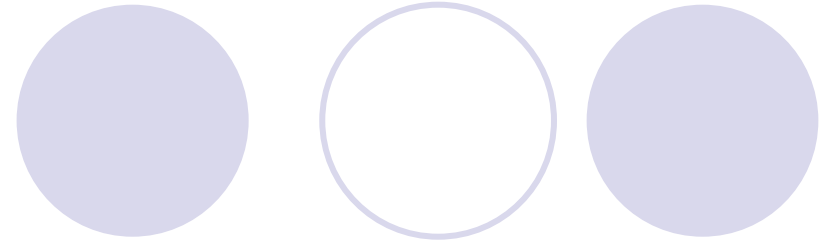


Context

- Religion and immigrants
- Role of places of worship
- Congregations, ethnic enclaves and faith-based communities
- Ethno-religious institutions and urban planning

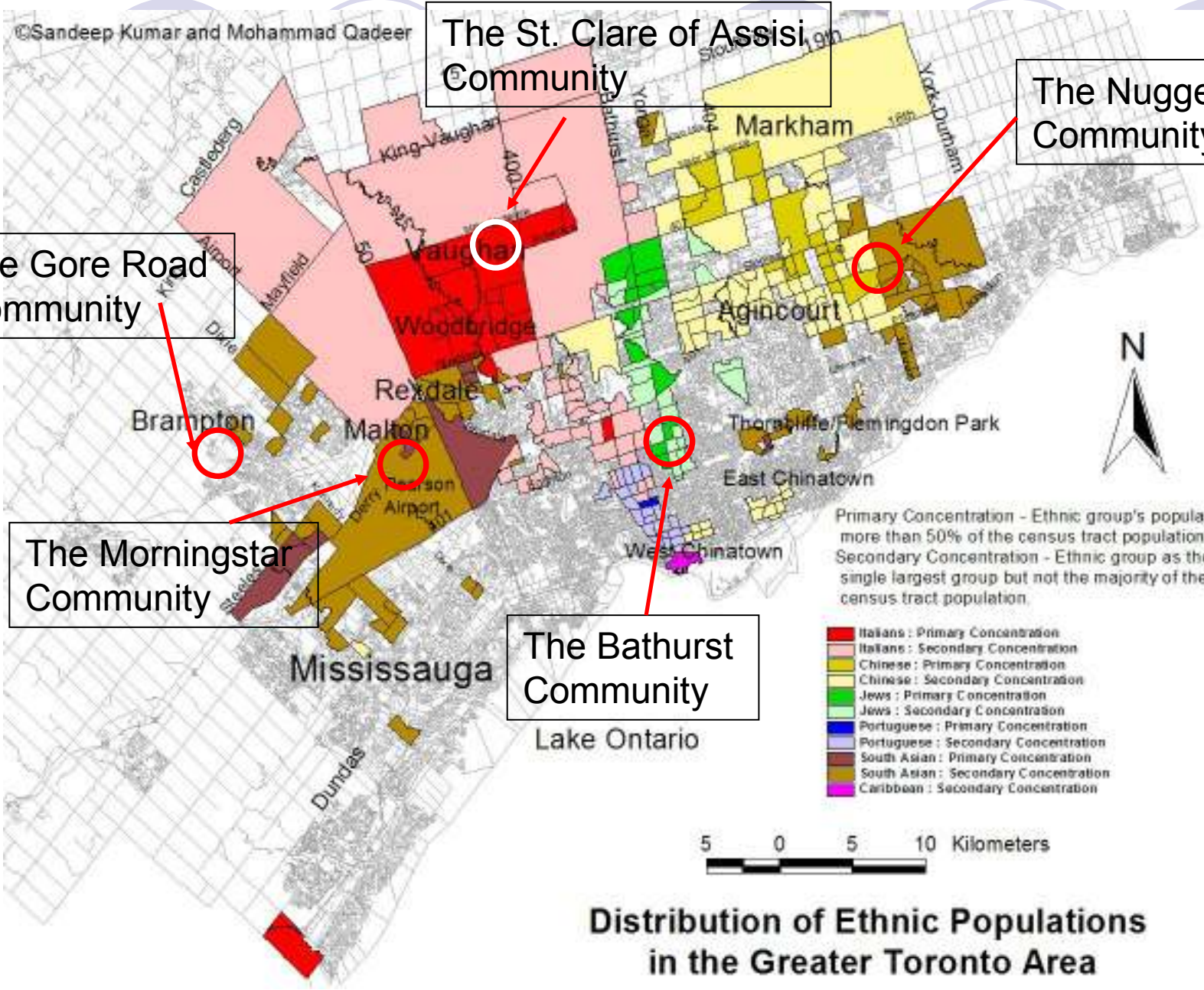
Method

- 5 Case Studies
- Quantitative
 - Census data/GIS
 - Assessment Roll
- Qualitative
 - Survey
 - interviews



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The St. Clare of Assisi Community

The Nugget Ave. Community

The Gore Road Community

The Morningstar Community

The Bathurst Community

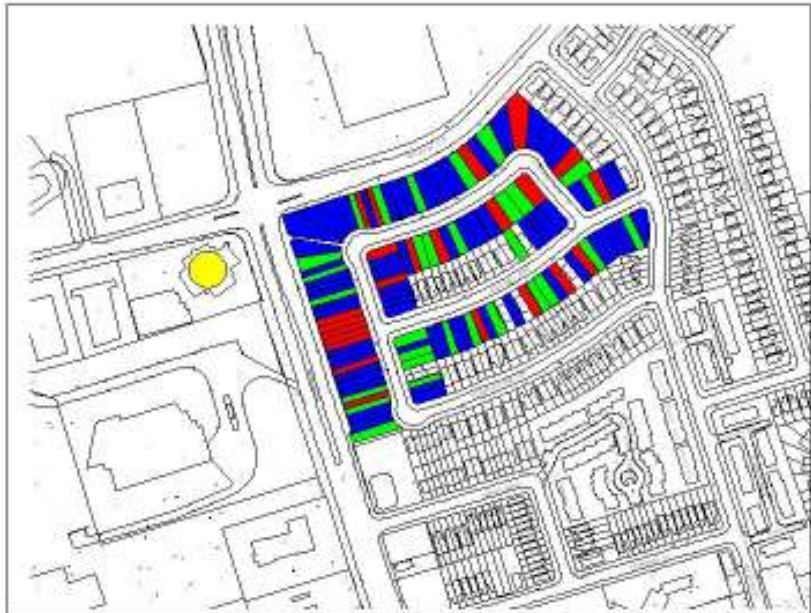
Primary Concentration - Ethnic group's population more than 50% of the census tract population.
 Secondary Concentration - Ethnic group as the single largest group but not the majority of the census tract population.

- Italians : Primary Concentration
- Italians : Secondary Concentration
- Chinese : Primary Concentration
- Chinese : Secondary Concentration
- Jews : Primary Concentration
- Jews : Secondary Concentration
- Portuguese : Primary Concentration
- Portuguese : Secondary Concentration
- South Asian : Primary Concentration
- South Asian : Secondary Concentration
- Caribbean : Secondary Concentration





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Distribution of Ethnic Populations in the Greater Toronto Area

The Nugget Avenue Community

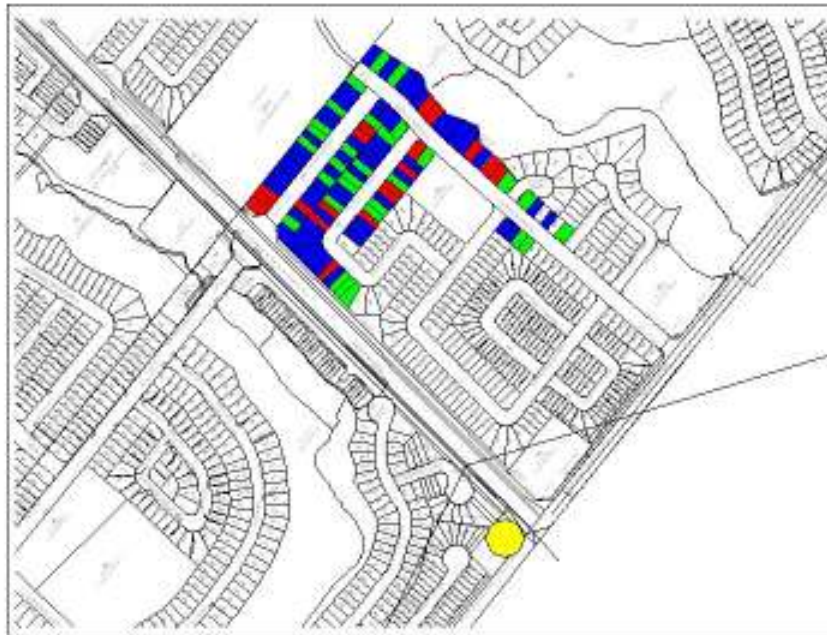


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-  completed survey
-  no response
-  refused to participate
-  Islamic Centre



The Gore Road community

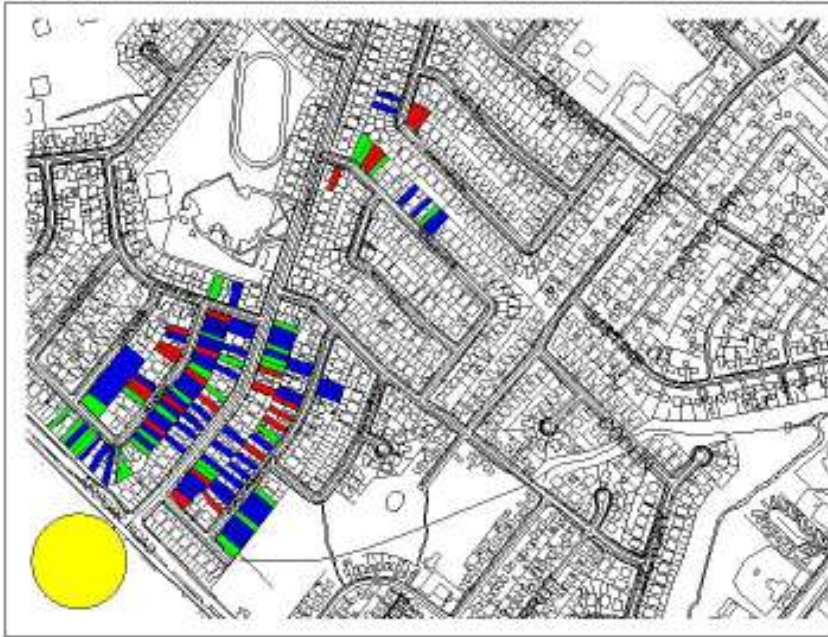


Legend





- completed survey
- no response
- refused to participate
- Hindu Sabha Temple



The Morningstar community



Legend




-  completed survey
-  no response
-  refused to participate
-  Siri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara



The Bathurst community



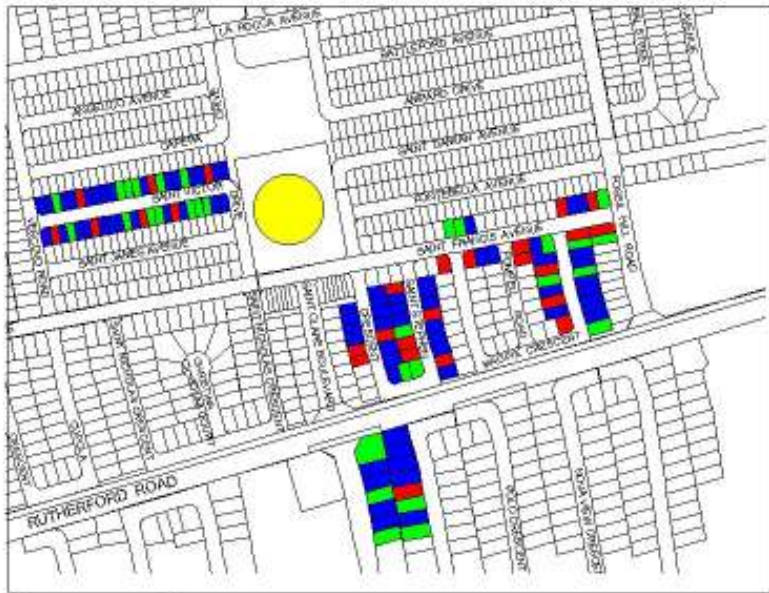
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 Holy Blossom Synagogue



The St. Clare of Assisi Community



Legend

- completed survey
- no response
- refused to participate
- St. Clair of Assisi





Findings

- Social Characteristics

- religion
- Immigrants/non-immigrants
- Education
- Home ownership

- Reasons for moving

- Services offered by place of worship

- Neighbourly interaction

Social characteristics

variables	the Nugget Ave. Community	the Gore Road Community	the Morningstar community	The Bathurst community	St. clare of Assisi community
religion					
muslim	56.70%	6.45%			
hindu		41.90%			
jewish	3.33%			66.66%	
christians	23.33%	12.90%	16.66%	6.66%	71.42%
sikh		45.16%	63.33%		7.14%
other	10.00%		10.00%		17.85%
ethnicity					
south asians	50.00%	64.50%	50.00%		
other visible minority		33.33%	30.00%		50.00%
jewish				46.67%	
white					
italian					39.28%
Non-Immigrant					33.00%
immigrants	93.00%		96.66%	16.66%	35.71%
country from (Pakistan, the middle-east)	43.00%				
India		54.80%	60.00%		
Trinidad/guyana		22.58%			
iraq					25.00%
language spoken					
english only	23.00%			40.00%	14.28%
english+ 1 ethnic language	76.70%	70.96%	73.33%	43.33%	82.14%
education					
below high school	6.70%	12.90%	20.00%	13.33%	
high school	36.70%	22.58%	26.67%	3.33%	32.14%
university	26.70%	25.80%	16.67%	43.33%	25.00%
university professional	3.30%	9.67%		40.00%	
other (college)	20.00%	16.12%		10.00%	28.57%
time lived in the neighbourhood					
0-5 years	46.70%	93.55%	43.33%	26.66%	
6-10 years	23.33%	3.22%		16.66%	
11+ years	30.00%		30.00%	56.66%	35.71%
time lived in Canada					
0-5 years	23.33%		16.66%		60.71%
6-10 years	13.00%	19.35%	16.66%		25.00%
11+ years	40.00%	67.74%	63.33%	1.66%	3.57%
all their life				83.33%	
ownership					
own house	73.33%	100.00%	96.67%	90.00%	89.28%
rent house	23.33%		3.33%	10.00%	3.57%
1st move	10.00%		3.33%		
2nd move	80.00%	80.64%	76.66%	73.33%	82.14%
3rd move	10.00%	12.90%		30.00%	14.28%



Findingscontd.

- Reasons for moving
- Services offered by place of worship
- Neighbourly interaction



Planning challenges

- Approval of the place of worship
 - Rural areas
 - Multiple uses of the establishment
- Approval of new subdivisions around places of worship
 - Access
 - Connectivity
 - Municipal services
 - Community institutions

Conclusion

