



Toronto Community  
Benefits Network



COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT  
for Downsview

# DOWNSVIEW SHARED COMMUNITY BENEFITS VISION

## Summary

In 2021, the Toronto Community Benefits Network launched the CBAforDownsview campaign with the goal to ensure Community Benefits Agreement's (CBA) as part of planned new developments at the Downsview Lands.

Over the past year, community benefits priorities were identified through an inclusive community engagement process, encompassing feedback from local residents and groups, community organizations, TCBN network members, and the Downsview Community Benefits Committee.

Community benefits priorities and recommendations for equitable development will be outlined in the CBAforDownsview Shared Community Benefits Vision. All commitments must be included in a Community Benefits Agreement with ongoing community oversight, tracking and public reporting of outcomes.

### VISION STATEMENT

**We envision Downsview as a thriving, inclusive, diverse, affordable and environmentally sustainable neighbourhood – a place where the Downsview Lands Development is accountable and committed to:**

- Equitable development that focuses on preventing displacement
- Good Jobs and Inclusive Economic Opportunities, Social Procurement, Neighbourhood improvements and Environmental Sustainability that empowers the community

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## **COMMUNITY BENEFITS PRIORITIES**

### **GOOD JOBS AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES – PRIORITIES**

- A minimum 50% target for equity hiring and a minimum 25% target for local hiring for opportunities including apprenticeships, professional, administrative, technical and operations careers
- Funding and support for education and training programs, creating local pathways to career opportunities
- Prioritize good jobs and career opportunities that pay a living wage through all phases of the project

### **SOCIAL PROCUREMENT – PRIORITIES**

- Minimum 20% social procurement target through purchasing goods and/or services from local businesses, social enterprises and businesses that are owned by persons who identify as Indigenous, Black or Persons of Color
- Procurement opportunities could include construction, operations, maintenance and management, food suppliers and arts
- Support business development programs and ensure affordable commercial spaces for local entrepreneurs

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY – PRIORITIES**

- Commit to sustainable, affordable and inclusive communities through commitments to neighbourhood improvements like affordable housing, community and public spaces, child care centres, public parks and recreation spaces
- Ensure at minimum, 30% affordable housing in each phase of development with 50% of that being deeply affordable or Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) for a minimum of 99 years
- Ensure ongoing investments in social infrastructure to support community development and wellbeing
- Commit to environmental sustainability that supports a 'just transition' for jobs and careers, green building design and materials, preserve public parks and open spaces for culturally appropriate community-led initiatives