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24,000 SUPPORTERS OF TORONTO EXPO 2025 BID

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EXPO 2025 PROPOSAL

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The Carpenters Union  
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# Carpenters Support for Toronto's Bid

Visit any construction site in Toronto today and you will find unanimous support from carpenters for Toronto's Expo 2025 bid.

In fact, 16,000 carpenters from the Greater Toronto area, their executives and leaders stand solidly behind the vision to create a World Expo that will impress, inspire and excite millions of tourists. Another 8,000 carpenters across the province have also endorsed the bid, due to the Carpenters District Council of Ontario championing of the project.

Carpenters have been building this city since 1882. Along with our role in construction, we continue to invest in Toronto's youth, its diversity of residents and its communities as partners in city-building projects.

Like others who sit on the 2025 World Expo Steering Committee, the Carpenters Union sees the vast potential that a successful bid holds for our city:

- The development of a clean, green waterfront and removal of brownfields, something everyone who cares about the environment can champion;
- The development of public transit, which will create greater accessibility to our waterfront;
- The investment in affordable housing, so desperately needed by many in our city; and
- The prestige, renown and economic prosperity that will come when the world's attention, and its tourism dollars, are focused on this great city.
- The Showcasing of environmental leadership to the world.
  - o Residential and Commercial Applications
  - o In Transit
  - o In manufacturing/Green Jobs
  - o Energy supply and use

Just as important, Expo 2025 will create thousands of jobs for our residents and our youth—an investment that will flow directly back into the city's tax base.



# Carpenters Union: Expo 2025 Commitment

Expo 2025 offers unparalleled opportunity to provide thousands of jobs for the construction trade. And it offers hope and opportunity for our youth.

In a report issued by Ernst & Young in 2014, a World Expo 2025 would create 190,000 new jobs, with an average of 23,500 jobs per year over eight years, add \$15.5 billion new value added to the GDP within Canada, of which over \$8 billion would be generated in the Greater Toronto Area, and create \$5.4 billion new tax revenues. In 2006 the firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) estimated that \$2.7 billion would go to the Federal treasury, \$2 billion would go to Provincial treasuries (Ontario's share alone would be \$1.8 billion), and over \$600 million would go to Ontario municipalities. • (1)

Toronto has the most highly productive and skilled construction workforce in North America, the result of a continuing partnership between industry and the building trades.

However, we are faced with the retirement of an aging construction workforce. That means our Building Trades Unions must continue to recruit and train a skilled workforce to remain competitive. To do that, we need a city that continues to attract and invest in building projects.

## Hope and Opportunity for Youth



Expo 2025 will allow us the opportunity to recruit more youth into the building trades. In fact, our vision is to have the youth of tomorrow participating in building the city's future. A successful bid will help us do that.

The Carpenters Union continues to reach out to youth. We have an active school-to-work program run with a number of school boards including the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic School Board. Over 300 Grade 12 students have been part of this Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) since 2000.

Importantly, the Carpenters have long recognized that decent job opportunities are key to helping stem youth violence in our communities.

In the last year, we have partnered with Toronto Community Housing and the YMCA to provide pre-apprenticeship training for at-risk youth with a program called CHOICE.

The Carpenters community based apprenticeship model has successfully helped hundreds of at-risk youth gain a career in carpentry in other partnering projects with Eva's Phoenix, Miziwe Biik and Jane Finch San Romanoway Revitalizing Project.

• (1) Expo 2025 Website

# Good Jobs for Our City

Carpenters commitment to training and skills development for youth and skills upgrades for existing members



## Carpenters Union: Expo 2025 Commitment

The benefits of a successful 2025 bid are tangible, desirable and achievable for this city.

Our commitment is to build the best Expo ever. The capacity of the Carpenters and other building trades to build on-time and on-budget with our industry partners is crucial in such a large undertaking. The City can count on us to deliver that, and to build a high quality venue that will fulfill the vision expressed for this undertaking.

But before we can build, our City must win the bid.

As a labour body sitting on the 2025 World Expo Steering Committee, the Carpenters Union is committed to reaching out to all building trades and all other unions in this city for their support in mounting Toronto's bid.

We will continue our efforts to promote the 2025 bid to our broader public and our industry partners.

And our 24,000 carpenters and executive of the Carpenters District Council of Ontario's Office will remain ready to do everything we can to make Expo 2025 a reality for the future of this great city.



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