

October 28, 19

My Comments with Regards : EC8.5 :Resourcing the Regent Park Social Development Plan (Ward 13)

In the City of Toronto, approximately 375,000 people live in poverty according to a report issue in October 18, 2018:

Link: <https://ryersonian.ca/why-toronto-centre-has-the-citys-highest-rate-of-child-poverty/>

Ward 13, Toronto Centre, where Ryerson is located. They too fear the consequences that having another fiscally minded Ford in power, this time as premier, will have on funding for social services. The issue has become particularly pressing for them, since a report released on Oct. 1 shows that Toronto Centre (WARD 13) is the ward with the highest rate of child poverty out of Toronto's 25 wards. Fortyfive per cent of children in Toronto Centre live in poverty, almost double the 26.3 per cent of kids who live below the poverty line in Toronto as a whole, the report by Social Planning Toronto states.

Question is: Have you benefit from a good job in Regent Park? that is the question that City Council will debate the following item :

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Here is a Snapshot of Jobs Created in Regent Park , Click on Link to open the Document:

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-139392.pdf>

Another article goes deep to reveal how Poverty Levels are in Toronto.

Link: <http://www.launchto.org/index.php/news/18-poverty-and-unemployment-in-toronto>

In neighbourhoods such as Regent Park, Thorncliffe Park, and Moss Park, poverty rates are above 50%, the highest in Toronto (Alliance for a Poverty Free Toronto, Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Colour of Poverty Colour of Change, Family Service Toronto, & Social Planning Toronto, 2015).

The report released by the Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration It does not include the percentage of people with disabilities that have gain part time or full time jobs.



Toronto Employment and Social Services has only tracked the number of jobs created for Regent Park residents as a result of the revitalization. Toronto Employment and Social Services reports that a total of 582 jobs have been created through opportunities directly related to the Regent Park revitalization. The jobs created were in the Construction Trades, Retail, Hospitality, Finance and Administration sectors. Two hundred and ninety (290) residents were employed between 2009 and 2013, at that time part-time and full-time positions were not tracked separately. Since 2014, 259 residents have been placed in part-time employment opportunities and 33 residents have been placed into full-time employment opportunities. In addition to the 582 jobs directly related to revitalization, Regent Park residents were connected to other initiatives as a result of Toronto Employment and Social Services ongoing engagement of local residents. Over the last 10 years residents have been placed in 1108 additional jobs due to employment opportunities made available through Toronto Employment and Social Services.

There is no mention at all, if People with Disabilities have found Jobs to get them out of Extreme Poverty?

LIVING EXPERIENCE:

I will use my experience to highlight the absence of "Accommodations" for people with disabilities I applied for a Job with TCHC as a "Community Animator" in 2013. (See attached email)

That job required simple tasks such as :

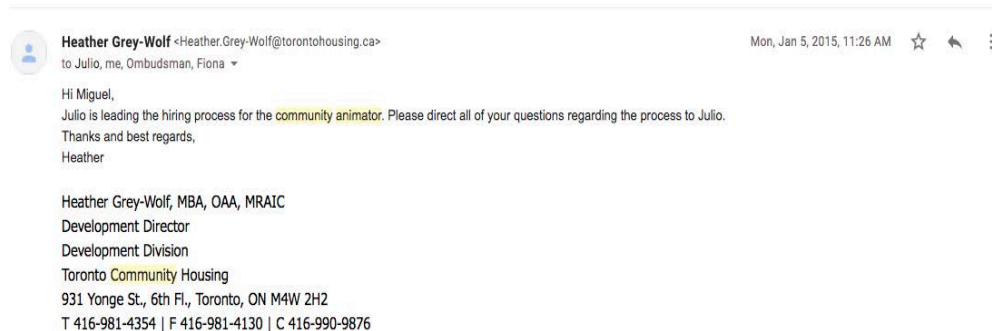
Posting

Flyer Distribution

Tenant Engagement

Help with Community Festivals

And sadly, I did not qualify for the job I even inquired for an INTERVIEW feedback from the Interview Team of TCHC Staff, They declined to provide such important feedback to try again in the near future for a job with TCHC.



Sincerely Yours
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Toronto City Hall Monitor, Toronto Copwatch, Resident Leader Regent Park