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**Re: Response to Ex. 20.7 - Advancing the Community Benefits Framework**

Dear Executive Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the review of the Community Benefits Framework.

Buy Social Canada is a social enterprise working across Canada to promote and educate on the opportunities to build healthy communities through leveraging a social value from existing procurement. We recognize the leadership that the City of Toronto has played in the evolution of social procurement and want to commend the on-going reviews and improvements in the Community Benefits Framework.

In regard to the review, first of all, Buy Social Canada (BSC) endorses and supports TCBN's recommendations to Ex. 20.7 Advancing the Community Benefits Framework report.

In addition:

1. Buy Social Canada (BSC) recommends a detailed review of the social procurement program within the broader Community Benefits Framework, with the support and advice of BSC and TCBN. This review should reflect outcomes based on the inclusion of, and impact on, the community involved and social value outcomes in the relevant projects.
2. BSC recommends an ongoing and regular review of the social procurement program, policies, and implementation process through a multi-stakeholder table.
3. The Social procurement program, and any subsequent reviews or amendments made to it, should ensure the inclusion of relevant communities that are impacted by these projects.

Buy Social Canada will continue to support a strong City of Toronto Community Benefits Framework and hopes the Executive Committee will strongly consider the recommendations listed above.

Sincerely,



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