



**December 13, 2023**

Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

**RE: Item EC8.4 - Toronto Youth Job Corps**

Dear: Mayor and Members of Council,

The Toronto Environmental Alliance supports the proposed Toronto Youth Job Corps program, and further supports additional direction from Council to examine opportunities within this program for youth to be engaged in green jobs and employment related to climate action. In addition, we believe this is an important opportunity for the City to build and support green workforce pathways for youth from equity-owned communities.

The City's TransformTO plan includes ambitious goals to be met by 2030. These include the halving of existing building emissions, 50% of community-wide energy coming from renewable or low-carbon sources, and significant advancements in electric vehicle adoption, improved walking, biking, and transit, and a reduction in waste.

Meeting these 2030 goals will require the development of a significant green jobs workforce. We believe that integrating green jobs into the 2024-2028 Toronto Youth Job Corps contract cycle will help the City to reach those goals, and that the association of the Toronto Youth Corps program with green jobs will also aid in the success of the overall program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "How-Sen Chong".

How-Sen Chong  
Climate Campaigner  
Toronto Environmental Alliance