

Dear Members of Economic and Community Development Committee,

RE: EC12.1: A Framework to Advance Inclusive Economic Development in Toronto

This draft report contains points of considerable interest for our organization, as the report relates to the City's activities operating in our public spaces. For example:

1. The City's role in the hiring of youth and adults for a nonspecific category of "quality jobs"
2. The job-training programs that the City carries out or purchases
3. The reference to a "community economic development working group [which] will continue to develop a toolkit" for an "Action Plan for Toronto's Economy" – but with this work being limited to "collaborative interdivisional planning"
4. The very partial list of City-related "existing initiative examples" of inclusive economic development.

We're concerned that the report leaves out some important elements. We hope that your committee will postpone consideration of this report once again, and suggest that the process of improving this report must include one or several access points for external stakeholders to contribute more details to the working group.

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