

April 14, 2026

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

I am writing on behalf of Maytree to express our support for the adoption of the City of Toronto's Inclusive Economic Development Framework.

As a Toronto-based organization focused on advancing systemic solutions to poverty through a human rights-based approach, Maytree welcomes this framework as an important step in strengthening how the City understands and delivers inclusive economic growth.

We are particularly encouraged by the framework's grounding in social and economic rights. Economic development both depends on a strong foundation of human rights and should be deliberately harnessed to advance the progressive realization of these rights for everyone in our city. This framework reflects Maytree's core view that lasting progress to end poverty depends on public systems that are designed to ensure dignity, security, and opportunity for all.

Several other aspects of the framework also align with the advancement of social and economic rights in our city:

- **A focus on those excluded from past growth:** By prioritizing residents and communities that have not benefitted equally from economic growth, and by tracking disparities across groups, the framework recognizes that overall growth is not a sufficient measure of success.
- **Meaningful participation:** The emphasis on engaging people and communities most affected by economic decisions is critical to achieving equitable and durable outcomes.
- **Decent work and income adequacy:** The framework's attention to employment quality, income relative to the cost of living, and reduced precarity reflects a strong understanding of what is required for true economic inclusion.
- **Accountability through measurement and reporting:** The commitment to ongoing data collection, public reporting, and tracking of disparities is essential to ensuring that the framework leads to measurable improvements over time.

Maytree supports the adoption of this framework as a thoughtful and necessary step toward building an economy that works for all Torontonians.

Sincerely,



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President