



EC27.5 Rexdale-Casino Woodbine Community Benefits Agreement Update

April 9, 2026

Dear Members of the Economic and Community Development Committee and City Council,

On behalf of the Toronto Community Benefits Network, we are pleased to welcome the annual update on the Casino Woodbine Community Benefits Agreement (CBA).

As we enter the eighth year of the CBA, this milestone reflects a strong commitment to advancing equitable outcomes for Toronto communities. We commend One Toronto Gaming, City staff, and Council for their leadership, collaboration, and support in ensuring this project contributes to inclusive local economic development and builds community wealth in Toronto. Some key highlights of the CBA include:

- **Local and Equitable Hiring:** Of the 3,428 new hires since 2018, 41 percent (1,402 individuals) self-identified as a social hire, and nine percent (314 individuals) were local
- **Good Jobs:** Of the 1,715 active employees, 63 percent (1,081 individuals) are employed on a full-time basis. A majority of these jobs are unionized with good pay and benefits.
- **Social and Local Procurement:** In 2025, One Toronto Gaming spent \$113.3 million across 18 local suppliers and \$2.34 million across 7 diverse suppliers, totaling 35% of spending
- **Neighbourhood Improvements:** \$5M investment in a new local childcare facility. We urge the City to accelerate this development. Researchers have identified the local area as a “childcare desert” and have highlighted deep and growing inequities in access to care.

We look forward to seeing continued success with the CBA and supporting the implementation and monitoring as a member of the CBA Oversight Working Group.

Sincerely,

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Rosemarie Powell,
Executive Director