

COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND SUPPORTS

2023-24 Annual Report

"Making Community Benefits and Supports Happen"

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June 27 - Public Session of the Board

2023-24 COMMUNITY BENEFITS & SUPPORTS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Community Benefits and Supports Stakeholder Progress Tour, Sept 2023



Partnering with Indigenous business, Kayanase Greenhouse



Scarborough Subway Extension Vendor Day, March 2024

In 2023-24, a key focus of our activities in the Community Benefits & Support Program involved engaging with our key stakeholders and partners and educating them on our enhanced program, building off the successes on the Light Rail Transit Projects.



Ontario Line Job Fair, January 2024

Vendor Day 2024

MetroLinx and Scarborough Transit Connect invite you to Vendor Day for the Scarborough Subway Extension project on March 5th, 2024 at Centennial College.

This is a great opportunity to learn about future procurement needs for the project and meet the procurement and construction teams working on it.

- Tuesday March 5th, 2024
- 8:00am - 4:30pm
- Centennial College - Event Centre Building
- Fall / Winter Room, 8th floor
- 941 Progress Avenue, Scarborough

Scarborough Subway Extension Vendor Day Communications



Community Benefits and Supports Presentation at CPG Vendor Forum, Jan 2024

MAKING COMMUNITY BENEFITS & SUPPORTS HAPPEN - KEY EXAMPLES



The **2023-24 Community Benefits and Supports Annual Report** will be publicly released shortly after the Board meeting



PILLAR 1 - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lovleen Sarah, apprentice, Hazel McCallion LRT

Lovleen Sarah is a 3rd term Carpenter's Apprentice with Local 27 who worked on the Hazel McCallion LRT project. She now works for a panel installation services company and is progressing towards her Red Seal certification:

"I discovered my passion for carpentry while I was taking a workshop course in high school. I enrolled in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, joined Local 27 after graduation, and eventually got assigned to the Operations Maintenance Storage Facility for the Hazel McCallion LRT.



PILLAR 2 - LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORTS

ECLRT - MARKETING SUPPORT FOR BIAs

In partnership with its constructor, Crosslinx Transit Solutions (CTS), Metrolinx executed a pilot partnership with marketing agency Dastronaut, which provides all-in-one marketing support for BIAs. This pilot was dedicated to Eglinton Avenue BIAs to encourage patrons to return to Eglinton now that the construction has been completed. In addition to dedicated BIA support, the pilot also included a broader campaign to communicate that Eglinton Avenue has re-opened.



PILLAR 3 - PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS

Ontario Line Lakeshore East Joint Corridor Design Competition



Metrolinx ran a two-stage competition to solicit design concepts for a series of community-guided public realm enhancements along the Lakeshore East-Ontario Line joint corridor. A panel comprised of Metrolinx and City of Toronto staff, as well as community and BIA representatives, selected the winning design. One of these enhancements includes the redevelopment of four park spaces in the area; when the Ontario Line is complete, Jimmie Simpson Park, Bruce Mackey Park, McCleary Playground and the Gerrard-Carlaw Parkette - will be all be larger, with nearly 2,600 square metres of added green space lining these parks.

2023-24 COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND SUPPORTS PROGRAM RESULTS

PILLAR 1: EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Promote apprenticeship training and workforce development opportunities for local communities and equity deserving groups

28.8%
of new hires identifying as women

45.8%
of new hires from BIPOC communities

74
Apprentices hired

PILLAR 2: LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORTS

Build and foster relationships with local businesses to minimize and alleviate business disruptions & reduce the economic impacts as a result of construction

\$30M
in local business spending

\$5.7M
in social enterprise spending

115
Construction Liaison Committee meetings

PILLAR 3: PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS

Find ways to leave the surroundings in an improved state when construction of the project creates temporary disruptions.

148
improvements logged



\$127.7M
Estimated in local access & accessibility improvements

\$173.2M
Estimated in active transportation improvements

PILLAR 4: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT SUPPORTS

Work with communities as a connector to the right decision-makers to make improvements to public spaces surrounding transit project construction, where no funding is available.

\$5.6M
Estimated value of improvement supports

Note

- Data for Pillars 1 and 2 reflects LRT and Subways program only. Projects in the subway program are in early stages of implementation with limited reporting data available in 2023-24.
- The estimated value of Pillar 3 and 4 improvements is approximate and subject to change based on variations in project scope, complexity and cost.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO DELIVER COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND SUPPORTS



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Stay Safe with Thomas Book Reading School Presentation - Feb 2024

We will continue to build sustained engagement and partnership with our stakeholders & partners - MTO, local Community Benefits Networks, municipalities, local business and social enterprises and contractors



West Toronto Rail Path Clean Up - CleanToronto, April 2024



Transit in Your Community Presentation - March 2023



Exhibition GO Pop-Up - June 2023

