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2026 Partnership Deck

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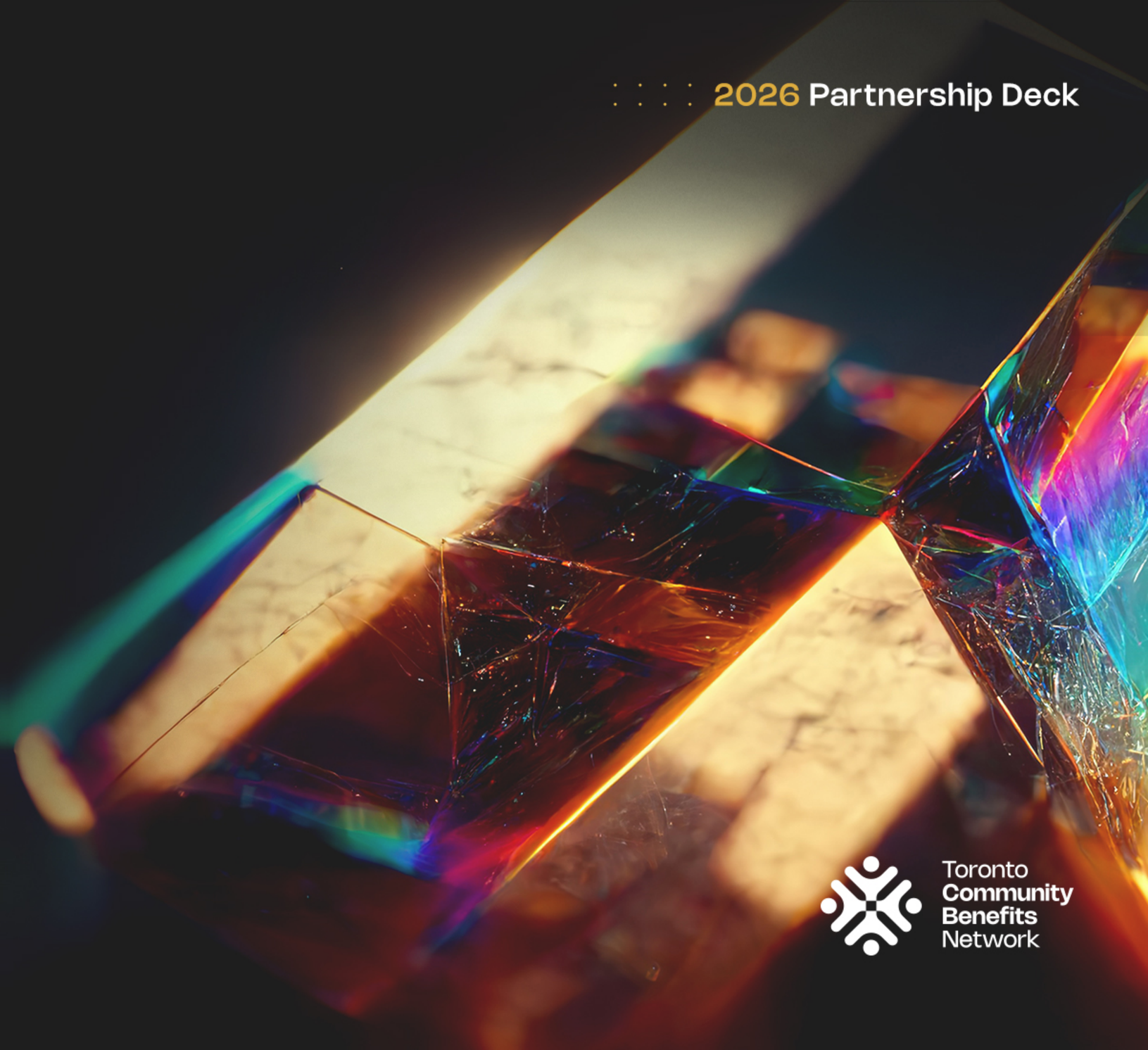
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MAY 20-21, 2026

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Toronto Community Benefits Network

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to live in a better one.

Majora Carter



The Toronto Community Benefits Network (TCBN) proudly present the Canadian Building Diversity Awards.

This year, we're doubling our impact by building awareness for community benefits standards and best practices nationally to foster innovation in the construction industry and growth and economic inclusion within diverse communities across Canada.

Rosemarie Powell
Toronto Community Benefits Network
Executive Director



BUILDING DIVERSITY AWARDS

TCBN's annual Canadian Building Diversity Awards recognizes excellence in diversity, equity, inclusion, and reconciliation within the construction industry.

With a network encompassing over **120 member organizations and unions,** TCBN's reach extends throughout North America and engages over **30,000 supporters across Canada.** BDA serves as a fundraiser for initiatives like NexGen Builders, which enables TCBN to create thousands of jobs in construction, fostering community growth and empowerment.

Some of Our Industry Partners & Sponsors

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NOMINATIONS OPEN

4 Award Categories

Celebrate excellence, leadership, and impact. This year's Building Diversity Awards highlight four categories honouring those who break barriers, champion inclusion, and drive meaningful change in our industry.

Community Benefits

Honoring individuals and projects advancing community benefits in construction, positively impacting equity deserving groups. Categories include Coalition, Projects, and Champion.

NexGen Builders

Honors individuals and employers in construction for mentorship and supporting diverse workers. Categories include Mentee, Mentor, and Employer.

Leading on Diversity

Awarding entities ensuring underrepresented groups access good jobs and economic opportunities in construction. Categories include Community, Labour and Industry

Diverse Contractor to Watch

Presented by the Afro Canadian Contractors Association, this award recognizes emerging minority-owned contractors excelling in the sector.

Speaker Hall of Fame

Canadian Building Diversity Awards welcomes the pinnacle of industry leaders, visionaries, and catalysts, whose trailblazing insights propel us towards a more sustainable and equitable future.



Sebastian Clovis
Host
Gut Job (HGTV)



Ehren Cory
Chief Executive Officer
Canada Infrastructure Bank



Deborah Ale Flint
President & CEO
Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA)



Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario



Marilyn Horrick
Senior Vice President
Desjardins Group



Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development of Canada



Patricia Jaggernauth
Emmy® Award Winner
Speaker • Influencer



Karla Avis-Birch
Principal,
Major Rail Projects Leader
Arup



Deryl McKissack
President, CEO
McKissack & McKissack



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Chief Executive Officer
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Chief Executive Officer
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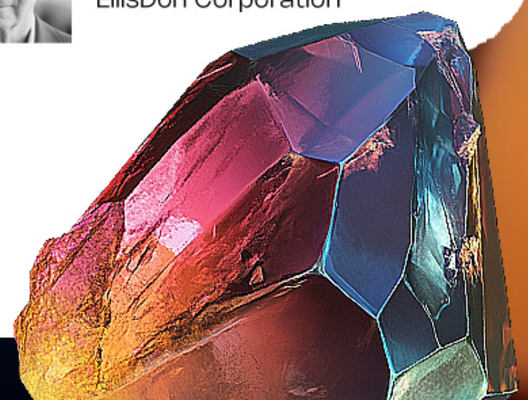
Nathan Downer
Canadian Television Journalist
CTV News



Damar Walker
Airbus A320 Captain
Air Canada



Charmaine Williams
Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity of Ontario




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Executives and business leaders
from various industries.


Olivia Chow
Mayor of Toronto


Local and international entertainment.



Conceptual Social Media Post

Stand Among Leaders Shaping the Future of Construction on a National Stage.

We invite you to participate in the 2026 Building Diversity Awards, a prestigious event celebrating leadership, innovation, and diversity in construction. Your involvement will position your brand alongside international leaders and policymakers, showcasing your leadership and commitment to progress and inclusion.

As a speaker, panelist, or award presenter, you'll have the unique opportunity to engage with policymakers, industry executives, and innovators shaping the future. We would be delighted to discuss how you can be part of meaningful conversations that will resonate across Canada and beyond.

PARTNERSHIP IDEAS

Panel Discussion Participants

Workshops or Masterclasses

Award Presenters or Hosts

Special Networking Sessions

Spotlight on Innovation

Mentorship Opportunities

Interactive Q&A or Fireside Chat

Showcase Your Projects

Messaging & Content Partner

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Join Us in Building a Night to Remember.

We would be delighted to discuss how your support can elevate this prestigious event, leaving a lasting impression that resonates across Canada and beyond.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Title Sponsor All entertainment expenses.	**$200K to $350K**
Headline Sponsor Covers the costs of the headlining performer.	**$100K to $200K**
Presenting Sponsor The sponsor is credited as presenting the event.	**$100K+**

Sponsorship Opportunities

We collaborate closely with our sponsors to craft tailor-made experiences highlighting their commitment to building a sustainable future. All proceeds from the Building Diversity Awards support the **NexGen Builders program.**

Presenting Sponsor	$100,000+	Media Sponsor	$15,000
Platinum Sponsor	$50,000+	Networking Sponsor	$10,000
Culture and Entertainment Sponsor	$45,000	Activation Sponsor	$7,500
Diamond Sponsor	$35,000	Drink Sponsor	$7,500
Gold Sponsor	$25,000	Support Sponsor	$5,000
Awards Sponsor	$15,000		

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship Types

- Presenting Sponsor
- Platinum Sponsor
- Culture & Entertainment
- Diamond Sponsor
- Gold Sponsor
- Awards Sponsor
- Networking Sponsor
- Media Sponsor
- Activation Sponsor
- Drink Sponsor
- Support Sponsor

These details reflect our high level sponsorship opportunties. Additional opportunities to collaborate with influencers and create bespoke activations are available.

Presentations & Introductions

- Award Presenter
- Speaker Introduction
- Entertainment Introduction

Audio / Visual

- Video Presentations
- Logo Rotation
- Lower Thirds
- Introduction Screens

Attendance & Seating

- VIP/ Sponsors Lounge
- Table of 10

Multi-Event Branding

- Build Green Symposium
- Community Benefits Summit
- DEI Education Series

Advertising

- Digital Advertising
- BDA Website

Vendor Market Place

- Physical Branded Space
- Direct Access to Attendees
- Brand Exposure Before, During & After the Event

Brand Exposure

- Media Coverage
- Social Media Content
- Email Newsletter (20K+ Subscribers)

Print & Decor

- Step-n-Repeat
- Main Stage Videos & Commercials
- Program Booklet
- Program Booklet | Full Page Ad
- Program Booklet | Half Page Ad
- Program Booklet | Quarter Page Ad
- Program Booklet | 3 Quarter Page Ad
- General Signage & Packaging
- Badges & Landyards

EARLY BIRD TICKET SALES ENDS
FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Secure your tickets now and be part of Canada's premier celebration of equity, inclusion, and leadership in construction.

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE
APRIL 17, 2026

Submit your nomination today and help honour those shaping a more inclusive industry.

YOUTH COMMUNITY BENEFITS SUMMIT
MAY 20, 2026

Join us for an inspiring gathering where young leaders explore pathways to careers, community impact, and inclusive economic opportunities.

AWARDS GALA
MAY 21, 2026

Celebrate leadership and excellence in diversity, equity, inclusion,the Enjoy drinks, followed by a three course meal complete with an unprecedented experience.

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TIMELINE

Building a sustainable future through education, mentorship, and change.

TCBN’s programs and services build the skills and capacity of apprentices and construction companies, empowering them to create a stronger, more inclusive industry and drive economic growth.

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