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The Toronto Community Benefits Network calls for nominations for the 5th Annual Canadian Building Diversity Awards

Monday, April 14, 2025 Deadline

<https://buildingdiversity.ca/nominate/>

Toronto, Ontario (March 17, 2025) For Immediate Release: Nominations are now open for The Toronto Community Benefits Network's (TCBN) 5th Annual Canadian Building Diversity Awards. The Canadian Building Diversity Awards celebrates industry leaders championing diversity in construction across Canada. This year's awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at the Great Canadian Casino Resort Toronto located at the former home of Woodbine Racetrack in Etobicoke, Ontario. The casino resort was a major construction project that local BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) trades workers were an essential part of thanks to TCBN fostering partnerships with the construction community.



2024 Canadian Building Diversity Awards Co-Hosts Sebastian Clovis and Patricia Jaggernauth on stage with prize giveaway participants at The Toronto Community Benefits Network's annual awards event. Photo Credit: Artist Touch Productions



**Rosemarie Powell, Executive Director,
Toronto Community Benefits Network**
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"The Canadian Building Diversity Awards stands as Canada's premier event recognizing industry leaders shaping the future of work through their unwavering commitment to diversity, excellence, and innovation," says Rosemarie Powell, Executive Director, Toronto Community Benefits Network. "This growing movement reflects a deep understanding of the economic power unlocked when we embrace the possibilities and welcome all voices to drive transformative change, and business growth that best serve the communities from which we derive value. TCBN and our partners are honoured to celebrate these trailblazers."

To nominate an individual or organization for the 2025 Canadian Building Diversity Awards, visit <https://buildingdiversity.ca/nominate/> and select the desired award category and complete the online nomination form by Monday, April 14, 2025. Nominations are welcome from anywhere in Canada.

Building Diversity award categories include: Owner/Client/Developer, Contractor, Union, Mentee, Mentor, Employer, Champion, Coalition, Project and Diverse Contractor to Watch. Detailed criteria for each category can be found at <https://buildingdiversity.ca/nominate/>. The Nominations Committee will review and shortlist the strongest candidates in each category to submit to Selection Panels comprised of community, labour and industry leaders who recognize systems change in progress.

Desjardins, the largest financial cooperative in North America, is the presenting sponsor for 2025's Building Diversity Awards. Desjardins has 7.8 million members and clients, 55,290 employees and 2,313 elected directors. Women in Governance awarded the prestigious Platinum level of the Parity Certification to Desjardins, recognizing its commitment to achieving equal representation of women at every level of the organization.

"Diversity and inclusion cut across every sector and every region. We need leaders who champion these values and promote the positive impact that Benefits Agreements have in our communities. Through its advocacy and commitment, the Toronto Community Benefits Network is a voice of influence driving meaningful impact around diversity, equity, inclusion, and reconciliation across the country," says Marilyn Horrick, Senior Vice President, Market Growth, Brand Expansion, and Partner Relations, Outside Quebec, Desjardins, Group. "The TCBN's Building Diversity Awards shine a light on nominees who have advanced exceptional diversity programs fostering innovation and inclusivity in the Canadian construction industry. Desjardins is proud to be a partner in this journey."

The Building Diversity Awards is the premier event celebrating diversity, equity, and inclusion across Canada. This 5th annual celebration will be graced with breathtaking performances by top Canadian artists and heartfelt presentations from industry leaders. The theme for this year's awards is "Embracing the Possibilities". This theme honours the visionaries and innovators pushing boundaries in the construction industry.



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