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HGTV Personality Sebastian Clovis to Host 2026 Building Diversity Awards at Toronto's Great Canadian Casino Resort.

Toronto, Ontario (March 24, 2026) - For Immediate Release: As Canada's construction industry continues to evolve, leaders from across the country will come together this spring for the **6th Annual Building Diversity Awards (BDA)** a national event recognizing those driving progress, strengthening the workforce, and shaping the future of the industry.

Taking place on **Thursday, May 21, 2026**, at the **Great Canadian Casino Resort Toronto**, the awards will bring together industry, labour, and community leaders for an evening of recognition, connection, and celebration.

This year's event will be hosted by **Sebastian Clovis**, one of Canada's most recognizable renovation and television personalities. Known for his work on hit HGTV Canada series including *Save My Reno*, *Tackle My Reno*, *Home to Win*, and *Family Home Overhaul*, Clovis has become a trusted voice in home transformation and construction. He is also a regular expert contributor on *The Marilyn Denis Show* and *The Good Stuff with Mary Berg*, and currently stars in the lifestyle renovation series *Gut Job*, offering audiences an inside look at the realities behind complex home transformations.

The evening will also feature keynote remarks from **Perdita Felicien**, Olympic athlete, World Champion hurdler, and one of Canada's most respected broadcasters and authors, bringing a powerful perspective on performance, perseverance, and leadership.

"At a time when the industry is evolving rapidly, the organizations that are building talent, creating opportunity, and strengthening collaboration are the ones driving real progress," said **Rosemarie Powell, Executive Director of the Toronto Community Benefits Network (TCBN)**. "The Building Diversity Awards shine a spotlight on those leaders and the impact they are making across communities and the economy."

The 2026 awards will be held at the **Great Canadian Casino Resort Toronto**, one of the country's newest and most dynamic entertainment destinations, providing a premier backdrop for an unforgettable evening that blends celebration, networking, and industry recognition.

As momentum continues to build, the Building Diversity Awards are attracting leaders and organizations from across Canada's construction ecosystem bringing together decision-makers, innovators, and emerging talent under one roof. For example, support for this year's event includes Arup, a global engineering and design firm.

“At Arup, we believe diversity and inclusion are essential to building stronger, more resilient communities, and sponsoring the Building Diversity Awards reflects our commitment to equity, inclusion, and the sustainable development of the places we serve.” **says Karla Avis-Birch, Principal | Major Rail Projects Leader at Arup** “We're proud to support an initiative that advances diverse talent pipelines across the infrastructure sector while strengthening collaboration between industry leaders, project partners, and members of the community.”

Nominations are now open to individuals and organizations across Canada. Submissions can be made online by **Friday, April 17, 2026**: <https://buildingdiversity.ca/nominate>

About the Building Diversity Awards

The Building Diversity Awards is a national platform that recognizes leadership and innovation across Canada's construction sector. The awards highlight organizations and individuals who are expanding opportunity, advancing workforce development, and contributing to stronger communities.

The 2026 theme, “**Rise. Build. Belong.**”, reflects a shared commitment to empowering individuals, strengthening teams, and building a future where opportunity is accessible to all.

For more information on Toronto Community Benefits Network and Canadian Building Diversity Awards visit: <https://www.communitybenefits.ca> and <https://buildingdiversity.ca>

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