

# Toronto Community Benefits Network Announces the Winners of the Canadian Building Diversity Awards (BDA)

*National Awards Championing Diversity in the Canadian Construction Industry Celebrates 16 organizations and individuals across the country*

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*Rosemarie Powell, Executive Director, TCBN*

Network (TCBN) announces the winners of the annual Building Diversity Awards (BDA), an awards ceremony and fundraising gala celebrating visionary leaders and organizations championing diversity, equity and inclusion in Canada’s construction industry. This year’s Building Diversity Awards competition, saw submissions from across the country, and culminated in an inspiring evening gala hosted by media personalities Sebastian Clovis and Patricia Jaggernauth at the Meridian Arts Centre in Toronto, ON.

Established by TCBN in partnership with its community, labour, and industry partners, and presented by Desjardins

Group, the BDA acknowledges the importance of championing diversity and leveraging local talent, to build the construction industry. Nominations were assessed based on the Global Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Benchmarks: Standards for Organizations Around the World, which ensured a comprehensive and fair evaluation of nominees' contributions towards diversity, equity and inclusion.

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Rosemarie Powell, Executive Director, TCBN

See the full list of award recipients below:

Leading on Diversity Award: Owner / Client / Developer

The Daniels Corporation

Leading on Diversity Award: Contractor  
NCC Investment Group Inc.

Leading on Diversity Award: Union  
The Canadian District of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBCIA)

NexGen Builders Award: Mentor  
Bubba Qwulshemut

NexGen Builders Award: Mentee  
Nikki Muswaggon

NexGen Builders Award: Employer  
Purpose Construction

Community Benefits Award: Champion  
Brenda Ireland

Community Benefits Award: Coalition  
Trades NL: Building Trades of Newfoundland and Labrador

Community Benefits Award: Project  
Rexdale-Casino Woodbine Community Benefits Agreement

Contractor to Watch Award  
Keyz To Your Home Renovations

Contractor to Watch Award: Ontario  
Fastwel Contractors Inc.

Contractor to Watch Award: Quebec  
Retrofit Construction

Contractor to Watch: Nova Scotia  
Carvery's Construction Ltd

Community Benefits Award: Lifetime Achievement  
Clifton Donegal  
David Lepage  
Jane Wilson

Key sponsors such as Aecon, Carpenters Union, Deloitte, EllisDon, working alongside other generous partners, are instrumental in advancing our mission towards a more inclusive construction sector. Key among them are Toronto and York Region Labour Council, the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario and Canada's Building Trades Unions as well as the Afro Canadian Contractors Association, BuildForce Canada, RESCON and ULI Toronto.

About BDA and TCBN:

Toronto Community Benefits Network (TCBN) spearheads BDA to champion diversity, equity, inclusion, and reconciliation within Canada's construction industry. With a network spanning over 120 organisations across the Greater Toronto Area and engaging more than 20,000 supporters nationwide, TCBN is a pivotal force in inclusive job creation, sustainable development, and community empowerment. BDA also serves as an essential fundraiser for initiatives like the NexGen Builders, which generate significant construction job opportunities and career advancements for minorities, women, and newcomers.

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