

# Ottawa Community Benefits Network (OCBN) Fact Sheet

## About The OCBN:

Founded in 2019, the [OCBN](#) is a network of more than 30 member organizations whose mission is to apply **Community Benefits Agreements** to public and private developments in Ottawa which will help build inclusive, equitable, diverse, healthy and sustainable communities. The OCBN represents a broad range of community voices and sectors including affordable housing and homelessness, organized labour, Ottawa's Indigenous citizens, social enterprises and procurement, health services, recreation, accessibility and sustainable energy. The OCBN is funded by the Community Foundation of Ottawa, United Way Ontario East, the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario and its members.

## About Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs):

A CBA is an agreement typically involving community coalitions, developers and governments at all levels, intended to achieve a broad range of socio-economic outcomes from infrastructure and building projects.

## The Case for CBAs

CBAs are the most effective mechanism to:

- generate multiples of socio-economic benefits from each dollar of construction and facility operational spending and
- ensure a meaningful community-driven, inclusive, collaborative, and accountable process

CBAs work! In North America there are over 400 CBA's in place or being negotiated. Benefits streams are being generated in the following areas: i) work force development, ii) local hiring for decent jobs, iii) social procurement, iv) affordable housing and v) community amenities. CBAs work for land sale, lease, public private partnerships (P3s), and own-build development models.

## CBAs in Canada

- Federal Government Windsor-Detroit Gordie Howe Bridge Project
- Federal Government community benefits requirements for new GTA & Hamilton transit infrastructure
- City of Toronto CBA program framework
- City of Vancouver CBA policy- several CBAs in the pipeline
- Metrolinx CBA leading to community benefit outcomes from the Eglinton and Finch West LRT projects
- Toronto Rexdale Casino Woodbine CBA
- Toronto Regent Park Phases 3 and 4 CBA under development.

## CBAs in Ottawa

- City Council approved MOU (April 2022) between City of Ottawa and Manor Park Estates to include a CBA for the Manor Park community
- CBA between OCBN and Ottawa Community Housing Corporation (November 2022).

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## CBA Opportunities in Ottawa

- City of Ottawa CBA Policy
- LeBreton Flats (Building LeBreton)
- Ādisōke Library (Joint Facilities) Project
- Confederation Heights
- Tunney's Pasture
- Civic Hospital Campus
- LRT Phases 3 and 4.

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