



# Niagara Community Benefits Network Statement of Goals and Principles

The Niagara Community Benefits Network (NCBN) is a coalition of citizens and community-based organizations with the mission of building a strong Niagara Region through social procurement and Community Benefits Agreements. We aim to:

- achieve equitable development that provides the greatest benefit to all
- leverage public and private investments in communities to create decent work, affordable housing, and social infrastructure that improves the quality of life for all community members
- insist that true economic profitability must include investment in the community we all need.

The NCBN's goals are to:

- Advocate for and achieve Community Benefits Agreements for development in the Niagara region.
- Advocate for and achieve social procurement policies for municipalities in the Niagara region.
- Increase awareness and education across Niagara communities, local organizations, citizens, institutions and the private sector of the CBA movement and social procurement.
- Serve its members through strong governance, accountability, and adherence to its principles.

The NCBN's guiding principles are to:

- Bring together multiple community voices and sectors;
- Work with and listen to grassroots community voices in the spirit of collaboration and inclusiveness;

- Build long term relationships and partnerships;
- Utilize a flexible and adaptable approach, recognizing opportunity in both the short and long term;
- Ensure that benefits from public and private developments are shared equitably to build community health and wealth;
- Ensure that our platform advocates for Indigenous communities to benefit from public and private developments in Niagara;
- Ensure that our platform advocates for all equity-deserving communities to benefit from public and private developments in Niagara;
- Be bold and innovative in finding solutions through a CBA lens;
- Maximize environmental sustainability in public and private construction and infrastructure developments.

## Membership in NCBN

### Members of NCBN:

- Are individuals or organizations who support the mission of NCBN;
- Are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and any other general meetings of membership called throughout the year;
- Are listed on the NCBN website (in the case of organizations);
- Receive NCBN's email newsletter;
- Assist in our work by **any** of the following:
  - Lending their organization's name and reputation to our cause
  - Offering individual volunteer efforts
  - Making a financial contribution