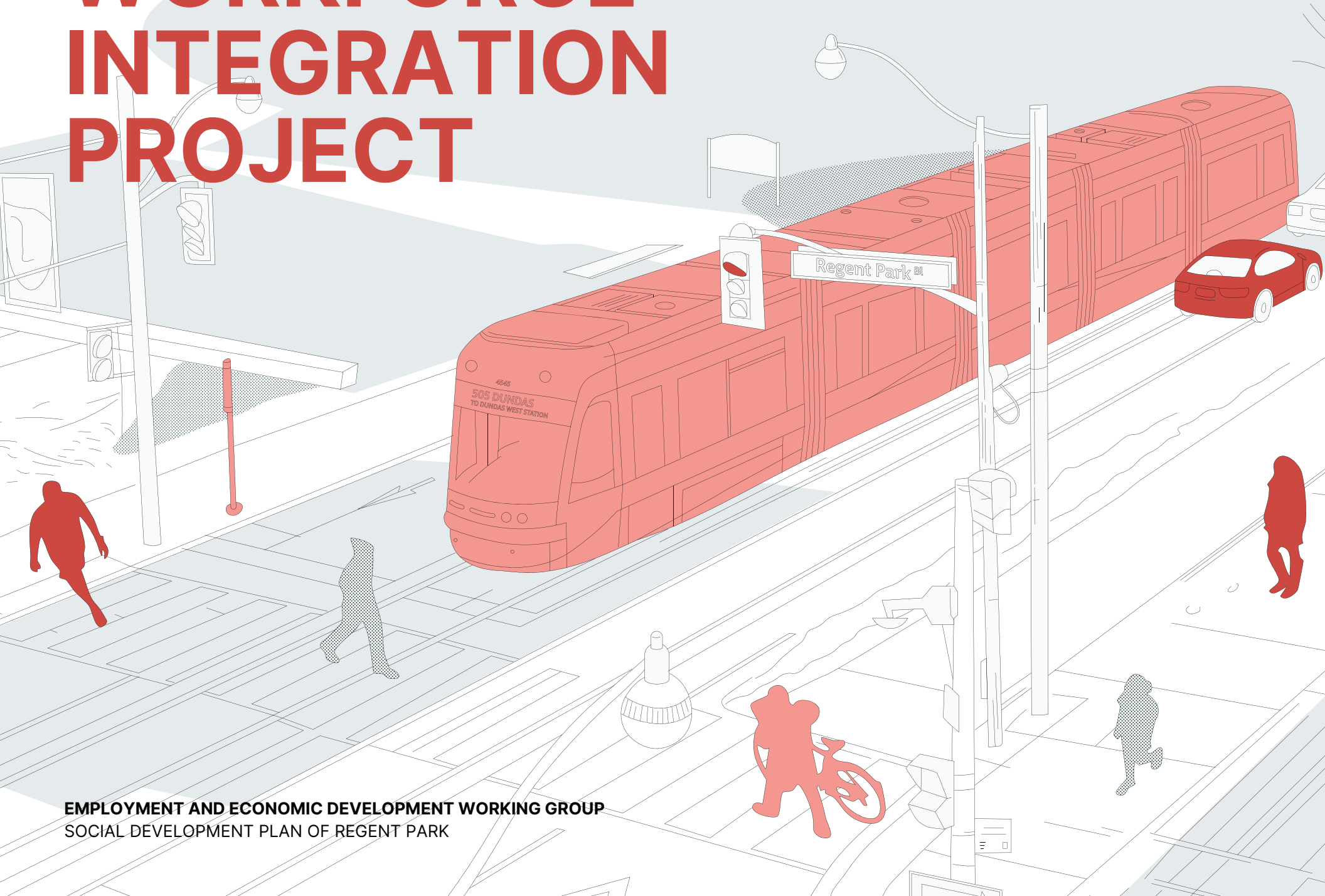


WORKFORCE INTEGRATION PROJECT

DEC 2024-MARCH 2026 REPORT



EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF REGENT PARK

Overview

The Workforce Integration Project establishes a sustainable, community-driven employment model that improves economic outcomes and strengthens the local employment ecosystem, supporting long-term stability in low-income communities.

The project connected residents to employment partners by coordinating services, aligning partnerships, and leveraging neighbourhood supports to reduce gaps and improve transitions.

The Workforce Integration Project is funded through the Employment and Economic Development Working Group, which focuses on increasing sustainable employment rates for local residents.

EED holds biweekly meetings with its partners and engages with the community through events and workshops. It also hosts a quarterly community meeting.



By the Numbers

10
employed

127
qualified job
seekers engaged

232
event attendees

26
receiving
employment
supports

22
partners

380 total registrants

6 community-wide events



Partners in Collaboration

Employer Partners

George Brown College (GBC) \ GBC Fashion Exchange \ RBC \ Scotiabank \ Shoppers Drug Mart \ The Toronto Birth Centre \ Visions of Science

Employment Service Partners

Dixon Hall \ Fred Victor \ JOBS4U \ TNG Community Services \ Yonge Street Mission

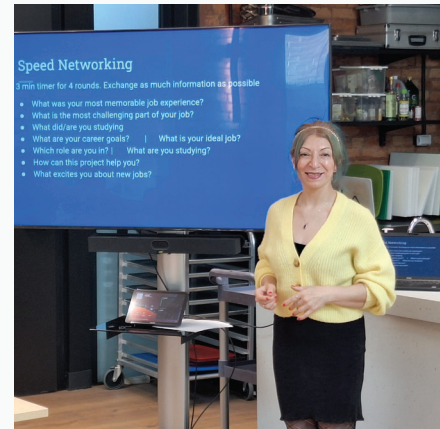
Other Organizational Partners

Daniels \ Toronto Community Housing (TCH) \ Tridel

Event

Youth Social

The Youth Social was a pilot event designed for young people, providing an opportunity to connect them with training, employment supports, and job opportunities, while addressing unemployment challenges within this demographic.



Event

July 2025 Regent Park Connect

Regent Park Connect was an Employment and Economic Development (EED) information session designed to connect local residents with job opportunities within their community.



Event

December 2025 Regent Park Connect

Regent Park Connect was an Employment and Economic Development (EED) information session designed to connect local residents with job opportunities within their community.



Event

CPR Training Course

This one-day CPR training course was designed to provide free, accessible certification, a requirement for many jobs.



Event

February 2026 Regent Park Connect

Regent Park Connect was an Employment and Economic Development (EED) information session designed to connect local residents with job opportunities within their community.



Event

Job Training Fair

The Job Training Fair is a one-day event open to the broader community, offering support in resume feedback, interview preparation, elevator pitch practice, LinkedIn optimization and headshots, skills development opportunities, and connections to local training and employment opportunities within the neighbourhood.



Employer Outreach

Employer outreach took place on three occasions, involving canvassing local businesses in the neighbourhood alongside Fred Victor and resident leaders. The goal was to raise awareness of the project among businesses, highlight its focus on supporting Regent Park residents, and demonstrate how it can help meet local hiring needs.

Impact

The grant supported responsive, community-centred programming for vulnerable residents in Regent Park, prioritizing accessibility and trust. It engaged individuals facing systemic employment barriers, including newcomers, those experiencing long-term unemployment, and residents with limited digital access.

Strong collaboration with community partners enabled tailored, real-time supports, connecting participants to referrals, training, and job search assistance. Targeted outreach reached those often excluded from traditional services.

Participants reported increased confidence and awareness of resources. Strong stakeholder support and rising participation reflect growing trust and the project's potential for lasting community impact.

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