

# Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust

## PURPOSE

The Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust (PNLT) is a community-controlled charitable organization of residents and local agencies that seek to build a just, healthy, and inclusive neighbourhood. The PNLT will acquire and manage land under the unique community ownership model of a community Land Trust (CLT), promoting long-term community benefits, affordability, and enabling democratic local planning.

## VISION

The Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust envisions a neighbourhood in which all members of our community:

1. Have the ability to shape the development and stewardship of the land in the neighbourhood where they live and work;
2. Benefit from development that does not displace community members and that enhances social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being;
3. Have equitable accesses to affordable and adequate housing, inclusive economic opportunities, healthy food, community programs and social services, and green spaces;
4. Have the opportunity to contribute democratically and in a meaningful way to local municipal planning efforts, including major plans, programs and policies, as well as guide neighbourhood change through community-led participatory planning;
5. Can trust that community assets will be preserved and held together under community control;
6. Inspire the growth of a strong community land trust movement in neighbourhoods across Toronto, helping to create a socially just, environmentally sustainable, and economically democratic city.

## VALUES

1. Diversity: We believe that socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighbourhoods offer a higher quality of life for everyone.
2. Equitable development: We believe that low-income and other marginalized people should benefit from neighbourhood growth and development.
3. Land as a commons: We believe that the land is a common asset and heritage of past, current, and future generations. Land is a source for building shared wealth and should thus be stewarded by the community.
4. Collective action: We believe that through collective action community members can mobilize diverse experiences, resources, knowledge, and skills to achieve common goals.
5. Community engagement: Local communities are best served by effectively engaging residents and key stakeholders in the decisions affecting their community.
6. Community ownership of land: We believe that community ownership of land empowers communities, and balances the interests of individual users with that of the community as a whole.
7. Perpetual affordability: We believe that access to affordable land ensures long-term housing security, inclusive economic opportunities, and vital community programs and services for current and future generations.
8. Public education: We believe that democracy is a practice; community members must be given opportunities to learn about local planning in order to enhance their capacity to participate.
9. Transparent and representative governance: We believe that democratic community representation can only be achieved through governance that truly represents the diverse voices, needs and perspectives of the community, and that are open and transparent about all decisions made.