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COVID-19 Latest Updates from the City

Latest news releases and updates from the City of Toronto
<https://www.toronto.ca/health/covid-19/>



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Economic Support for Businesses

Find out Which COVID-19 Grants and Benefits Your Business is Eligible For

The Ontario Government introduced Covid-19 benefit programs for eligible small businesses in response to the Province's move to its [modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen](#). Including

additional federal and municipal support initiatives that can help businesses manage with the difficulties of temporary shutdown and capacity reduction. Please find below the links to important details about the business support programs available.



Ontario Small Business Relief Grant

Eligible small businesses with less than 100 employees who were required to close due to public health orders effective January 05, 2022 can apply to receive a \$10,000 grant.

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Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program

Eligible businesses can apply to receive a rebate of a portion of their property tax and energy costs incurred while closure and/or capacity restrictions were in place retroactive to December 19, 2021. Program applications will be available online starting January 18, 2022.

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Improving Cash Flows for Ontario Businesses

This initiative provides a six-month interest- and penalty-free period between January 1, 2022 and July 1, 2022 to help make payments for most provincially administered taxes.

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CaféTO Property Improvement Program

Eligible owners and tenants of commercial and industrial properties in Toronto can apply for a fund created to support upgrading the appearance and/or function of exterior spaces. The first round of applications will remain open until June 30, 2022.

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Commercial Space Rehabilitation Grant Program by City of Toronto

Only the owners and tenants of commercial properties that are currently vacant or at risk of vacancy can apply for up to 50% of the funds used for undertaking interior improvements at vacant or at-risk commercial properties. The first round of applications will be accepted until February 28, 2022.

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Extension of the CEBA Loan

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Extension of the CEBA Loan Forgiveness Repayment Deadline

The Federal Government announced that the repayment deadline for CEBA loans to qualify for partial loan forgiveness is being extended from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2023, for all eligible borrowers in good standing.

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Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program (HHBRP)

The Federal Government has announced regulatory changes to temporarily expand eligibility for wage and commercial rent support for businesses and other organizations under the Local Lockdown Program. The extension applies to the claim period between December 19, 2021, to February 12, 2022.

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Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit (CWLb)

The Federal Worker Lockdown Benefit program is open for applications. It gives temporary income support of \$300 a week to employed and self-employed people who cannot work due to a COVID-19 lockdown. Payments will be retroactive to December 19, 2021.

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Other Programs



Toronto Retail Acceleration Program

The City is accepting applications for the Retail Acceleration Program until March 31, 2022. The program provides retail businesses with access to retail training, advisory services, and mentoring opportunities, as well as a micro-grant of \$10,000.

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ShopHere Program by Digital Main Street

Digital Main Street's ShopHERE Program develops online stores for independent small businesses at no cost. Members of the Digital Main Street Squad also train small business owners on how to manage their day-to-day operations and market the stores.

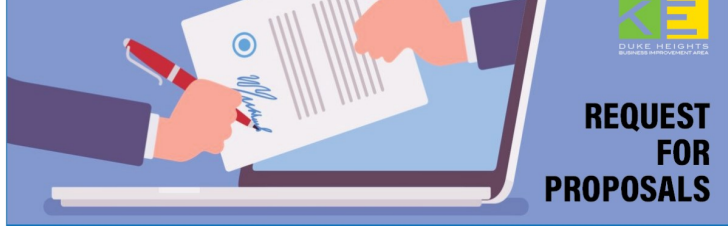
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Work with Us





Request for Proposals - Tree Inventory and Planting Opportunities on the Internal Streets of the BIA

We are seeking quotations from proponents to undertake a complete review and detailed site assessment of the existing tree inventory and compile a planting plan for additional trees on the BIA's internal streets.

The deadline for submission is Friday, February 25, 2022, at 4:00pm.

[Download the RFP Document](#)



Join us as a Volunteer Business Mentor

Are you an experienced business person? Are you passionate about driving business success?

Become a volunteer DUKE Heights Business Mentor and help guide the next generation of Entrepreneurs. Help us build a stronger and more successful business community.

See the links below to register and for more information.

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Councillor's Corner





Corner

James Pasternak
City Councillor
Ward 6 – York Centre



James Pasternak

Toronto City Councillor – Ward 6 York Centre

As we moved into this new year, we are hopeful about what it will bring. While we all have the thoughts of the pandemic on our minds, it is important to remember that we have proven ourselves to be resilient in the City of Toronto. My office and colleagues at City Council are looking to the future to see how we can best support our local businesses, organizations, and Business Improvement Areas. [...]

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Councillor's Corner

Anthony Perruzza
City Councillor
Ward 7 – Humber River-Black Creek



Anthony Perruzza

Toronto City Councillor – Ward 7

Humber River - Black Creek

As we start 2022, I want to share how important it is to get your booster shot as soon as possible. For the most up-to-date information on how and where to book, please visit covid19.ontariohealth.ca or call 1-833-943-3900. City-run clinics are easily accessible by transit and offer free parking. The clinic staff provide resources in multiple languages. [...]

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Photo of the Month





Keep Going, Move Forward

This window activation is beautifying one of our BIA's newly tenanted The Neighbourhood Group's community space, located at 1280 Finch Ave West (NW corner of Finch and Tangiers).

"Keep Going, Move Forward" was created by artists Yulia Tsoy: alfergani.com @al.fergani and Ksenia Tsoy: yulidesign.com in collaboration with the group of youth from the TNG community group, who came up with timely messaging amidst current challenging time: "Appreciate small things", "Keep trying, you got this", "You are not alone", "This too shall pass".

In collaboration with STEPS Public Art and part of the "No Vacancy" and the "I HeART Main Street" programs, this is one of the four vibrant placemaking projects that our BIA created in December 2021, by engaging with a group of multidisciplinary artists, in order to bring new energy to underutilized spaces in our community.

Looking forward to bringing more creative and vibrant activations in our BIA! Let us know if you are interested to learn more about this initiative and if you could also qualify for a unique art creation on your storefront window – send us an email at info@dukeheights.ca.



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