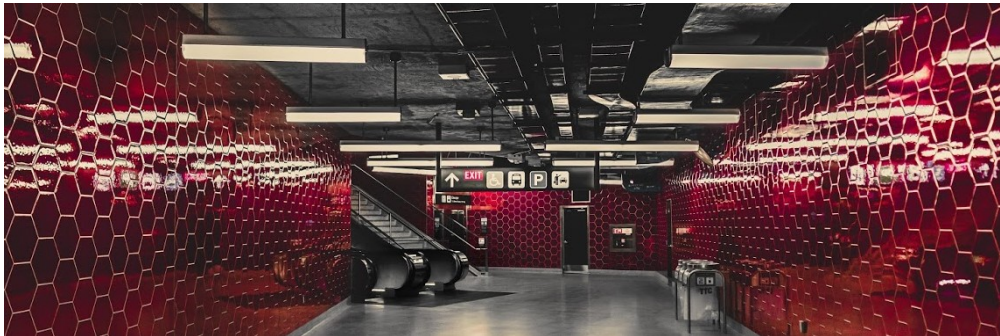




DUKE HEIGHTS BIA

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## 2023 Federal Budget Highlights



### LOWER CREDIT CARD FEES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The government has announced that they have reached an agreement with Visa and MasterCard to lower credit card fees by up to 27%. This reduction will help small businesses save \$1 billion over the next 5 years.

### PROMOTING GREEN TECHNOLOGIES

\$20B will be spent over six years for tax credits to promote investment in green technologies.



### GST REBATE FOR LOWER INCOME CANADIANS

Doubling of GST rebate to be extended for lower income Canadians, up to \$467 for a family.

### GROCERY REBATE

It will be a one-time payment up to \$153 per adult, \$81 per child and \$81 for the single supplement.



### EXPANDED DENTAL CARE

\$13B will be spent over five years to implement dental care plan for families earning less than \$90K.

### TAXING WEALTHY CANADIANS

The budget proposes legislative amendments to raise Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) from 15% to 20.5%. Proposed reforms would also significantly increase the income level necessary to pay the AMT.



### STANDARD CHARGING PORT

Government to explore implementing a standard charging port in Canada for phones, tablets, cameras, laptops and other electronic devices.

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City of Toronto

## What's Happening

**ShopDUKEHeights2Win:  
The Contest Begins on May 8, 2023**



Let the shopping spree begin in DUKE Heights before the summer hits! Your BIA is launching a brand new, exciting shopping contest to entice shoppers to visit and shop in the area with a series of exciting prizes to be won every week for 6 weeks from May 8 to June 18, 2023!

As for the contest rewards, both shoppers and businesses will have chances to win cash with every purchase of \$15 or more. The goal of the program is to inspire more shoppers from the surrounding community to buy regularly from our local businesses.

Sign-up is not required; as a member of the DUKE Heights BIA, you are automatically included. Stay tuned for a separate e-mail communication with the program details. The delivery of a contest promotion kit, including a poster, a tent card, and flyers, will also follow before the contest kick-off.

## New Service for Members

**List or Search Vacant Properties Free of Cost on  
the BIA Website**



DUKE Heights BIA property owners, management, and interested realtors can now list their vacant units and offices on the BIA website free of charge. Visit the [Move Here/Leasing Opportunities](#) page on our website to view the latest inventory of vacant properties along with available specifications, media, and contact information provided by each seller.

Interested in listing a vacant facility? Get in touch with us at [info@dukeheights.ca](mailto:info@dukeheights.ca).

[Learn More](#)

## Take the Survey & Win

**Final Weeks of the DUKE Survey  
We Want to Hear from You!**



**News Releases  
& Other  
Resources**

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

### Report a Pothole

Please notify the City of Toronto of any existing or potential hazard from road damage in or around your area via the [311 Toronto mobile app](#), online at [toronto.ca/311](https://toronto.ca/311), or by [calling 311](#).

## DUKE Perks

 **A DATE WITH BABY**  
3D / 4D Ultrasound Studio

**10 % OFF  
Regular-Priced  
Packages**

Present a business card from your local business and receive 10% off our in-stock used auto parts. For more local offers and specials, visit [dukeheights.ca/perks/](https://dukeheights.ca/perks/).



**20% Off Promo  
Code**

This offer is valid for individuals or businesses who would like to purchase our products through our website. For more local offers and specials, visit [dukeheights.ca/perks/](https://dukeheights.ca/perks/).



**A K O U T O**  
**Save 10% off of  
our managed  
Cyber Security  
solution**

As part of the Duke Heights BIA, we are pleased to offer our fellow members 10% off our managed security service. Contact us to learn

If you haven't already, kindly complete this brief survey and share your thoughts with us for the chance to receive a team prize of \$500 in cash. Also, one representative from each company that completes the survey will get a tote bag full of DUKE-branded merchandise.

Take the DUKE Heights Members Survey

Business Grant

Commercial Façade Improvement Grant  
Applications are Open until May 4, 2023



COMMERCIAL  
FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT  
GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **MAY 4, 2023**

The application window for the Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program will remain open until May 4, 2023, or until the funds last. 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 associated with commercial and industrial properties.

Learn More and Apply


Featured Services

Click on the thumbnails or the links below to sign up for FREE services exclusively offered to BIA members.

**Sign UP for FREE Security Services**

Mobile patrols, Alarm response, Parking enforcement, Safe walk program, Preventing illegal dumping and signage






**DUKE Heights Business Toolkit:**

BIA members can access FREE Tools, Guides, and Templates for various functional aspects.

**BIA-sponsored Billboard Ad:**

Advertise FREE of cost on an Outdoor Digital Billboard located at the NW corner of Dufferin Street and Finch Avenue West.



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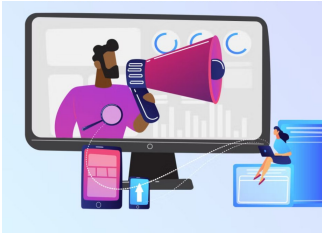
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**BIA-sponsored Digital Ad:**

Get free online and social media advertising for up to 4 weeks on any of the high-traffic channels- Google, Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn.

**Post a FREE Perk on the DUKE Heights website:**

Avail of your FREE Perk to promote your special discounts and promotions to other BIA members and their employees.



**Get your Business featured in the BIA newsletter and Social Media:**

Expand your digital footprint. Get in touch with us to have your business featured free of cost in the BIA publications.

# ReduceWasteTO



**Webinar for Businesses on April 17 at 1:30 PM**

On April 17th at 1:30 pm, the City of Toronto staff is going to hold an interactive webinar to explain the challenges involved in processing products labelled as compostable or biodegradable as well as recycling expanded polystyrene foam and black plastic containers. Participants will also get access to the City's official Guide on food service industry product alternatives guide. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

**Participate in the Reducing Single-Use Program**

The City is also inviting businesses to sign up to participate in the RSU program. The program aims to help businesses move away from disposable and single-use items and reduce their use of single-use and takeaway items. These include straws, utensils, cups, bags, foam, and black plastic containers. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

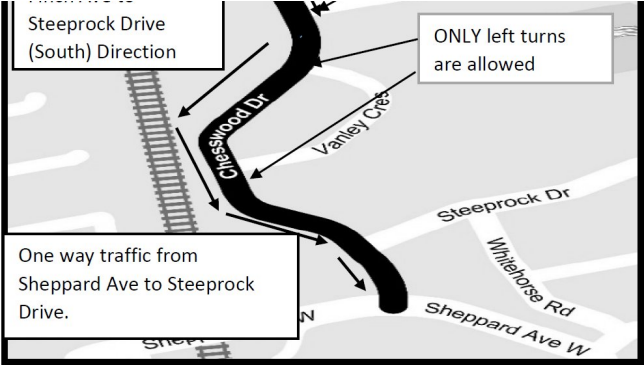
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# Construction Notice

**Resurfacing Chesswood Drive from Finch Avenue West to Sheppard Avenue West**







Check out the new construction notice from the City of Toronto regarding their latest work schedule for resurfacing Chesswood Drive from Finch Avenue West to Sheppard Avenue West. This project will implement new and enhanced pedestrian crossings, boulevards, raised cycle tracks, new traffic lights, wider roads for heavy vehicles, and landscaping. The project is scheduled to continue from April until November 2023.

[Read the Notice](#)

## Featured Member


### 5 Reasons Why You Must Visit Sunnyside Grill



Sunnyside Grill is an award-winning restaurant located in DUKE Heights. It offers an extensive menu of delicious breakfast dishes, from omelets and pancakes to French toast and egg sandwiches. The restaurant also serves all-day breakfast items as well as a full menu of lunch items including their famous burger and specialties. The food is cooked fresh every day with quality ingredients.[...](#)

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## Councillor's Corner




**JAMES PASTERNAK**  
CITY COUNCILLOR  
WARD 6 - YORK CENTRE

### James Pasternak Toronto City Councillor – Ward 6 York Centre

I hope everyone is doing well. I wanted to alert you that the 1000 Finch Avenue West courthouse is scheduled to close as part of a long-term provincial plan to consolidate neighbourhood courts into a new \$950 million mega courthouse in downtown Toronto. I have been working with my colleagues at City Hall and the Crown Attorneys Association of Ontario to vigorously fight this closure. [...](#)

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ANTHONY PERRUZZA

CITY COUNCILLOR

WARD 7 - HUMBER RIVER—BLACK CREEK


Anthony Perruzza

Toronto City Councillor – Ward 7 Humber River—Black Creek

Spring is here, which means that it's time for spring cleaning! My team has put together a newly revised Solid Waste Collection Schedule for houses. Extra copies are handy for pickup at my Constituency Office; you can stick yours to your fridge or bulletin board! The City of Toronto's Waste Wizard/TOWaste app is also available for you to download on your smartphone or tablet for additional details at [toronto.ca/wasteapp](https://toronto.ca/wasteapp).

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Events & Webinars



When An Employee Is Separating From The Employer: Webinar By Service Canada


April 13, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.


[Register \(Free\)](#)

Maximizing Your Business: How To Manage Your Cash -Webinar By Enterprise Toronto

April 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

[Register \(Free\)](#)





The Trauma-Informed Entrepreneur: Resourcing Yourself to Serve Your Clients - Webinar by Enterprise Toronto


April 18, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

[Register \(Free\)](#)

Marketing Essentials For Small Business 101 -Webinar By Enterprise Toronto

April 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

[Register \(Free\)](#)





Cyber Resilience: What To Do When Your Small Business Is Under Attack -Webinar By Enterprise Toronto


April 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.


[Register \(Free\)](#)

WSIB: Laws & Regulations For Small Businesses

April 21, 2023, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

[Register \(Free\)](#)





How To Do Business With The Government Of Canada: Webinar By Procurement Assistance Canada (PAC)


April 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

[Register \(Free\)](#)

How to Do Business with the Province of Ontario- Webinar by Enterprise Toronto

April 25, 2023, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

[Register \(Free\)](#)





Business Planning For Small Business:



**Webinar By Enterprise Toronto**

April 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

[Register \(Free\)](#)

**Staying Secure Online: E-Commerce & Cyber-Security Awareness -Webinar By Enterprise Toronto**

April 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

[Register \(Free\)](#)



**The Importance of Paid Advertising in a Digital Space- Webinar By Digital Main Street**

May 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

[Register \(Free\)](#)



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