

## Small Business Support



### Circular Food Innovators Fund is Now Accepting Applications: Deadline February 27, 2024

The City of Toronto has introduced the Circular Food Innovators Fund to support local small businesses, both for-profit and not-for-profit, with grant funding ranging from \$5,000 to \$35,000 to implement or expand reuse systems by incorporating the use of reusable food service ware. Projects must introduce new or enhance existing reuse systems for food or beverage takeaway or delivery.

A maximum of \$250,000 of total grant funding is available. The Fund will be accepting applications until February 27, 2024.

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New Federal Investment to Support Small Businesses and Communities in

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Southern Ontario



## FedDev Ontario Commits \$15 Million for Southern Ontario's Local Economies

The Government of Canada announced a \$15-million investment for the Canadian Urban Institute's My Main Street initiative, aiming to revitalize main streets in southern Ontario. The funding will support 325 businesses in 100 communities, along with 75 community projects, creating up to 5,750 jobs. This investment builds on a 2021 initiative, totaling \$23.25 million, benefiting nearly 4,000 businesses and organizations.

[Learn More](#)

## What's Happening



**Family Day 2024**  
Monday, February 19, 2024, 1PM - 4PM  
**Paramount Ice Complex** 1107 Finch Ave W

- Free admission
- Free parking
- Bring your skates and helmets!
- Limited Free Skates Rentals Available (first come, first served)



## Mark Your Calendar: Free Skating and Skate Rentals on Family Day, February 19, 2024

On this year's Family Day, Monday, February 19, 2024, from 1 PM to 4 PM, join us in celebrating Family Day with the DUKE Heights community.

DUKE Heights BIA is offering the community an opportunity for FREE skating and optional, complimentary skate rentals at the Paramount Ice Complex (1107 Finch Avenue W). The event is open to all ages, allowing family and friends to relish the joy of winter activities along with the warmth of free hot chocolate served at the venue and additional freebies.

Come prepared with your skates and helmet. However, limited free skate rentals will be available for folks who don't have a pair.

Interested in getting involved as a sponsor and/or a volunteer? Email us at [info@dukeheights.ca](mailto:info@dukeheights.ca), or call (416) 739-1621.

## Featured Service of the Month



## Upcoming Events and Webinars



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## City of Toronto News Releases & Other Resources

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



## Perks



## Save 30% off All Merchandise

Offer valid online at <https://vigurus.com/> with code **DUKE30**  
For more local offers and specials, visit [dukeheights.ca/perks/](https://dukeheights.ca/perks/).



## Special Corporate Offer: Enjoy 20% Off Your Business Dining Experience!

**Toranj Restaurant and Banquet Hall**  
1101 Finch Avenue West  
Ph: (416) 830-4554  
E-mail: [omidzad@yahoo.com](mailto:omidzad@yahoo.com)

For more local offers and



## FREE SECURITY SERVICES FOR BIA MEMBERS

### Free Mobile Security Services for BIA Members

Unlock a realm of FREE security solutions exclusively for DUKE Heights BIA members! DUKE Heights BIA hired Best Guard Security officers to conduct continuous area patrols using marked BIA Security vehicles.

Enroll today to avail of our FREE services, including vigilant mobile patrols, round-the-clock dispatch, premises security checks, rapid alarm response, and the resolution of by-law infractions such as illegal dumping and signage violations. In addition, make the best use of our trusted safe walk program.

How to sign up? Visit <https://dukeheights.ca/security-services/>, or contact the BIA office at 416-739-1621 or [info@dukeheights.ca](mailto:info@dukeheights.ca).

For immediate assistance, call Best Guard Security officers at 416-826-1446.

**Sign Up for our FREE Security Services**

## Other Free Member Services

### LIST & SEARCH VACANT PROPERTIES

MEMBERS LIST VACANT PROPERTIES FOR FREE

### Free Property Listing and Leasing Opportunities

A variety of suitable properties are currently available for sale or lease in the area. If you wish to list your vacant property for free on the BIA website, please get in touch with us. Email us at [info@dukeheights.ca](mailto:info@dukeheights.ca)

For those considering relocation within the area, access our listing page by clicking on the link below.

**Learn More**

### FREE BILLBOARD ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY FOR BIA MEMBERS



specials, visit [dukeheights.ca/perks/](https://dukeheights.ca/perks/).



### Get 10% Off

### Your Order

Receive 10% off your first purchase order when mentioning this ad! Promotional Code: Duke Heights

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## Shoppe List

### Save 10% off on

### Core Athletic

### Wear

Offer valid on Core products. Limited time offer. Promotional Code: DUKE10

For more local offers and specials, visit [dukeheights.ca/perks/](https://dukeheights.ca/perks/).



### Your First 4 Weeks are on Us

As a thank you for bringing us your business, your first 4 weeks are free. To redeem this offer, call us at 416-739-0000, visit us at 4500 Chesswood Drive, or rent or reserve your storage unit online at [www.centronstorage.com](https://www.centronstorage.com)

For more local offers and specials, visit [dukeheights.ca/perks/](https://dukeheights.ca/perks/).



### Do you have a Perk?

Do you want to promote your business to fellow members and their

## Ever Imagined Your Business on a Digital Billboard? Try the BIA-sponsored Billboard Program

Feature your business on Pattison's Outdoor Digital Billboard at the northwest corner of Dufferin Street and Finch Avenue West! Your advertisement will be displayed 24/7 for 4 weeks, appearing for 10 seconds at a time and rotating every few minutes.

To reserve your spot, simply sign up by completing the Expression of Interest Form by clicking on the link below.

[Expression of Interest Form](#)



## Boost Visibility: Take Part in the BIA-Sponsored Online Advertising Program!

If you're new to online advertising or seeking extra support to boost your business visibility, DUKE Heights BIA has a tailored program for you.

Receive complimentary online and social media advertising for up to 4 weeks. Take the right step for your business!

Book your spot now by completing the Expression of Interest Form through the link below.

[Expression of Interest Form](#)

## Councillor's Corner



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**James Pasternak**  
City Councillor  
Ward 6 – York Centre



**James Pasternak**

employees?  
Provide an exclusive offer  
at [dukeheights.ca/submit-perk-form/](https://dukeheights.ca/submit-perk-form/) by filling out a  
short form!

## Toronto City Councillor – Ward 6 York Centre

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and ushering in the New Year. We are most excited about some of the accomplishments from 2023 and look forward to getting even more done in 2024.

We are relieved and pleased that the Chesswood construction project is now complete. The road is freshly paved, sidewalks are installed, and two-way traffic is restored. Next, we look forward to working with DUKE Heights on the public realm project at the northeast corner of Dufferin and Finch. [...]

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### Councillor's Corner

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



## Anthony Perruzza

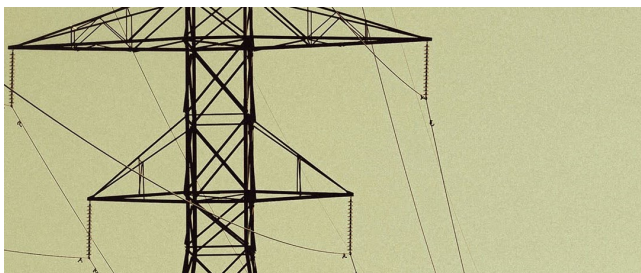
### Toronto City Councillor – Ward 7

#### Humber River - Black Creek

In December, our office had the wonderful opportunity to host our Annual Holiday Toy Drive at Oakdale Community Centre, and it was a huge success! Collaborating with more than a dozen community groups, our volunteers wrapped hundreds of donated toys. These donated toys were distributed to various community groups in Humber-River Black Creek. We extend a heartfelt thanks to the Toronto Professional Firefighters Association for their generous toy donation, and our devoted volunteers, skilled performers, and community leaders for coming together and creating an event that will be remembered. [...]

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## Photo of the Month







### Discover DUKE: Photo of the Month

The above photo was among the winning entries in the Summer 2023 installment of the Discover DUKE Photo Contest that took place from August 1 to 31, 2023.

Photo Title: In between the passage

Photo location: Finch Hydro Corridor Recreational Trail

Photographer: Paul Barnedo

[Link to our Facebook post for the full gallery of the winning photos](#)

## Events & Webinars



**[The Trauma-Informed Entrepreneur:  
Resourcing Yourself to Serve Your Clients-  
Webinar by Toronto Small Business  
Enterprise Centre](#)**

January 18, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[Laws & Regulations for Small Businesses-  
webinar by Workplace Safety and  
Insurance Board](#)**

January 19, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[eCommerce 101: What, why, and how-  
Webinar by Digital Main Street](#)**

January 23, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[Marketing Essentials for Small Business  
101- Webinar by Digital Main Street](#)**

January 24, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[Service Canada Webinar: Free Hiring  
Platform & Other Supports for Small  
Businesses](#)**

January 26, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Register](#)



(Free)



**[The Importance of Paid Advertising in a Digital Space- Webinar by Digital Main Street](#)**

January 30, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[T2 - Corporation Tax Literacy Seminar- Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)**

January 31, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[T1 General Small Business Tax Literacy Seminar- Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)**

February 2, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[Getting Started with Intellectual Property \(IP\): Why is IP Important?- Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)**

February 7, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[Service Canada Webinar: Hiring Incentives and Assistance](#)**

February 8, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[Systems and Automation 101: How to Use Tools to Propel Your Small Business- Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)**

February 9, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[Scaling Up Sustainably- Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)**

February 15, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



**[Legal Foundations for Small Business 101- Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)**

February 16, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register](#)  
(Free)



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