

Understanding the \$6.5 billion aid package for businesses affected by Tariffs

The Minister of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs, Dominic LeBlanc, the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, Steven MacKinnon, the Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, Mary Ng, the Minister of Small Business, Rechie Valdez, and the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Lawrence MacAulay, on March 7, 2025, announced the first steps of new measures to protect Canadian businesses and workers [...]

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Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)

In response to current tariffs uncertainty, the government has entrusted the BDC with a new \$500 million envelope to provide immediate financial support to entrepreneurs with a viable business model with direct sales into the US market, or those in supply chains with direct exposure to the

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US. If you want to learn more, reach out to Leandro Guimaraes, Senior Account Manager – North York, at leandro.guimaraes@bdc.ca.

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Export Development Canada (EDC)

Through the Trade Impact Program, EDC will be deploying \$5 billion over two years to help exporters navigate through uncertain times.

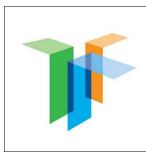
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Canada Tariff Finder

The Canada Tariff Finder platform enables Canadian businesses to check import or export tariffs for specific goods and markets.

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Canadian SME playbook for navigating US-Canada Tariffs

Developed by the Toronto Region Board of Trade, the downloadable ebook explores strategies on how businesses can mitigate the impact of tariffs.

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DUKE Heights Tariffs Information Portal

Stay updated on the latest announcements, key insights, and resources by visiting the 'Trade and Tariffs' Information page on the DUKE Heights BIA website, created exclusively to help BIA businesses navigate tariffs.

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We want to hear from you! Take a few minutes to participate in our survey and help us gain insights into how tariffs are affecting your business, as well as how DUKE Heights BIA can better support you.

DUKE Heights BIA Tariffs Survey



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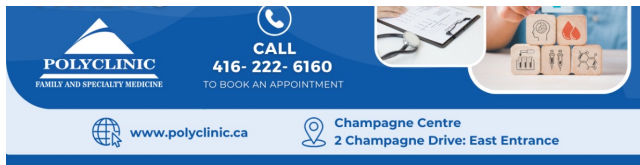
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Polyclinic Family and Specialty Medicine Your Neighborhood Medical Hub:

Family Physicians, Specialists, and Diagnostic Services under One Roof

Did you know that in your community, there is a facility with family physicians, a walk-in clinic open six days a week, easy access to multiple specialists, and numerous diagnostic services (such as x-ray and ultrasound), all under one roof with ample free parking?

Please take a moment to view the Polyclinic Family and Specialty Medicine website at www.polyclinic.ca for full details on how the facility can work with you and your family to keep you healthy. [...]

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Toronto Hydro is Upgrading Electrical Lines along Keele Street

Toronto Hydro is upgrading the electrical distribution system in several areas within our community. This project is designed to enhance the reliability of the area's electrical service. The work will involve upgrading both overhead and underground electrical cables, as well as replacing hydro poles on City-owned property. Additionally, Toronto Hydro may need to access nearby properties to install an underground pipe that connects the meter at business premises to the main electrical line.

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Toronto Commercial Façade Improvement Grant: Funding for Renovations and Repairs

The Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program provides funding to both business owners and tenants in the City of Toronto for repairing or renovating building facades on commercial buildings with street-level commercial use. Eligible work includes windows, masonry, and AODA-compliant wheelchair ramps. Grants cover half the cost, up to \$12,500 for \$25,000 in improvements.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2025 or until funds are exhausted.

[Learn More and Apply](#)



March Break Fun for Families- Free Skating & Treats on March 10, 2025 hosted by DUKE Heights BIA!

On March 10, 2025, DUKE Heights BIA hosted a vibrant celebration at Paramount Ice Complex, where hundreds of families from nearby communities gathered for an afternoon of fun with free ice skating, hot chocolate, and exciting BIA merchandise!



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SERVICES
FOR BIA MEMBERS

BIA's Exclusive Security Services – At No Cost to Members

Businesses within the DUKE Heights BIA are invited to take advantage of exclusive, complimentary security services provided by Best Guard Security under the supervision of the BIA team. To learn more and enroll, members are encouraged to complete the Security Signup Form. <https://dukeheights.ca/security-services/>.

[Security Signup Form](#)



EXCLUSIVE
FREE BILLBOARD AD
FOR MEMBERS

Members Get 4 Weeks of Complimentary Digital Billboard Advertising

Looking to increase your business visibility? Secure a free slot in a shared spot on Pattison's Outdoor Digital Billboard at the Dufferin St and Finch Ave W intersection. You'll share a spot with fellow BIA businesses and Your ad will be displayed multiple times each day for 4 weeks, reaching thousands of commuters. Reserve your space by filling out the Expression of Interest Form below.

Expression of Interest Form



FREE DIGITAL AD
FOR MEMBERS

Enhance Your Digital Presence with BIA-Supported Advertising

Whether you're new to online advertising or looking to boost your business's online visibility, DUKE Heights BIA has a program tailored for members. Get up to 4 weeks of complimentary online and social media advertising. Use the link below to complete the Expression of Interest Form and reserve your spot.

Expression of Interest Form



SCHEDULE A FREE
ACCOUNTING
CONSULTATION

Free Accounting Consultation for Members

Introduced with the goal to assist businesses in financial planning and applying for government support programs, this BIA service offers members FREE consultations with a registered accounting firm to guide them in resolving any finance or funding questions.

Schedule a Free Consultation Now



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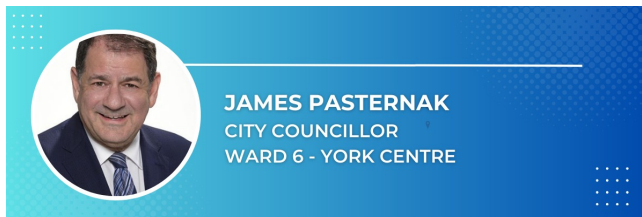
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Give Your Social Media a Boost with DUKE FlashReels

Introducing DUKE FlashReels! Highlight what makes your business stand out with our quick video reels. Put your business in the spotlight with a short, punchy 30-second to 1-minute video. The BIA marketing team will help you craft the perfect content and amplify it across Facebook and Instagram. Fill out the form below to express your interest and get started!

[Expression of Interest Form](#)



James Pasternak Toronto City Councillor – Ward 6 York Centre

I am pleased to announce that Bike Share TO has received approval from Transportation Services for 12 new bikeshare stations in York Centre for the 2025 expansion plan. One of these locations will be within the DUKE Heights BIA boundaries at Keele Street and St. Regis Crescent. This station will act as a complementary piece to the expansion of York Centre's cycling infrastructure and the off-road bike lanes on Chesswood Drive.

Toronto Hydro will be improving the electricity system in York Centre. The project area includes a section of Keele Street, Tangiers Road, and Four Winds Drive. Work is expected to begin this month. [...]

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Anthony Perruzza

Toronto City Councillor – Ward 7 Humber River-Black Creek

I hope you have all kept safe and warm through the winter and are looking forward to the longer, warmer days ahead from this month's Spring Equinox. I've heard from many of you regarding snow removal following this past month's snowfall events. I continue to work with city staff to make snow removal services better for all residents.

I would also like to wish a happy International Women's Day to all. On March 8th, countries worldwide celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of women, and highlight the need for gender equity in all areas of life. [...]

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Discover DUKE: Photo of the Month

The photograph above is one of the winning entries from the Discover DUKE 2024 Photo Contest, held in August 2024.

Photographer: Mike L

Photo Location: 1000 Finch Ave W



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March 14, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)



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

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



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