

Applications Open: 2026 CaféTO Curb Lane Program

Curb lane cafés provide licensed food and drink establishments with temporary, expanded outdoor dining space located directly on the street beside the curb. The 2026 CaféTO curb lane program is now open for both new applications and renewals, offering businesses the opportunity to operate street-level outdoor cafés. Applications close on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

[Learn more and Apply](#)

WINTERLICIOUS 2026

January 30 to February 12



Winterlicious: January 30 to February 12, 2026

The City of Toronto's Winterlicious program returns on Friday, January 30, 2026, featuring three-course prix fixe menus at more than 240 restaurants citywide and celebrating the diversity of Toronto's dining scene.

Reservations open today, inviting residents and visitors alike to explore the city's dynamic food culture while supporting local restaurants.

[Learn more](#)

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Applications close Monday, January 26, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Starter Company Plus Grant – Trade Accelerator Stream Deadline Extended

The City of Toronto's Trade Accelerator Program (TAP) helps small and mid-sized businesses grow internationally through expert training, one-on-one mentorship, and a customized export plan. Graduates also receive a \$5,000 microgrant, with more than 85% entering new markets within a year. The application window is now extended to Monday, January 26, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

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Venture Catalyst Program Open for Early-Stage Tech Founders

The Venture Catalyst program is a free two-month training and mentorship program available at York University that supports early-stage tech entrepreneurs in testing their start-up ideas and bringing a proof-of-concept to life. Program participants gain access to interactive online workshops, expert mentorship, peer support, and start-up resources to transform their ideas into a successful business.

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Report Business Barriers with the Red Tape Hotline

The City of Toronto has extended the submission deadline for the Red Tape Hotline, giving businesses more time to provide input on regulatory barriers such as permit delays, outdated by-laws, and complex municipal processes. This pilot initiative supports the City's Economic Action Plan by helping modernize regulations and improve services. Submissions are now accepted until Saturday, January 31, 2026.

[Learn more](#)



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/>

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Expression of Interest Form



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BIA-Supported Digital Ads Extended to 6 Weeks

Whether you are just starting with online advertising or aiming to increase your business's digital presence, DUKE Heights BIA offers a program for members now extended to 6 weeks of free advertising on your chosen digital platform. Complete the Expression of Interest Form via the link below to secure your spot.

Expression of Interest Form



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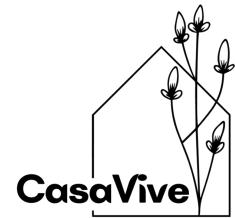
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are listed on the BIA website. BIA members looking to showcase their vacant properties at no charge on the listing are encouraged to get in touch with us. Please reach out via email at info@dukeheights.ca.

[Find out More](#)



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

JAMES PASTERNAK
CITY COUNCILLOR
WARD 6 - YORK CENTRE

James Pasternak

Toronto City Councillor – Ward 6 York Centre

Happy New Year to the DUKE Heights business community. I hope the year is off to a strong and safe start for you, your employees, and your customers. As we settle into the winter months, I wanted to share a brief update on issues my office is focused on at City Hall that are particularly relevant to businesses in the DUKE Heights BIA. [\[...\]](#)

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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

As we settle 2026, I want to wish you and your loved ones a healthy and happy New Year. I'm excited to share some updates on the projects underway that will make our neighbourhood an even better place to live, work and play. [\[...\]](#)

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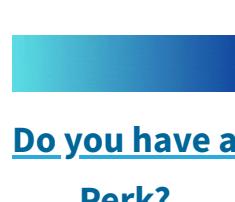


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Discover DUKE: Photo of the Month

The photograph above is one of the winning entries in the Discover DUKE 2025 Photo Contest, held in August 2025.

Photographer: Irtaza Ahmad

Photo Title: Grandeur

Photo Location: Global Furniture Group HQ building on Flint Road



[WSIB: Laws & Regulations for Small Businesses - Webinar by Workplace Safety and Insurance Board](#)

January 16, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)



[T2 Corporation Tax Literacy - Webinar by Canada Revenue Agency](#)

January 21, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [Register here](#)



[Getting Money: What Lenders & Investors Want - Webinar by CPA Canada](#)

January 22, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)



[How to Start a Food Business: A General Overview - Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)

January 28, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)



[Accounting for Non-Profits: Understanding Financial Statements - Webinar by CPA Canada](#)

January 29, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)



[Introduction to the Consumer Protection Act, 2002 for Businesses - Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)



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



[Getting Started with Intellectual Property \(IP\): Why is IP Important? - Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)
February 4, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Register here](#)



[Growth and Expansion: How to Best Grow Your Business - Webinar by CPA Cananda](#)
February 5, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)



[T1 General Small Business Tax Literacy - Webinar by Canada Revenue Agency](#)
February 6, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [Register here](#)



[Health & Safety Basics for Small Businesses - Webinar by Workplace Safety & Prevention Services \(WSPS\)](#)
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