

Streetscape Enhancements Underway on Finch Avenue West – September to December 2025

The DUKE Heights BIA will be undertaking streetscape improvements along both the north and south sides of Finch Avenue West.

On the south side, work will proceed eastbound from:

- ▶ Tangiers Road to Alexdon Road
- ▶ Alexdon Road to the CN Rail line
- ▶ Chesswood Drive to Champagne Drive
- ▶ Champagne Drive to Dufferin Street

On the north side, construction will progress westbound from:

- ▶ Dufferin Street to Alness Street
- ▶ Alness Street to 1130 Finch Avenue West

The project includes the installation of new pavers, bumper curbs, concrete benches, gateway trellises, wildlife figures, and enhanced landscaping with shrub plantings in key areas. These upgrades aim to improve the overall streetscape and public realm in line with approved urban design plans.

Please share this notice with all relevant property owners, business operators, and tenants who may be affected during the construction period.

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Date: Sunday, September 28, 2025

Time: Noon – 3 PM

Location: 1107 Finch Avenue West

at Champagne Centre Northwest Parking Lot (on Finch Avenue, west of Champagne Drive)

The DUKE Heights BIA cordially invites you and your family to Soupalicious DUKE Heights on Sunday, September 28. Join us for a festive afternoon featuring a wide variety of delicious soups, fresh corn, and complimentary pumpkins for the first 100 families.

Enjoy live music, face painting, kids' arts and crafts, caricature drawings, and fun giveaways! Bring your family, your appetite, and your own spoon for this zero-waste event.



Official Opening of the "DUKE Heights BIA Parkette" on September 25, 2025

We are excited to announce the completion of the "DUKE Heights BIA Parkette," a significant milestone in the BIA's ongoing efforts to enhance public spaces through long-term planning and strong community partnerships. Located at the northeast corner of Dufferin Street and Finch Avenue West, the parkette is the result of a multi-year collaboration with the City of Toronto. This vibrant new space will serve as a welcoming spot for local residents, businesses, and visitors.

The DUKE Heights BIA Board of Directors, along with City officials, will officially open the Parkette on September 25, 2025.



The DUKE Heights Photo Contest is Now in the

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Photo of the Month

Upcoming Events and Webinars



DUKE Heights BIA, spanning Dufferin to Keele and Steeles to Sheppard, supports businesses with a vision to drive growth, attract investment, and advocate for the local business community.



Public Voting Phase!

Throughout the month of August, the DUKE Heights BIA welcomed photographers and travel enthusiasts from both our local community and beyond to explore the area and submit original photographs that reflect the unique character and spirit of DUKE Heights.

We are pleased to share that the contest received an outstanding number of submissions, showcasing remarkable creativity. The photo contest has now entered its second screening phase, and a curated selection of shortlisted entries is available for public reaction on DUKE Heights BIA's official Facebook page.

Voting is open until Sunday, September 28. We encourage you to visit the link below to view the submissions and cast your vote in support of your favorite entries. Winners will be announced by the end of the month on our Facebook page.

[Vote for your Favorite Photo Entries](#)



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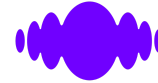
Located in the heart of North York, JC Professional Corporation is a licensed Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) firm with over 30 years of experience. Under the leadership of President Jerry Copuroglu, the firm delivers reliable accounting and tax services tailored to the needs of small and medium-sized businesses, individuals, and non-profits across the Greater Toronto Area. [...]

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FedDev Ontario Opens Applications for Tariff Relief Initiative: Check your Eligibility

The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) is now accepting applications for the Regional Tariff Response Initiative (RTRI), part of the Government of Canada's broader \$6.5 billion plan to support businesses facing global trade challenges. Delivered through Canada's regional development agencies, RTRI aims to help companies adapt and stay competitive in a shifting global market.

With \$450 million in funding, RTRI focuses on industries like steel and automotive, offering targeted support to boost productivity, reduce costs, and strengthen supply chains. The initiative also helps businesses explore new markets—providing timely support for sectors impacted by international tariffs.

[Application Link for Businesses](#)



Digital Main Street & Digital Service Squad are Back in the DUKE Heights BIA

Digital Main Street, together with the Digital Service Squad (DSS), will continue supporting businesses in the DUKE Heights BIA. This free program helps small businesses strengthen their online presence and adopt digital tools, offering resources and expertise to stay competitive in today's digital marketplace.

The DSS provides direct, tailored support with setting digital priorities, troubleshooting, and implementing solutions. This month, DSS representative Sukhvir Shergill will visit local businesses to assist with 360° photos, website guidance, Google Business Profiles, social media, e-commerce, and POS systems. Businesses are encouraged to book a free meeting in advance to take full advantage of this opportunity.

[Book a Meeting with our DSS Representative](#)



Wednesday, October 29 • Meridian Hall • Free Registration

medicine coaching.

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Discover Resources for Growth at Toronto's Small Business Forum

The City of Toronto's Small Business Forum 2025 is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM EDT at Meridian Hall. This free, full-day event brings together entrepreneurs, small business owners, and industry professionals for a series of discussions, panels, and networking opportunities focused on practical strategies and available supports for small business growth.

Participants can expect to hear from experienced speakers, learn about funding and training programs, and connect with others facing similar challenges. If you're looking for ideas, resources, or connections to help move your business forward, this event may be worth attending.

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

Provide an exclusive offer at dukeheights.ca/submit-perk-form/ by filling out a short form!



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Looking to lower your operating expenses? DUKE Heights BIA is offering a free, no-obligation savings analysis through Expense Defence. Their specialists review key cost areas like payment processing, telecom, internet, cable, and security to find savings tailored to your business.

Book a 15-minute call and get your personalized Savings Analysis & Benchmark Report within a week.

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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
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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

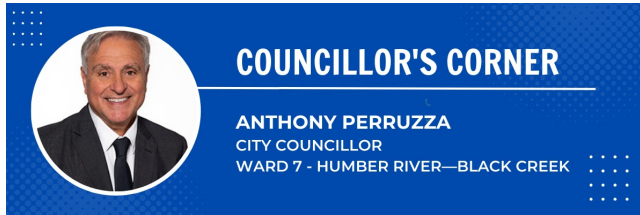


**LIST AND SEARCH
VACANT PROPERTIES
IN
DUKE HEIGHTS BIA**

Get Your Vacant Property Listed for Free!

Properties available for sale or lease within the DUKE Heights BIA 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](#)



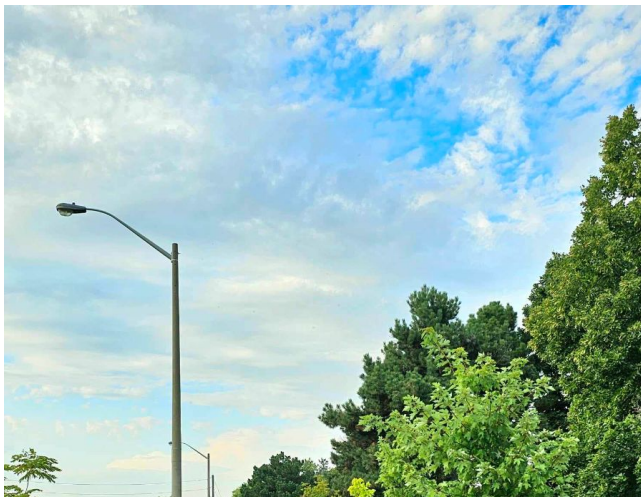
Anthony Perruzza

Toronto City Councillor – Ward 7 Humber River-Black Creek

First and foremost, I'd like to wish everyone a happy and safe back-to-school season. Now more than ever, it has become clear that our education system is a crucial pillar of our city. I thank all those involved in keeping our schools public and safe including staff, administration and advocates at every level.

Also, for those who have not heard, the playground in Driftwood Park will be getting some improvements as part of an ongoing program to enhance playgrounds and play spaces across the city! [...]

[Read More](#)





Discover DUKE: Photo of the Month

The photograph above is one of the winners the Discover DUKE 2024 Photo Contest, held last year in August.

Photographer: Precious Romero

Photo Title: Green City

Photo Location: Sheppard Avenue West



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

September 17, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Register here](#)



Diversifying to Export Markets 101 - Webinar by City of Toronto Economic Development & Culture

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



How to Do Business with the City of Toronto - Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre

September 18, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. [Register here](#)



Incubators: How CGLCC Can Help Your Business - Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre

September 19, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)



Leveraging Government Support & Other Sources of Assistance for Exporters - Webinar by City of Toronto Economic Development & Culture

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



Allergy Awareness: How to Boost Consumer Loyalty in Food Businesses - Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre

September 25, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)



Privacy and Your Business: An Introduction



[to PIPEDA - Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)

September 26, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)



[Service Canada: Support Measures for Businesses in Labour Adjustment](#)

October 1, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Register here](#)



[Understanding Rules of Origin & Duty Drawback Programs - Webinar by City of Toronto Economic Development & Culture](#)

October 2, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)



[Social Media for Your Business - Webinar by Digital Main Street](#)

October 7, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [Register here](#)



[Financial Assistance for Importers and Exporters - Webinar by City of Toronto Economic Development & Culture](#)

October 8, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. [Register here](#)



[Exporting 101 with the New Exporters to Border States \(NEBS\) Program - Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre](#)

October 9, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [Register here](#)



[eCommerce 101: What, Why, and How - Webinar by Digital Main Street](#)

October 14, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [Register here](#)



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