



SMALL BUSINESSES AND LOCAL ECONOMY

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Davenport friends and neighbours; amis et voisins —

The global economic order is shifting. Rising protectionism and trade barriers are reshaping relationships that powered our prosperity for decades. U.S. tariffs have disrupted decades of economic partnership. **Budget 2025 is our federal government's action plan on how to respond to the changed geopolitical and economic environment.**

This communication piece is about how we support our local businesses and economy, and how we as consumers can help.

We're fighting for you in Ottawa

Budget 2025 introduced significant supports for businesses of every size — from enhanced tax incentives through the Productivity Super-Deduction to support investment in new equipment and technology, to increased tariff response funding, to programs specifically designed to support women, Black, Indigenous, and 2SLGBTQI+ entrepreneurs. There are resources in place to make sure businesses continue to grow and prosper (see back).

The power is in your hands

Davenport is home to thousands of small businesses across all our communities. Your local Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) have **complete lists of businesses in your neighbourhood**. Davenport BIAs including: Bloorcourt Village • Bloordale Village • College Promenade • College West • Corso Italia • Dovercourt Village • Fairbank Village • Hillcrest Village • Little Portugal • Oakwood Village • Regal

Heights Village • Rogers Road • St. Clair Gardens • West Queen West



Every choice matters

When we choose local, we are doing more than making a purchase. We are:

- Keeping our neighbour employed
- Helping a family pay their mortgage
- Ensuring that a storefront stays open for the next generation
- Building the community we are proud to call home

The next time you need groceries, a gift, a meal, or a service, **think local first**. Tell your friends. Share your favourite spots on social media. Leave a review. These small acts ripple through our entire community!

We're in this together

These are challenging times, but I believe in Davenport. I believe in the strength of our small businesses and the people who pour their hearts into them every single day. And I believe in your power to shape our community's future with every hard-earned dollar you spend locally and every small business you champion.

As always, it is a true honour and pleasure to serve you Davenport!

My very best regards,

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Visiting local Sweet Pete's Bike Shop on Bloor Street



Attending Rogers Road BIA's Music Crawl

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GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND RESOURCES

There are many ways our federal government is supporting small businesses:

- **BusinessBenefitsFinder:** One-stop search for 1,500+ federal and provincial supports 
- **Business Development Bank:** Loans and advisory services 
- **Canada Small Business Financing:** Government-backed loan guarantees 
- **Women Entrepreneurship Strategy:** Loans up to \$50,000 and ecosystem support 
- **Futurpreneur:** Mentorship and financing up to \$75,000 for entrepreneurs under 40 
- **Black Entrepreneurship Program:** Loans up to \$250,000 and ecosystem support 
- **2SLGBTQI+ Entrepreneurship Program:** Resources, mentorship, and networking 
- **BizPaL:** Find permits and licences you need to start or grow 
- **Business Data Lab:** Access free data and insights to guide your decisions 

For a comprehensive list of key supports for small businesses, please see here: 

EXPLORING NEW MARKETS

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Starting in 2026–27, the government will give **\$19.9 million a year to Global Affairs Canada to strengthen CanExport**. This program helps small and medium-sized businesses, industry groups, and innovators expand into new countries by **covering part of the cost of things like legal fees, trade shows, and market research**.



St. Clair's Garden Summer BIA Festival

BUDGET 2025

BUY CANADIAN POLICY

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The Buy Canadian Policy means when the federal government needs goods or services, **Canadian companies get first priority**. If you're a local Davenport business that wants to sell to the federal government, **you can register for free at CanadaBuys**. The policy also encourages all Canadians to choose Canadian-made products and support local businesses. When government buys Canadian AND consumers shop local, we create a powerful multiplier effect: **more contracts for Davenport businesses, more jobs for our neighbours, and a stronger local economy**.

Learn more and register your business: canadabuys.canada.ca

For more information about federal supports: canada.ca/business

PRODUCTIVITY SUPER-DEDUCTION


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The Productivity Super-Deduction is a set of **enhanced tax incentives covering all new capital investment** that allows businesses to write off a larger share of the cost of these investments right away. Some of the incentives include:

- Bringing back a tax rule that lets businesses deduct a bigger chunk of an asset's cost in the first year.
- Letting manufacturers fully write off (100% in year one) the cost of machines and equipment they buy.
- Letting businesses fully write off clean-energy equipment and zero-emission vehicles in the first year.

When the measures are put together, they will spur private investment, and **reduce Canada's marginal effective tax rate to 13.2% – reinforcing Canada as the most tax-competitive country for new business investment in the G7**.

SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESS PROCUREMENT PROGRAM

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There will be \$79.9 million allocated over five years to establish the business procurement program. The program will provide specialised, streamlined support for Canadian small and medium-sized businesses trying to **break into the federal market**. This will **improve competition for federal contracts, strengthen local supply chains, and build our industries** – from construction to energy, technology, and clean manufacturing.