

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM21.12	ACTION			Ward:17
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Request for report on the feasibility of a Municipal Capital Facility Exemption for The Stop Community Food Centre located at 1884 Davenport Road - by Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker

** Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Government Management Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council request the appropriate City Staff to prepare a report on the feasibility of providing a municipal capital facility exemption for The Stop Community Food Centre located at 1884 Davenport Road.

Summary

For over 30 years, The Stop Community Food Centre has been at the forefront of dignified, innovative programs that provide access to healthy food; build skills, health, hope, and community; and confront the underlying issues that lead to poverty and hunger. Their wide range of programs include drop-in meals, a food bank, community kitchens and gardens, perinatal and family support, civic engagement, and children and youth education. The Stop is an Imagine Canada accredited charity.

The Stop Community Food Bank is a tenant at the Symington Place, a Toronto Community Housing complex located at 1884 Davenport Road. The Centre is primarily used for local community activities, and is known as a community centre for public use. This facility is located in an area designated by City Council as a Neighborhood Improvement Area Weston-Pellam Park.

As a local City Councillor for Ward-17 Davenport I have witnessed, over the years, the Stop's unwavering commitment to serve a community in need. The Stop provides a variety of local community activities, an integral innovative model of excellent services, and advocacy towards poverty reduction. Therefore, I believe the Stop should be considered for a property tax exemption under the City of Toronto Act 252(6).

The Stop Community Food Centre is seeking a property tax exemption as a municipal capital

facility as they provide a variety of programs and services to meet the needs of the community.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM21.12