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Councillor Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

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Chair and Members
Community Development and Recreation Committee
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: Food Hub for East End

Dear Chair Pasternak and Committee Members,

When the red Door Shelter moved to Gerrard Street East, the Community Development and Recreation Committee supported the move by ensuring adequate community supports would be available, including using the nearby Glen Rhodes Church which has an active food bank.

Since the move I have come to understand that the food bank which operates out of Glen Rhodes is an extremely important community resource, used by families from all over the east end of Toronto. In these times of increased rent and expenses, the food bank is even more important in order to keep people well fed.

The exceptional volunteers also run a weekly meal which also creates community for low income residents. The food bank has widespread support from businesses across Gerrard Street.

During our discussions about support for the Red Door with the church, the issue a potential food hub was raised. This is an exciting idea that deserves support. Therefore I am asking the Committee to consider the following:

1. Community Development and Recreation Committee request the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A to assist in the exploration of increasing food access in east Toronto through the potential of a food hub at Glen Rhodes Church or another suitable location to meet the deep needs of the community through establishing a working group in consultation with the local Councillor.

Sincerely,

Paula Fletcher
City Councillor
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