

5n2 Kitchens Food Security for Scarborough South East

Date: May 7, 2021

To: Economic and Community Development Committee

From: City Council

Wards: All

CITY COUNCIL DECISION

City Council on May 5 and 6, 2021, referred Motion MM32.9 to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management and the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to work with 5n2 Kitchen to locate a City-owned site for occupancy no later than November 30, 2021, in the community, as well as offering financial support.
2. City Council direct the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to request, and work with, the Provincial government and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to offer financial support to 5n2 Kitchen.

SUMMARY

5n2 Kitchen serves 3,500 residents with food packages per week to the area encompassing: West: the Don Valley Parkway and Woodbine Avenue, South: Danforth Avenue, North: Finch Avenue and East: Port Union Road. Since 2013, they have served 474,000 feeding families across Scarborough.

During COVID-19, Seema David founder of 5n2 Kitchen has been instrumental in ensuring local families are supported, working with several agencies, schools and communities to address hunger in our Scarborough Communities. Without their community support many would have had great difficulty in working through their food security needs.

Knowing how essential 5n2 Kitchen is to the community, it is important to ensure they remain in the community and receive financial assistance. As their current lease is coming to an end, I am asking that the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management and the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration accelerate their work with the agency to ensure a long-term site for occupancy no later than December 31, 2021 in the community.

Thank you for your support.