

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

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| MM38.45 | ACTION |  |  | Ward: All |
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**Extension of Fit up Period for Food Incubator Tenancy Program at 5200 Yonge Street - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle recommends that:

1. City Council direct that the City assume all operating costs until January 11, 2022 for the City-initiated food incubator tenancy program at 5200 Yonge Street due to delays outside of the vendors' control in getting the space ready for a successful launch.

**Summary**

In May of 2021, City Council approved the creation of a food incubator tenancy program at 5200 Yonge Street to assist four start-up food entrepreneurs, with a focus on providing opportunities for members of communities which have traditionally been disadvantaged.

Four vendors and a non-profit lead organization were selected. The initial plan was to begin operations this past summer but the start date was moved back several times for a variety of reasons entirely outside of the vendors' control. Although they are now able to access the space, there remains a number of serious barriers to a successful launch. Accordingly, the fit-up period during which no payment is collected should be extended for one month to January 11, 2022.

The Motion is urgent because the new entrepreneurs we are committed to helping require this immediate assistance in order to successfully launch their businesses.

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM38.45