

## City Council

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### **Allocate Section 37 Funds for City-owned site at 5200 Yonge Street to allow Scarborough Food Security Initiatives (Feed Scarborough) to Support Success of City-initiated Food Incubator Program - by Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

#### **Recommendations**

Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2023 Operating Budget for Non-Program, on a one-time basis, by \$60,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) from the development at 75 Canterbury Place, secured for constructing and furnishing a social facility (Source Account XR3026-3700882) for transfer to Feed Scarborough for capital improvements to the City-owned retail space at 5200 Yonge Street (Cost Centre NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$60,000 be forwarded to Feed Scarborough upon the execution of an agreement to lease the City-owned retail space at 5200 Yonge Street, and the signing of an Undertaking by the organization governing the use of the funds, financial reporting requirements, and the return of unused funds to the City should they discontinue or terminate their relationship with the City-owned retail space at 5200 Yonge Street.

#### **Summary**

Established during the pandemic, this food incubator is a rare opportunity for entrepreneurs from equity seeking groups to establish their food business ideas. Due to the pandemic, change over during election and some surprise challenges, the current cohort have experienced difficulties. With a new not-for-profit organization in place to support these young entrepreneurs, their hope is to be able to provide proper guidance and direction to help them thrive in the food industry. This motion is to direct community funds to allow for Feed Scarborough, the contracted not-for-profit organization, the provisions to install much needed necessities in the facility for maximum usage of space.

The newly minted not-for-profit operator has identified several capital needs required to fully equip the facility. Requirements such as signage, lighting, and a central Point of Sales system are a few urgent requirements being requested. Prior to this, without a not-for-profit operator, these needs had not been undertaken and have been a contributing factor to the difficulties the entrepreneurs continue to experience.

With capital funds allocated to allow Feed Scarborough the ability to purchase and complete facility set up, this will allow them to develop more business opportunities for the

entrepreneurs in their dedicated space. As such, it is appropriate to grant \$60,000 of capital funding to Feed Scarborough to enable them to provide their best opportunities to the Flip Kitchen entrepreneurs.

This motion is urgent because the funds are needed to pay for immediate installations which are imperative for Feed Scarborough to launch successfully by September 1st, 2023.

### **Background Information**

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<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-238360.pdf>