
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM13.12	ACTION			Ward: 5
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Refunding Rent Paid and Relieving Rent Owed by Flip Kitchen Vendors Previously at City-owned Site on 5200 Yonge Street in Response to Termination of Contract - by Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Jamaal Myers

** 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 Jamaal Myers, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture and the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to write off the additional rent owed from January 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023 in the total amount of \$27,621.78 by the tenants, Da Endz Restaurant Inc., Chic Peas Vegan Cuisine Incorporated, Teta's Kitchen Inc., at 5210 Yonge Street.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture and the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to refund the additional rent paid from January 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023 in the total amount of \$29,150.12 by the tenants, Da Endz Restaurant Inc., Chic Peas Vegan Cuisine Incorporated, Teta's Kitchen Inc., Bunhaus Eats Inc. at 5210 Yonge Street.
3. City Council authorize the City to enter into settlement agreements (collectively, the "Settlement Agreement") with each of the tenants to document the arrangements set out in Recommendations 1 and 2, including such other terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Director, Property Management, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.
4. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to execute and deliver the Settlement Agreement and any related documents contemplated thereunder on behalf of the City.

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, changeover during election and additional unexpected challenges, the current cohort have experienced difficulties. The difficulties culminated in the inability to pay rent beginning September 2023, that led to an eviction noticed served by Corporate Real Estate Management in the middle of November 2023.

In recognition of the sudden eviction notice and thus the quick termination of a source of income for these vendors, this motion is seeking to make the vendors “whole” by relieving them of the rent obligations for all of 2023 and committing to do so if they settle the balance of any claims against the City.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM13.12