

To the Chair and Members of the CPSC

“Individuals will be encouraged to access established food and meal programs operated by charitable organizations and funded agencies “

“It is expected that housed individuals may also access meal distribution. As housed individuals present, there will be conversations with them to divert them to meal programs/calendars etc. This potential impact on service demand will be monitored”

These quotes are from 2.9 Provision of Outdoor Basic Needs.

Although we can all come to agreement that basic needs like washrooms and hygiene, garbage collection are important tools to add some level of dignity to folks living in encampments. When you are being asked to approve \$650,000+ on food at the same time you are ENCOURAGING folks to use ESTABLISHED organizations and funded agencies for food seems like a lack of accountability to the limited funds we have available. Is there some reason Civic Administration believes folks can not leave their encampments to access these other programs. Is it also not true that most unhoused people are indeed receiving the Basic Needs Portion of OW, ODSP, and perhaps even CPP? Many questions are going unanswered concerning this issue and it might be time to consider putting all money into getting folks off the streets so ALL residents can return to a safer place to call home.

Please place this email on the public agenda under item 2.9 Provision of Outdoor Basic Needs.

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