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Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2017 11:31 PM
To: Saunders, Cathy <csaunder@london.ca>
Subject: CSC motion: Self-serve, pay-as-you-go lunch option for councillors

Cathy,

Please include the following communication and attached photo in the next CSC agenda.

Dear Chair and members of the corporate services committee,

Attached is a photo of the lunchtime food that went to waste after a recent committee meeting, an occurrence that happens regularly.

Some of this waste could be avoided if staff were directed to allow councillors a self-serve, pay-as-you-go option where they can simply go to the cafeteria before or after the meeting and get what they want. Should they avail themselves of the opportunity, it will be included as a taxable benefit as usual.

I see a number of benefits in allowing this option:

1. Food is never wasted
2. Staff are not being paid to prepare, transport, clean up and discard food that is not eaten.
3. Councillors and tax payers are not paying for food that is not eaten.
4. Councillors won't be left out when their food restrictions were forgotten.
5. The food restrictions, intolerances and preferences of councillors can remain a private matter.
6. The clerks department will no longer have to act as the go-between for councillors and the kitchen.
7. There isn't a need to inform the clerks a week in advance that you will need lunch at another committee's meeting.
8. The policy would allow for greater flexibility.
9. The process is simple and has been done in the past.
10. We act as a positive rather than a negative example of preventing food waste.

For these reasons I would request that the committee forward the following motion to council:

That Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to provide councillors with a self-serve, pay-as-you-go option for acquiring their own meals when attending afternoon meetings.

Sincerely,

Michael van Holst

