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Chair and Members of the General Issues Committee,

It is with some dismay that I have discovered that the Hamilton Farmers Market vendors are being placed in severe financial hardship with a decision to charge full rent for the months of April May and June 2020, when a previous decision was made to only charge 25% rent.

Like so many small business in our community the Hamilton Farmers Market has suffered greatly due to the pandemic. As a regular (weekly) market customer for the past 40 years, I have witnessed first hand many many changes in location, vendors, product and support but this culminated in the overwhelming impact of the pandemic. Shopping at the market these days is like visiting a mere shadow of a former bustling hub of a community shopping and social centre.

There can be no question that the Market vendors need and deserve a rent subsidy and with the variety of government programs to support both business and various levels of government, I am at a loss to understand why this support is not being provided- especially when this decision is countermanding a previous show of support. I am left assuming that there is really no support for the Hamilton Farmers Market at the City of Hamilton, and to that I cry SHAME!! The history of this community resource has a value which far exceeds a small amount of financial support at this difficult time.

Please, do the right thing, support the Hamilton Farmers Market by supporting the vendors with a rent subsidy.

Thank you.

Liz Lamb