

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

**General Issues Committee (Budget): February 25, 2020
(Deferred from the February 11, 2021 GIC meeting)**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J.P. DANKO.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR

Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre Funding

WHEREAS, City Council supported the establishment and ongoing operation of Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre since 2015;

WHEREAS, the Neighbour to Neighbour Food Centre has become a community hub providing programs and support to the area residents;

WHEREAS the Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre focussed programs and supports on hunger and food insecurity which connected to poverty, inequality, racism, health, the environment, and social relationships;

WHEREAS, the Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre aligns with and contributes to the goals and objectives of the City of Hamilton’s Food Strategy;

WHEREAS, Council has provided financial support to Neighbour to Neighbour for the Community Food Centre operation in the amount of \$200,000 per year for the past five years, expiring December 31, 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the N2N Community Food Centre be supported for 2021 at a cost of \$200,000 to be provided through the 2021 budget Tax Stabilization Reserve; and,
- (b) That the annual operating \$200,000 funding request from N2N for the remaining four years from 2022 through 2025 be referred to Emergency and Community Services Committee for a report back on multi-year sustainable funding options.