

Email to Farmers' Market Contacts

Good Morning,

On May 12th, 2021 Hamilton City Council passed a motion which stated:

That staff engage with local farmers' markets to assess what COVID related financial impacts, over and above those that are eligible for Federal/Provincial support, they are experiencing which the City may consider mitigating under compassionate grounds and report back to the General Issues Committee.

In response to this direction from Council, I am reaching out to all not-for-profit operators of Farmers' Markets across Hamilton to ask, ***in the year 2021, will your farmers market be incurring new City costs or fees, that you do not normally incur, as a direct result of COVID?***

Please note that the intention of this question is not to seek information about normal City costs and fees that are always incurred (e.g. rent, licensing fees), or COVID-related costs that are not City fees (e.g. extra cleaning costs, PPE, etc.). And we are looking for information about your market operations overall, rather than individual vendor costs. We would like to understand from you any new City costs or fees that will be incurred by your farmers market this year because of COVID-19.

Please note that this information is being collected for information purposes only, as requested by Council, and the responses will be reported back to Council.

I would ask that you reply to this email answering this question no later than June 4th, 2021.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please connect with me anytime.

Thank you kindly.