

RE: LETTER FROM THE GREATER VANCOUVER FOOD BANK SOCIETY
7530 BULLER AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C., V5J 4S8
FOOD BANK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the matter of requests from organisations to place food collection boxes in municipal buildings be referred to staff for review and report, it being understood that this will involve the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Library Board; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to The Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society, 7530 Buller Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 4S8.

REPORT

Appearing on the agenda for the 1983 February 07 meeting of Council is a letter from Mrs. Jean Van Alstine and Mrs. Carolyn Gaunt regarding a proposal to the Municipality to participate in a food bank assistance program. Following are comments that relate to requests such as this:

1. Placement of Collection Boxes in Municipal Buildings

There is no policy for this but it was permitted for the first time on an exception basis over the last Christmas season. On that occasion permission was granted in connection with a request from CUPE Local 23 to place boxes in four municipal buildings including Municipal Hall, it being understood that receptacles be marked to show that collection would be under the sponsorship of CUPE, and that receptacles be situated in areas not commonly used by the public and marked as being for staff use only.

Given the fact that we now appear to be getting more requests of this nature, it would be appropriate for Council to refer the matter to staff for review. This will ensure that all implications are considered, e.g., security including responsibility for any stolen items, size and appearance of boxes, how many food bank organizations exist and are apt to request the use of space in municipal buildings, etc.

The Parks and Recreation Commission would also be asked to participate in the review since recreation facilities may be involved (as a case in point, the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society has specifically requested space for boxes in such places as the Cameron Street Recreation Center and the C.G. Brown Indoor Pool). The Library Board could also receive such requests in the future and will also be asked for its views.

2. Distribution of Promotional Pamphlets

Organizations such as The Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society are welcome to place small sized promotional material (such as pamphlets and brochures) at the Information Kiosk Center in Municipal Hall under the existing policy. Persons wishing to do this should personally contact the Information Clerk at the Kiosk or by telephone on 294-7944.

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