

Motion

Agenda Number: 20.2
Date: March 26, 2026

Moved by Councillor Santos
Seconded by Councillor Medeiros

Whereas in 2023, Regional Council declared food insecurity a crisis in Peel Region;

And whereas, approximately 23% of Peel residents experience some level of food insecurity, reflecting growing affordability pressures and increasing demand on the Region's social and community services network;

And whereas, food banks and community meal programs play a critical role in supporting Peel's poverty reduction, homelessness response, and human services objectives, providing immediate relief while connecting vulnerable residents to broader supports;

And whereas, Knights Table has served residents of Peel Region for over 34 years, providing food bank services, hot meals, and supports to individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness, serving over 500,000 meals annually;

And whereas, Knights Table is proposing to convert an existing industrial building located at 73 Hale Road in the City of Brampton to expand its charitable food bank, meal, and support services, which assist residents experiencing food insecurity within Peel Region, with no additional gross floor area being added;

And whereas, pursuant to Section 10(2)(a) of Regional Development Charges By-law #77-2020, development charges in the amount of \$79,258.86 are payable as a result of a building permit issued for the change in use of the building from industrial to non-industrial;

And whereas, the proposed use supports vulnerable residents and strengthens Peel Region's homelessness, poverty reduction, and food security response, while the adaptive reuse of an existing building does not generate additional growth-related infrastructure demand.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Regional Council approve a one-time waiver grant-in-lieu of Regional Development Charges in the amount of \$79,258.86 for the change of use conversion of the subject property to accommodate the operations of Knights Table; and
2. That the waiver grant-in-lieu of Regional Development Charges be funded from ~~the appropriate Regional reserve or funding source~~ Reserve #R1169 - DC Financial Incentive Reserve, as determined by the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Regional Treasurer; and
3. That this resolution apply specifically ~~forte~~ this charitable conversion building permit and not be interpreted as a general exemption to Development Charges By-law #77-2020.