

CS-22-42

From: lindapower lindapower <M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>
Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2022 3:42 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Community Services Meeting -- April 19th, 2022
Importance: High

Attention: Clerks -- can you ensure that this letter is placed on the Agenda of the Community Services Meeting on April 19th, 2022, and that a copy is given to all Councillors and the Mayor.

To all Oshawa Councillors and Mayor Dan Carter:

This is my letter in support of CAMP -- the Community Assisted Meal Program formerly located beside the Midtown Mall.

CAMP's permit needs to be renewed and CAMP needs to be allowed to continue their work at no cost to our City.

As more and more people become homeless or financially marginalized in Oshawa, CAMP offers an extremely valuable resource that does not cost the taxpayers of our City anything.

CAMP is very special to the people they serve. Many cried when the CAMP trailer served it's last meal. The service is needed now more than ever as the number of unhoused people in Durham Region has increased to almost 600 (mostly located in Oshawa). Yes, we have other agencies in Oshawa providing meals but CAMP needs to remain as one of them. We need all the services left in place for our homeless folks not less.

Linda Power
<M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>

CS-22-42

From: Faisal Rahman <M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 8:22 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: April 19th, 2022 Community Services Committee meeting

I would like to have an item added to the agenda for the April 19th, 2022 Community Services Committee meeting. I would also like to speak on the matter as a delegation during the meeting.

The item is as follows:

Request for a Road Occupancy Permit at 157 Midtown Drive for a term of 2 years, for the purpose of providing meals and basic necessities to the homeless and those struggling with food insecurity. These services are to be provided by the Community Assisted Meal Program (CAMP) and its network of volunteers at zero cost to the Corporation of the city of Oshawa.

I would further request that a camping trailer be permitted to remain at this location during the length of the agreed upon term. This will ensure adequate on-site storage of supplies needed in order to provide a take-out ready-made food environment.

The take-out option captures a demographic who does not like to mingle with large crowds, those who are still nervous of indoor environments with others, and perhaps those who prefer not to eat in because of the increased chance of running into someone they have conflict with.

Our 100% citizen run meal program offers a neutral environment free from pan tilt zoom cameras, security or requests for identification. CAMP operates unconditionally and is designed to be free of the antagonism that can sometimes occur if there are too many unnecessary rules.

Our group of Volunteers are welcome to bring their children to participate and they do quite often. This allows the opportunity for single parent families to volunteer without needing a sitter, and also signifies to single parents who are struggling, that “our meal program is a safe environment for children”, free from the usual inhibitions or stigma that may deter some from using a typical ready-made food service.

We realize that the more food services that are available, the smaller the crowds will be at each of them, thus lowering the impact on the affected neighborhoods. The CAMP location has become a staple to our less fortunate community, operating since November 1st, 2021, and previously at Memorial Park for over six years, and where many of our clients have grown accustomed to our location and the unconditional nature in which we provide those food services.

CAMP is smartly located outside of the downtown CBD area, it is easily accessible through the city path system and is conveniently located next to Ontario Works, Service Ontario and Service Canada, making it the ideal location for the many clients who already frequent Midtown Mall on regular basis.

It is important to note that CAMP has operated without incident at the Midtown Drive location and is maintained and cleaned after each use. CAMP is only operational for 1.5 hours per day, leaving a minimal footprint on the Midtown Drive community as meals are only distributed during 1 – 2:30 PM.

Just to clarify:

CAMP serves lunch - DOFTN serves dinner

CAMP serves take-out - DOFTN serves eat-in only,

CAMP is open 7 days per week - DOFTN is Mon – Fri

CS-22-42

I look forward to having this heard at the Community Services Committee meeting on April 19th.

Regards,

Faisal Rahman

Cell: <M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>

PS: I have attached a letter that was sent to Oshawa council on 27-Mar-2022

<M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>

Pickering, Ontario

<M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>

Date: 27-Mar-2022

Renewal of CAMP Permit:

Having seen CAMP on the Facebook page, we were amazed at seeing pictures of all the volunteers who help out on a regular basis. The generous support by everyone in the community has truly shown us what happens when people are come together to help the needy and how much can be provided on a daily basis.

After connecting with Raymond Bond (co-fonder/coordinator) we are amazed at his hard work knowledge and dedication on coordinating the volunteers and being of assistance when needing to serve the homeless Mon- Sun from 1pm-2:30pm. This setup is a prime example of grass roots where we are literally on the same level and being able to communicate with the homeless while we hand out food.

Our initial connection with Raymond and the volunteers was very friendly. My family including my kids were very much welcomed. I serve coffee on Sundays with my 9 year old daughter Mariah and 7 year old son Noah. CAMP provides volunteer hands-on experience for my kids which has been pivotal in shaping their understanding of what it means to serve and help others in need within their community.

Raymond treats every single person that we serve with respect and dignity. He goes above and beyond to help meet the basic needs of many people in the Durham community that are homeless and less fortunate. We stand behind Raymond and CAMP volunteers for all they do. We need more of this setup in each city of Durham. We hope the CAMP permit will be renewed so we can continue to follow our spiritual gifts from God which is serving and giving. As a follower of Jesus, we all have a special gifts. I know my service at CAMP is not from ourselves but by God's guidance. These Bible verses stand true to our commitment at CAMP:

Proverbs 19:17 - Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 14:21 - Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

Proverbs 31:9 - Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Regards,

Faisal Rahman

Andrea Rahman

CS-22-42

From: EYE MONSTERS <M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 10:32 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: CAMP Food Truck

To clerks

I am writing this letter in response to the City of Oshawa's Deciding to end the CAMP program, which was helping hundreds of homeless that would normally go without food.

Raymond Bond was doing a service to the homeless of Oshawa, giving them free, homecooked meals made by hard-working volunteers to aid those in need during this time of need. It isn't costing you a dime and is helping the hundreds of homeless across Oshawa, and yet, for some reason, you decide to refuse to let him operate the CAMP Food Truck.

I Volunteered at the Food Truck Between January and March, originally it was for my community hours, but it was an eye-opener to everything that was going on in the city. I saw people from all walks of life, those who were laid off from the pandemic, and those who had been homeless for years. From People who were barely able to make rent to people living out of a car to people setting up camps in the woods to people in the alleys of Downtown. All these people came for the food we were providing, and can n longer do so because you decided to get rid of it.

I ask that the City Council allow Raymond and his loyal volunteers to operate the food truck in its home of Midtown Mall and that they allow him to continue to operate as he sees fit.

Sincerely,

Liam Grogan

CS-22-42

From: Valerie <M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 8:38 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Cc: * Council <council@oshawa.ca>; <M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>
Subject: Community Assisted Meal Program (C.A.M.P)

I am writing this letter in response to the City of Oshawa making the decision to close C.A.M.P. which was a safe and caring place for those who are homeless and are entitled food and the necessities of life.

How can a group elected officials allow and promote the closing of this much NEEDED service.

It costs NOTHING to the city to provide this necessity, yet it no longer exists.

The running of C.A.M.P (Community Assisted Assisted Meal Program)/Durham Dignity for the Homeless was managed by a dedicated hard working group of volunteers who all share the same desire to help these marginalized individuals.

This was run completely by donations and it brought our community together, in a very good way it reflected a caring Oshawa and not a one that blatantly turns their backs on those much less fortunate.

I ask that council reconsider their decision and reverse their previous decision.

Please allow those who care to champion this giving from the heart.

My 16 year old (now 17) grandson worked the second shift of the abolished dinner program at C.A.M.P., for him it was a fabulous lesson about the real world. I was so proud of him standing outside in very cold conditions offering food at C.A.M.P. He certainly understands that we don't ignore these folks, we help them. We have to, there's no other option. I would have thought that the "haves" would be considerate of the "have nots." I always thought Oshawa was better than this disgrace

Sincerely,
Valerie Arnold

CS-22-42

From: Hannah Fenske <M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>
Sent: Apr 10, 2022 6:41:16 AM
To: service@oshawa.ca
Subject: [No Subject]

Dear City Council,

I was extremely disappointed to read this about Oshawa:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/he-parked-a-food-truck-for-the-homeless-at-oshawa-city-hall-now-council-wants-it-gone-1.6411984>

<<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/he-parked-a-food-truck-for-the-homeless-at-oshawa-city-hall-now-council-wants-it-gone-1.6411984>>

Please grant Mr. Bond his permit to help our community when he brings it forward at next month's meeting of the city's community services committee. You should care more for the vulnerable than you do about "big lineups." Thank you, Hannah Fenske, have lived in Durham Region my whole life. Attended uni in downtown Oshawa.

CS-22-42

From: <M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)> <M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14(1)>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 10:21 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Camp ROP meeting - April 19

Dear Clerk,

Below is a letter that I would like to read to Council on April 19th in support of the ROP for Camp. I would like to attend by telephone please. If you would please send me the instructions for doing so I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you so much for your time in considering this matter.

Sincerely,
Priscilla Arnold

Councillors and Honourable Mayor,

In speaking with Mr. Bond and a few of the volunteers I understand the licence for the Camp to remain in Oshawa is up for renewal and Council has taken a negative stand on giving them a renewal. I am so sad to hear that the council that was voted in is so hard hearted. I am shocked that you could take that stand when you know that without this ministry a lot will die.

CAMP is a life saver, literally, and MUST remain in action until other more permanent options are found, like treatment centers and appropriate housing or a place that can guarantee meals everyday; like CAMP has been doing since the beginning of COVID. The last 2 years have been very difficult for many!!

I would also like to bring to your attention that if there isn't a place where they can go for a meal and perhaps a warm blanket the crime rate will go up. Forcing people to steal to survive will be their only option. This will cost the City and further stress to its residents.

In closing, I hope you will consider some kindness when making this decision and open your heart to those who are struggling.

Sincerely,
Concerned fellow human
Priscilla Arnold
Sent from my iPad