

## Motion

**Agenda Number:** 11.6 – Emergency Food Bank Funding

**Date:** November 30, 2023

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**Moved by** Councillor Tedjo

**Seconded by** Councillor Santos

Whereas Food Banks were founded in 1986 in the Region of Peel after a study by Peel Social Services revealed an urgent need for food banks in the region to support residents;

And whereas, an estimated 70,000 Peel residents now use a food bank, including over 20,000 children;

And whereas, demand for food banks has nearly doubled since the start of the pandemic, with increasing demand every month;

And whereas, food banks will provide Peel residents with food for an estimated 15 million meals this year alone;

And whereas, the majority of revenue food banks receive is through community fundraising;

And whereas, the fundraising has not met the demand of increased need of food banks in the community;

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. That the Region of Peel 2024 Operating Budget for Community Investment be amended to provide an additional \$2 million to the food security funding stream for food banks; and
2. That the additional cost be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization reserve; and
3. That Regional Council declare food insecurity a crisis and work with other orders of government to address income and affordability challenges that are driving the demand for food banks.