

## **ADDITIONAL AGENDA**



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### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015 – 9:00 AM**

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE  
300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

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#### ADDITIONAL DEPUTATION

- B. Item 2 Adaoma Patterson, Advisory, Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy, Region of Peel and Anita Stellinga, Co-chair, Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- I-1 Item 2 Email dated January 30, 2015 from Daven Seebarran, Executive Director, Seva Food Bank

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**From:** Robert Trewartha on behalf of MAYOR  
**Sent:** 2015/01/30 4:51 PM  
**To:** Sacha Smith  
**Subject:** FW: Bus Fares Advocacy

Re: Item 2

**From:** Daven Seebarran  
**Sent:** 2015/01/30 8:57 AM  
**To:** Carolyn Parrish  
**Cc:** MAYOR  
**Subject:** Bus Fares Advocacy



Good morning Carolyn,

I wanted to touch base with you on the amazing pilot project that you have proposed at the last council meeting. I read the article in the Mississauga News that indicated that the vote on the senior's pilot has been held off until this coming week.

Carolyn, first, I want to thank you for your leadership in bring to attention the needs of seniors in our community. Access to affordable bus fare will improve their quality of life. I do however feel that based on our experience, the need for affordable buses, is prominent among single mothers, and new comers to Canada. Last year, Seva hosted a community consultation to discuss the Food Charter. The major feedback from that meeting, attended by food bank users, partners, and Mayor Crombie, was that bussing continues to be a challenge. For many people, they simply cannot afford the bus fare to come to the food bank. The situation is so dire, that many of the families walk from their homes (around Westwood Mall), to the food bank.

At Seva, we have tried to alleviate this by partnering with agencies to distribute hampers in local neighbourhoods. This works, but the choice of food is taken away from our clients as they get pre-packaged hampers. We also distribute bus tickets, but have a very small limit as we do not have the funding to sustain this throughout the year.

Another concern that arose in our consultation was the number of bags that our families can take on the bus. Many drivers only allow two bags, and often we are giving a typical family 100 pounds of food, in several bags. This sentiment was echoed in another discussion we had with community partners and Community Foundation of Mississauga in Spring 2014.

Carolyn, I hope given the context of local discussions, you would consider expanding the pilot program to include single mothers and new comers? Also, are you aware of the Province's funding to pilot fare reduction for seniors? [http://news.ontario.ca/oss/en/2015/01/ontario-seniors-community-grants-accepting-applications.html?utm\\_source=shortlinks&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_campaign=bzs5](http://news.ontario.ca/oss/en/2015/01/ontario-seniors-community-grants-accepting-applications.html?utm_source=shortlinks&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=bzs5)

Thanks Carolyn.

Best,

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Daven Seebarran  
Executive Director, Seva Food Bank