

External Briefing Note

Subject: Good Food Collective – Use of hours/space at the Link

To: Mayor and Council

From: Steve Lee Young, Director of Community Services

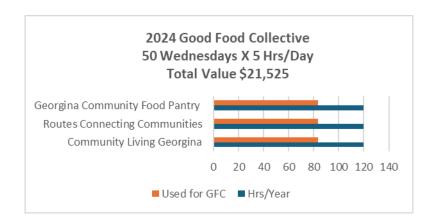
Date: April 24, 2024

Briefing:

At the Special Council Meeting held on March 5, 2024 Staff were directed to bring forward a briefing note at a subsequent date regarding the Good Food Collective operating at the Link. This is to advise Mayor and Council of the use of no charge hours provided in the Link Tenants Lease Agreements which have been allocated by tenants towards the Good Food Collective Wednesday lunch program.

Tenants at the Link have been afforded, through their lease agreements, a number of no charge hours per month for use of the rentable spaces at the Link for their programming. The number of hours does not accumulate month per month and can be shared amongst the tenants.

The Good Food Collective Wednesday lunch program is a collaboration between the Georgina Community Food Pantry, Routes Connecting Communities and Community Living Georgina providing affordable lunches and social engagement to the community.



The hours utilized for the Good Food Collective could otherwise be utilized for meetings, programs and collaborations. In 2023, approximately \$8,000 total for the three organizations was spent on bookings over and above their allotted 10 hours per month.