



# DELEGATION RESPONSE

Meeting: January 12, 2026

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## Claresholm Food Bank Delegation Response

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Members of the Claresholm Food Bank visited Council on November 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss their operations and request Rent relief from the town. The Food Bank rents its space from the town for \$550/month and they have requested that council waive some or all of the rent for 2026 while they try to stabilize their funding.

The Food Bank reported that they are increasing their fundraising efforts because traditional supports have changed, leading to more expensive operations and dwindling operational reserves. They are thus seeking to reduce operating expenses via a reduction in rent.

Mayor Schlossberger, Councillor Wagner and CAO Tinney met with members of the board on January 7<sup>th</sup> to follow-up on the delegation. The Food Bank has been actively seeking new funding opportunities and have been successful with a couple grants, one of which will allow them to purchase equipment and make reporting updates to meet compliance for the Canada Food Bank's Standards of Excellence.

If Council is in favour of waiving rental costs for the Food Bank (or a portion of the rent), then a motion is required. No motion is required if Council does not wish to make any changes to the rent.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to waive the rent (or a % of the rent) for the Claresholm Food Bank for 2026.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney

DATE: January 9, 2026

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