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Subject: RE: New Bag Bylaw Question

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am responding to the first question below in advance of our weekly Q&A because of the timeliness of the query related to our winter response.

Sandra's team in Homelessness Services have confirmed that Fairview Warming Centre (located at the Odd Fellows Lodge, 1443 W.8th) provides a specific meal voucher that Odd Fellows' Lodge arranged to provide, independent of the City's arrangements with them.

To support Warming Centre visitors' use of the Odd Fellows' food vouchers, City Warming Centre staff will now provide each guest with a disposable cup in the morning, along with the Odd Fellows provided meal voucher.

Best,
Paul

On Jan 3, 2022, at 2:50 PM, Kirby-Yung, Sarah <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi Paul,

Myself and a number of councillors got tagged on a post about homeless clients at City's Fairview warming Center location being given McDonald's breakfast meal vouchers and being charged the 25 cents cup fee.

I know the bylaw includes exemptions for non-profits providing food for free or at low cost.

I know it could be difficult operationally, but bringing it forward to ask if there's any way that vouchers could be exempted when redeemed at a market restaurant? For example if they were stamped with name of a charity or org handing them out as a signal to a business to not charge the cup or bag fee? Would obviously require additional education.

On another note, the other thing I'm hearing on the new bag and cup bylaw, is that there's no way to avoid the cup fee with people ordering coffee on apps which has become very popular. And this will drive more people in store for longer during Covid and waits in general for orders. Do staff have a response / comments on that?

Thanks,

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