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## WHITE ROCK *City News*

### PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

15053 Marine Drive  
Hosted by Applicant

A zoning amendment, temporary use permit, and a liquor (cannabis) license referral application has been submitted to enable the establishment of a cannabis retail store at 15053 Marine Drive. The rezoning application would add reference to the property within Section 4.1.3 of Zoning Bylaw allowing a temporary use permit to be issued for the store. The permit, if issued, would limit the cannabis retail store use to a period of three years, with an opportunity to renew the permit for another three years. The proposal does not seek to enlarge the existing structure but rather seeks to allow a new land use within the existing floor area of the building (approx. 110 square metres).

The meeting will be hosted as an on-line Microsoft Teams "Live Event" where City staff will be available to introduce the application and the proponent while also responding to policy, regulatory and process-related questions. The applicant will provide an overview of the project and will be available to respond to comments and questions regarding their proposal. Please see the following link to the events calendar on the City of White Rock webpage to access the December 2, 2020 meeting details: <https://www.whiterockcity.ca/calendar>

Date: December 2, 2020  
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Virtually through Microsoft Teams

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The Fraser Valley Regional Food Bank recently added a massive tented area stretched up and between two shipping containers in order to continue to serve people outside during the winter. The need for the food bank's services continues to increase, says its director Matthew Campbell. (Malin Jordan photo)

Fraser Valley Regional Food Bank serves South Surrey and White Rock

# 'Crazy' increase in demand for Cloverdale food bank

Malin Jordan  
Black Press Media

The need for the Fraser Valley Regional Food Bank continues to increase.

"We have over 300 families that are registered for our food bank now," said Matthew Campbell, director for the Cloverdale Community Kitchen (CCK) and the food bank. "It's pretty crazy to go from zero to 300 in just a few months."

He said out of those 300 registered families, about 200 visit the food bank each week. Campbell ties the "crazy" increase in numbers to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the two days the food bank is open, he said the lineup lasts more than an hour.

"When we open up, the lineup goes all the way down the side of the building and around the fence."

When the Fraser Valley Regional Food Bank - which is located in Cloverdale, but serves clients in White Rock and South Surrey - first opened in March, Campbell said there were only a few families using it. Now, the need is constant.

"It's people all the time."

The CCK has added five shipping containers to the parking lot behind the Pacific Community Church and added a massive tented area stretched up and between two shipping containers.

"We still want to do everything outside because of COVID," said Campbell. "This is just a temporary measure to allow us to continue to serve people in a safe way outside and not get soaked in the rain. When COVID is over, we'll go back inside."

Thankfully, Campbell said, the surge in need was coupled with a surge in volunteers.

"It's great the way the community has come out and wanted to support this, to help their neighbours and people in need," he noted.

"We have lots and lots of people that have stepped up to do the volunteering."

Campbell said the food bank is getting enough perishable foods and enough

frozen foods each week, but they are in desperate need of more non-perishable items such as canned goods, pasta and rice.

"We're collecting a lot of frozen goods from companies that can't give it to other places because (others) just don't have the space," Campbell explained. "Then we're able to give it out here... We're really moving a lot of frozen foods to people in need."

As the food bank's numbers increased, Campbell was forced to reach out to more suppliers

in an effort to get more food. That in turn forced him to buy two 40-foot refrigerated shipping containers, or reefers.

The reefers provided the FVRFB with much-needed frozen-storage space, allowing them to give out more meat and other frozen foods than they otherwise could have.

"With our two freezer units, we have, perhaps, the most amount of freezer storage space for a food bank in the Lower Mainland."

Campbell said the reefers are only a temporary measure, as he expects demand to drop once the pandemic is over.

But for now, Campbell is thinking about opening on a third day during the week in order to fill the need.

"We just need to make sure we have enough volunteers," said Campbell.

The Fraser Valley Regional Food Bank is open Mondays 5-6:30 p.m. and Thursdays 10-11:30 a.m.

People can sign up for the food bank on-site, during opening hours.

"Please bring photo ID, proof of address, and proof of income, if you wish to register," Campbell said.

The Fraser Valley Regional Food Bank is located at 5337 180 St.



Matthew Campbell  
director