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**To:** Mayor&Council <[Mayor&Council@nanaimo.ca](mailto:Mayor&Council@nanaimo.ca)>  
**Subject:** Loaves and Fishes Food Bank

Dear Mayor Krog and Council,

On March 17 2021 I will be presenting on behalf of Loaves and Fishes Food Bank before the City of Nanaimo Finance Committee. The purpose of my presentation will be to request financial support for a larger food recovery warehouse to better serve the people of Nanaimo.

In 2014 the City of Nanaimo invested \$275,000 to help with the purchase of our current food recovery warehouse at 210 Fry Street. In the years since this investment, Loaves and Fishes has made over 23 million dollars worth of food available to people in need directly through our depots and free of charge to other nonprofits, schools and Indigenous Communities. This massive return on investment has benefited thousands of vulnerable people while at the same time dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions by keeping food out of the landfill. This success means that our current facility is no longer adequate to handle the supply of food available to our community.

To address this space constraint, we are putting together a plan to build a use specific 29,000 square foot food recovery warehouse to serve the community. We have identified 1861 East Wellington Rd as the ideal location for this facility and have recently negotiated an agreement to buy this vacant industrial land. We anticipate having short term financing in place to take possession of the land on May 7 2021. In the coming weeks we will retain the services of a design build contractor to begin drafting plans for construction of the warehouse.

We are seeking financial support from the City of Nanaimo in the amount of \$930,000 to go toward the purchase of 1861 East Wellington Rd based on the following budget:

1861 East Wellington Rd Purchase Price \$ 1,300,000.00

Confirmed RDN Contribution	\$95,000
City of Nanaimo Equity in 210 Fry	\$275,000
2021 Funding Request to City of Nanaimo	\$930,000
Total	\$1,300,000

We are in discussions with the Provincial Government to provide funding for construction of this warehouse estimated to be \$8,000,000

**To help with your consideration of our request, I invite you to tour our current facility either socially distanced in person or virtually via zoom. This tour will**

**enable you to see first hand the essential work Loaves and Fishes does and why a larger facility is so desperately needed.**

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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