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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 5. Support for Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society

MOVER: Councillor Reimer

SECONDER:

#### WHEREAS

1. Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society (GVFBS) is a charitable food provider located in East Vancouver;
2. GVFBS was founded in 1982 with the intention of being a temporary relief to the hunger crisis resulting from the economic recession;
3. Since its founding, demand for the GVFBS has only grown, and it now provides assistance to over 28,000 people weekly through 15 food depots and over 100 community agencies located in Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminister and North Vancouver;
4. In 2013, the GVFBS undertook its first ever strategic planning session which acknowledged that emergency food provision as a standalone is not a long-term solution and charts a five-year plan to move to a model of food education, empowerment and sustainability;
5. Also in 2013, the City of Vancouver adopted the Vancouver Food Strategy which commits the City to achieving similar goals in partnership with community food organizations;
6. GVFBS must move from its leased 33,000 square foot warehouse location by June 30, 2017 providing an opportunity for exploring partnerships to achieve shared goals between GVFBS and the City of Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff work with the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society to:

- identify possible solutions and partnerships, including with other community food organizations, to support achieving shared food policy goals and increasing food assets as outlined in the GVFBS strategic plan and Vancouver Food Strategy;
- support the GVFBS in relocating to a new space such that it supports shared goals, and integrating other food assets, including components of a food hub as envisioned by the Vancouver Food Strategy, while allowing for continuity of service provision.

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