Ponoka Town Council Donates $2000 to Ponoka Food Bank during COVID-19 Outbreak

(April 16, 2020 – Ponoka, Alberta) – Ponoka Town Council is donating $2000 to the Ponoka Food Bank to help support those in need during the COVID-19 crisis. Council approved the motion during its regular meeting this week, which was held electronically due to the ongoing pandemic.

“The Food Bank is looking for extra help because of the increased demand it’s seeing during the COVID-19 outbreak combined with the crash in oil prices. Council has some extra money available in its advertising budget right now because we’re not travelling or going to conferences. We want to use that money to help our vulnerable population in Ponoka,” said Ponoka Mayor Rick Bonnett.

Mayor Bonnett says members of Council also want to encourage the local community to support the Food Bank if they can. He notes that Ponoka grocery stores, No Frills and IGA, are both accepting cash donations for the Ponoka Food Bank. IGA is also offering hampers for purchase to be donated to the Food Bank while No Frills has a large cart at the front of the store to collect food donations.

The Ponoka Food Bank encourages donations of cash and the following non-perishable items: canned vegetables, canned soup, canned meats, Kraft dinner, crackers, non-sugary cereals such as Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, jam, toilet paper, hand soap and toothpaste.

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