



## **The Salvation Army New Hope Community Centre**

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Mayor Danny Breen  
City of St. John's  
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Your Worship, Mayor Breen;

Thank you for find time to meet with Oliver and me this week. We were excited to share that we are now a mare few weeks away from opening The Salvation Army Ches Penney Centre of Hope, which, you and the City have been huge supporters of.

While we have provided in house parking to our staff and partners, under the main floor of the facility, we are now thinking about our clients who will visit the emergency food bank and come by for hot meals. While there seems to be adequate metered parking in the neighborhood, many of those availing of our services will struggle to even come up with the cost of parking when they are visiting us for food security relief.

Directly in front of our facility, on the Springdale Street side, there are either 5 or 6 parking spaces that may have been metered at one point several years ago. Because this section of the downtown is not overly busy most days, we would like for City Council to consider a request from The Salvation Army to turn those spots into short term parking, anywhere between 15 minutes and up to an hour. This would allow for our clients to come into our building, pick up their emergency groceries, which can be between 4 and 12 bags, depending on the size of the family, and be able to walk out through the front door and to their car, all in a matter of a few moments. We would only be using those spots during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, thus having no impact on Mile One and Convention Centre events, whereby parking does become an issue.

On behalf of The Salvation Army, and the many St. John's residents whom we work with, a sincere thank you for all your support in the past, and continued support into the future. And, we ask that you consider this request on behalf of those whom the price of a meter, or even worse, a ticket for not putting funds into a meter while picking up emergency food, can often be out of reach for them.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, I can certainly be reached at your convenience.

Sincerely

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