



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYORS

Dear friends of The Working Centre,

As you know, our community, like others in our country and around the world, is dealing with containing the spread of Covid-19.

In Waterloo Region, our community is well-prepared for dealing with this situation, and is actively making ongoing decisions based on input from Canada's, Ontario's and most importantly Waterloo Region's Public Health Department.

On Friday, Dr. Wang, our Public Health officer has strongly recommended that all events over 250 people be cancelled or postponed. As such, in discussions with The Working Centre team and the Mayors' Dinner Planning committee, we will be cancelling next week's in-person Mayors' Dinner and replacing it with a virtual one.

While the in-person event is being cancelled, the needs of The Working Centre and other community organizations like them, will only increase in the coming weeks, as the impacts of workplace and school shutdowns, self-quarantining and possibly actual health issues affect increased numbers of our neighbours, and especially those most vulnerable within our community.

The Working Centre is offering you a variety of options for your already purchased ticket. We are humbly asking you to please strongly consider leaving your ticket purchase as a full-receipted donation to help The Working Centre. We are also asking you to please participate in the on-line auction, and encourage others to do so. Finally, we also ask you to consider, where you are able, to make some extraordinary donations to The Working Centre and other similar organizations within our community and encourage others to consider the same.

Thank you for your support of the Mayors' Dinner in the past, and for your understanding about this cancellation. We are immensely proud of the caring nature of our community, and we know that with your continued support, we will work through this current challenge – together.

Sincerely,

Kathryn McGarry
Mayor
City of Cambridge

Berry Vrbanovic
Mayor
City of Kitchener

Dave Jaworsky
Mayor
City of Waterloo

