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THE METRO PAGE**\$28,000 in support urged for Foodshare**By Laurie Monsebraaten
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Metro should pay \$28,000 of Foodshare's \$89,000 operating costs this year, a committee has decided.

"This group has done a great job pricking the public's conscience and deserves our support," Councillor Joanne Campbell told Metro's community services committee yesterday. "We live in a

very successful city and still people rely on food banks."

Mayor Art Eggleton agreed Foodshare's role in assisting food banks, increasing public awareness and advocating for change on the hunger issue is "extremely helpful."

Campbell went on to say it is important to move the public beyond the compassionate response of donating food to understanding the underlying problems that

cause food lines in the first place.

Unemployment, inadequate welfare payments and the lack of affordable housing are key factors that leave people hungry at the end of the month, she said.

Foodshare was formed in September 1985 and operated until last December, on a \$67,000 budget made up of \$30,000 from Metro and \$37,000 from the City of Toronto.

This year, Foodshare is asking

Metro to pick up 30 per cent of its budget and for the city of Toronto to kick in 35 per cent. The organization will raise the remaining 35 per cent on its own, said executive director Donna MacDonald.

Councillor Campbell noted that advocacy and education are crucial in the battle against hunger in Metro.

"If we're not careful in this city, we'll end up with an institutionalized food bank system."

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By Kelly Toughill Toronto Star

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