

# Edmonton Food Bank Presentation- By Walter Dong

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The Society Members asked Qadra to invite a representative from Edmonton Food Bank to Present at the July meeting. Walter Dong of Edmonton Food Bank was invited and he presented to the meeting.

## Here are highlights of Walter's presentation:

### General information

- The food bank has 40 depots in Edmonton
- Clients can call or email for appointment
- Agencies can send referrals for families/individuals
- Food boxes consist of the following food items
  - Soup, pasta, produce and fruits (depends on what's been donated, and other available items)
- Everything in the food bank is donated
- 80% of individuals working at the food bank are volunteers
- Edmonton residents can access the food bank
- A maximum of four boxes can be issued to a family/individual
- Food banks are scattered around the city
- Families/individuals can access the depots more than once a week
- Emergency food access
  - Food can be shipped to the nearest depot for the family in need
- There is always a depot open during the week
- Families/individuals need to produce some form of identification.
- The following can be used in the place of photo IDs
  - Library card
  - Students report card
  - New residents are given leniency during their first visit
- Agencies can refer a family for the same day food issuance as long as the form is received before 3 pm

### Other programs offered by the food bank

- School programs
  - 37 schools are part of this program
- Special order Program
  - This program caters to orders for big events i.e. Canada Day BBQ etc
    - Only approved kitchens can access this program
  - Two weeks' notice is required in order to process requests
- Wild meat program

### Conclusion:

- 17,000 individuals are served per month, this figure increased from 13, 000
- Anyone can donate and volunteer at the food bank
- Walter would be happy to give the Society Members a tour of the main warehouse or any other depot