



## **NDG's Élémentaire Café Steps Up to Fill Gap Left by The Depot's Service Cuts**

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In the wake of recent budget cuts, The Depot Community Food Centre, a crucial support system for many in the NDG community, has had to make the difficult decision to discontinue its services on Fridays. This has left a significant gap for those who rely on affordable meals and support from the center. However, stepping into the breach with a generous and innovative solution is NDG's own Élémentaire Café.

Starting this week, Élémentaire Café has introduced a new \$6 lunch special, available seven days a week. This special meal deal includes a choice of sandwich, soup, and a beverage—coffee, tea, hot chocolate, or pop—all for just \$6, taxes included, with no need to tip.

"We saw the impact The Depot's service cuts were having on our community and wanted to do something to help," said Élémentaire Café owner, Kaz. "By offering this affordable meal option, we hope to provide some relief to those affected by the changes at The Depot." The Depot, a vital resource for NDG residents, has long been a staple in the community, providing meals and support services to those in need. The recent budget cuts have forced them to cease their Friday operations, leaving many without a crucial source of food and community support at the end of the week.

Élémentaire Café's initiative is a welcome relief for many in the neighborhood. The \$6 lunch special not only provides a hearty meal but also fosters a sense of community and solidarity during these challenging times. The café, known for its cozy atmosphere and friendly staff, has become a beacon of hope and support for NDG residents.

"We've already seen a positive response from our customers," Kaz added. "People appreciate the effort, and it's heartwarming to see our community come together to support one another." The Élémentaire Café's \$6 lunch special is a testament to the power of community spirit and the difference that local businesses can make in times of need. As NDG navigates the challenges brought on by The Depot's service cuts, initiatives like this ensure that no one is left behind.

Residents and visitors alike are encouraged to support Élémentaire Café's efforts by stopping by for a meal and spreading the word about this generous offer. With community support, NDG can continue to thrive and provide for all its members, even in the face of adversity.