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Dear Beloved Members of our Community,

We trust that you and yours are well.

By now you may have heard the sad news that CKC, Creative Kosher Catering, presently operated by David Smith, and which has served our shuls and the community for so many years, has decided to sever its connection to the Ottawa Vaad HaKashrut.

The underlying principle of Hashgacha (Kosher Certification) is **independent**, external supervision and we are so pleased that the Ottawa Vaad HaKashrut exists in our community to provide this invaluable resource. As with all areas that require accountability, only an **independent** system to supervise, inspect, and verify can be relied upon. That is the only way to assure that the standards and kosher requirements are being met by any and all food providers.

Effectively, this means that we, the undersigned rabbis, exercising our religious judgment, no longer consider the food from CKC to meet our standards of Kashrut.

We remain profoundly grateful to David Smith and the entire Smith family for their years of extraordinary service and kindness, and wish them all good health, vigour, and fulfillment.

With best wishes,

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Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn
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