



GUELPH TOOL LIBRARY

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October 21st, 2021

RE: Support for 10C as the Community Activator of the Guelph Farmers' Market

Dear Mayor Guthrie and members of Council,


The Guelph Tool Library is happy to provide a letter of support for the 10C Shared Space (10C) as Community Activator of the Farmers' Market and is confident that 10C will do amazing work revitalizing the Farmers' Market space. The work of the Guelph Tool Library is driven by building community resilience through engaging members in sharing knowledge, skills and resources. Through this work, the Guelph Tool Library hopes to encourage communities to find joy in sharing. 10C's plans to activate the Farmers' Market and provide space and opportunity for community gathering and connection is aligned to the Guelph Tool Library's mission, and more community uses of the market facilities will create new opportunities for our community to share resources, skills, knowledge and success.

Guelph Tool Library offers a number of projects and initiatives in its programming and is enthusiastic about, and committed to, participating in the new Farmers' Market programming in a variety of ways. We are in active discussion with 10C about bringing our Repair Cafes, one of our most popular programs, to the Market site. Repair Cafes are hosted bi-monthly and invite community members to bring broken items for repair by our team of expert volunteers. Our Repair Cafes have helped 230 visitors fix 70% of the items brought in, which diverted 1200lbs of waste from the landfill. Usually our Repair Cafes operate out of churches, community centres and schools. These events can run stand-alone or in connection to other events that attract people to the Farmers Market, such as clothing swaps, special food events, etc. We would be thrilled to explore opportunities to bring these events to the market facility, and the market's size and easily accessible location, would support the Guelph Tool Library to attract a wider set of participants, as we expand and promote our services and program offerings.

The revitalization of the Farmers' Market, under the leadership of 10C, will provide so many unique opportunities for communities, businesses and not-for-profits to work together and build community resilience after a difficult time. Guelph Tool Library looks forward to the chance to help 10C with activation of this space and ensure that the Farmers' Market is more accessible to our members and community.

We are committed to the success of this project and look forward to helping 10C build community resilience and find joy in sharing.

Sincerely,



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