

TO:
City Council

Dear City of Guelph Mayor and Councillors,

RE:
Our Food Future

This letter is in support of Our Food Future's delegation to City Council requesting support in exploring how to sustain their future work.

Date:
February 3, 2023

As you may know, the Guelph & Wellington Task for Poverty Elimination is committed to taking local action and advocating for system and policy change to address the root causes of poverty issues, including food insecurity. Key to our work is cross-sector engagement and collaboration at the local level with organizations, including those involved with Our Food Future.

The PTF has been involved as part of the Our Food Future Steering Committee and different aspects of the work since this initiative began. I can attest to the partnerships and breadth of impact this work has had on transforming the food system in our community.

One example, is the support Our Food Future has offered to initiatives and food assistance programs in our community to support access to nutritious, affordable and culturally relevant food. Our Food Future has also conducted valuable research which informs broader community work and they continue to play a convening role by bringing key players together to support action on food issues.

Lastly, the work done to date and the partnerships built have laid a strong foundation for further work to come.

Sincerely,



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Director, Guelph & Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination