

October 29, 2020

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Steve Clark
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5
via email steve.clark@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister Clark,

Re: UCPR Innovative Food Hub Project for Eastern Ontario

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Lanark, please consider this letter as an endorsement for the United Counties of Prescott and Russell's (UCPR) proposal for the creation of an innovative food hub, serving Eastern Ontario.

On October 28, 2020, Lanark County Council passed motion #CP-2020-73, in coordination with the Lanark County Agricultural Advisory Working Group, in favor of the development which will surely enhance food security in our region, during these uncertain and unprecedented times.

In Eastern Ontario and nationally, we have come to realize with the current pandemic that there is increasing uncertainty with respect to food security and a desire from our constituents to be more food self-sufficient. We feel that this innovative business model would help to ease these uncertainties by getting groceries on the shelves of local stores, as well as create jobs locally at the proposed facility, and ultimately, result in a very positive social and economic impact in our communities.

With the number of federal and provincial programs available to potentially help fund this facility, we ask that you please consider this as a tremendous opportunity to respond to the challenges faced by local producers and as a great economic driver for our region.

Sincerely,
Yours truly,



Brian Campbell
Lanark County Warden

Cc: Hon. Randy Hillier, MPP – Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
All Lanark County Municipalities