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Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 1:48 PM  
To: ICSC <ICSC@london.ca>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ICSC Agenda - item 2.2 - small business recycling options

To the ICSC,

Please take this letter as a show of support for the initiative to allow small businesses such as mine, Quarter Master Natural Foods, to be allowed to drop off recyclables at the City of London Envirdpots. My business generates roughly 200+ KG of cardboard every 2 weeks. When our curbside pick up was suspended, I had to get creative and was able to source out the cardboard recycling division of Waste Connections to take our cardboard. Luckily at no cost to me to drop off. This means every other Friday I have had to take a 4 x 8 trailer and pick up full of cardboard out to their facility, drive over their scales, unload in their barn, and reweigh on the way out. Just as their large trucks do. Not everyone has the luxury as we do to store that much cardboard in our garage, and I fear most businesses are now simply contributing to the landfill which I know is the case. How unfortunate. For 45 years, we have always been stewards for our environment here at Quarter Master. Its in our DNA. This process has been a necessary evil to stay true to this belief system though it takes at least an hour of my time, which could be spent in better ways attending to my business, gas, etc. I understand the provincial component to this issue, but is this not the kind of service my taxes should be covering?

As for the possibility of implementing a Green Bin Program here in Wortley Village, Hooray!! Quarter Masters on site kitchen has "always" composted everything we generate in compost bins on our property. Unfortunately, this has become problematic over the years as the rodent infestation continues to rise. The ability to simply put a Green Bin or two out at the curb, knowing the waste is going to the appropriate facility, is a no brainer in my books and I would 100% support this initiative.

Even better, I would whole heartedly support a return to the recycling approach for small businesses which was in place prior to January 2026. Add in the Green Bin component and we have a win win for our businesses and the environment as a whole.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my thoughts.  
Regards, Tim

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