

Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2016

December 1st , 2016

Project/Initiative	Background	Lead/ Responsible	Proposed Timeline	Proposed Budget	Link to Strategic Plan
Backyard Chickens/small livestock allowed in municipality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allow citizens to keep hens within city limits as long as they adhere to certain guidelines ● Allow chicken owners to sell their eggs ● ex. Hens and bees are permitted within city limits in the City of Victoria provided they are properly cared for and maintained. Secure outdoor shelter must be provided to contain hens or other outdoor domesticated animals and protect them from predators. Bee hives must be maintained to prevent swarming and placed far enough away from property lines to prevent them from impacting neighbouring properties (City of Victoria, 2011) ● City of Vancouver Backyard Hens Bylaw: In March 2010, policy guidelines were developed for the keeping of backyard chickens (City of Vancouver, 2010). (http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/backyard-chickens.aspx) ● RECOMMEND: City staff research backyard chicken feasibility for London, and compare bylaw policies in other mid-large urban centres in Canada. 	Skylar	end of 2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The London Plan (Food System) – draft ● London and Middlesex Food Policy Council - new ● Child and Youth Agenda 2012-2015
Developing a plan for Transactional Urban Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allow UA farmers to sell their produce, as long as they have undergone a site assessment and have a business licence ● Can sell to; CSA, Farmer’s Market, Roadside, Restaurants, home delivery etc. ● Work with MLHU to ensure that the food safety is up to code (including any onsite processing facility) ● RECOMMEND: City staff compile a report regarding feasibility for London, and compare bylaw policies in other mid-large urban centres in Canada 		20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The London Plan (Food System) – draft ● London and Middlesex Food Policy Council - new ● Child and Youth Agenda 2012-2015
Work with the London and Middlesex Food Policy Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have the LMFPC present at an AAC meeting ● RECOMMEND: A member from AAC sit on the LMFPC after it is developed 	Whoever would like to sit on AAC	When the LMFPC is established		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The London Plan (Food System) – draft ● London and Middlesex Food Policy Council - new
Advocate for more fruit and nut (more edible) trees on public lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RECOMMEND: that fruit trees are planted in parks and boulevards throughout the city to assist with healthy communities and providing alternative food options 	Skylar	End of 2016	~\$500 for guest speaker Adrina Bardekjian from OUF to present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Urban Forest Strategy ● The London Plan (Natural Heritage and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work with TFAC to develop this recommendation, attend one to two TFAC meetings to discuss what recommendations to make on planting more fruit and nut trees on public properties ● TFAC to assist with suggestions 			on fruit/nut tree policies in Toronto- speak to committees/ staff/councillors	<p>The Green City) – draft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child and Youth Agenda 2012-2015
Support for Urban Agriculture related business development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Become a voice for urban agriculture related development - make recommendations to PEC that support UA businesses (ex. transactional agriculture, allowing animals within city limits etc.) ● RECOMMEND: City staff explore the idea of urban farmland- offer leases to farmers for public property, new zoning designation etc (incubator farms) ● RECOMMEND: City staff explore the idea of a new position at city: UA Farm Manager (in charge of maintaining UA programs and farmland, works with LMFPC and Community Gardens across London to run a coordinated effort of urban agriculture) - ties into Sept 1 2015 Council meeting- Council directed staff to consult with stakeholders and to report back regarding the London Community Garden Program Strategic Plan with respect to the feasibility of an overarching urban agriculture policy) ● RECOMMEND: Staff explore allowing for on site processing in UA farmland ● City in charge of processing soil testing -The Toronto Site Assessment is a tool developed by Toronto Public Health for city staff to assess potential sites for community and allotment gardens, and to identify and mitigate areas that are contaminated but could be suitable for food production (Toronto Public Health, 2011). 	Suggestions for the report being done to explore UA in London (end of 2016)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● London Economic Development Corporation’s Industry Focus Areas: - Food Processing ● Invest more in heritage restoration, brownfield remediation, urban regeneration, and community improvement projects.
RECOMMEND: Develop an Urban Agricultural Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● use the comprehensive scan from the City of London (Sept 1 2015), in partnership with the London Middlesex Food Policy Council to develop an UA plan for the City of London ● Include points from the London Plan (Food Systems and Farmland Use sections) ● (Sept 1 2015) Council directed staff to consult with stakeholders and to report back regarding the London Community Garden Program Strategic Plan with respect to the feasibility of an overarching urban agriculture policy) 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child and Youth Agenda 2012-2015 ● The London Plan (Food System) – draft ● London and Middlesex Food Policy Council - new

Resources: Urban Farming Guidbook- <http://www.refbc.com/sites/default/files/Urban-Farming-Guidebook-2013.pdf>
<https://www.london.ca/newsroom/Documents/CommunityGarden.pdf>