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Re: Shocked at Planning committee decision not to allow the severance

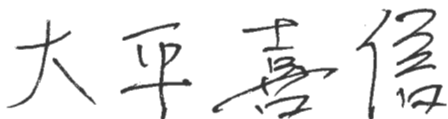
Dear Mr. Mayor and Councillors

I was excited to come to London and bring my innovative way and technology to produce maitake mushrooms. I with your permission built a new modern production facility on Colonel Talbot Rd and near the Nafta highway. I have invested over 5 million cdn dollars and am employing 13 people. Our product as i knew it would is well received in Southern Ontario as well as Michigan, New York and Boston . Many grocery stores and restaurants are now buying our locally grown organically certified mushrooms .This is great for the Canadian consumer and economy.

My plan is to expand the plant in the near future but that is now at risk as the planning committee has recommended against my severance . This severance is required for me to further invest in my company and London . A lease simply will not do it. I have a 14 thousand sq ft facility on 10 acres of land and i can expand easily on that 10 acres. The remaining 35 acres which is owned by tsi international will always remain agricultural . Agriculture is changing and like in Japan there are more indoor producers producing more food , with new technology on fewer acres of Land . The zoning requested and the proposed use are not the issues as i understand it . I know there are minimum requirements and the minimum 100 acres for severance is so is just to stringent and will not allow for these new production facilities . One of the reasons I chose the site was not only its proximity to the 401 highway but because of the numerous small businesses along Col. Talbot rd and the majority with lot sizes of less than 10 acres . I am will always be a farmer , food producer, environmentalist and humanitarian for over 40 yrs.

I love London and want to make this the headquarters for green produce production incl. not only mushrooms but green produce year round .I believe this request is reasonable and surely this council and its gifted staff can accommodate this request . I believe this council if it wants to support Shogun Maitake Canada Ltd and small businesses can grant this simple requests . There are in business like government always opportunities to say no but for those who think forward and to a brighter future , it is easy to say yes . I have had many opportunities and still get alot of invitations to move my facility to Michigan and New York , I want to build my company's future here in London . It is now up to you.

Thank you , Arigatou!



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