

RE: Business case request for agricultural transitional housing project

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Dear chair and members of the CPSC,

I see the need for innovative transitional housing in London and believe that providing opportunities for engaging agricultural activities by residents would add value to our efforts. Engaging people in agricultural learning has been shown to build both life skills, pride of ownership and self esteem where it has been undertaken elsewhere.

Some elements I am personally interested in are:

- Transitional housing in a rural setting
- Opportunities for the residents to contribute to the community such as
 - Growing food, including a greenhouse
 - Food preparation
 - Transitional housing construction
 - Property maintenance
- Appropriate storage apparatus (or facilities)
- Appropriate personal supports and site security
- Volunteer opportunities for Londoners to assist with the community

To this end I hope you will support the following motion or something similar:

That Civic Administration be directed to review and included opportunities for appropriate scale food production and/or agriculture activities in future business cases for transitional housing developments led by the city and it's partner agencies, boards and commissions.

Yours,

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