



March 21, 2025

Hon. Rob Flack, MPP Elgin Middlesex-London
County of Elgin
Elgin County Municipalities

Sent via email

RE: Elbows Up, Roots Down: A Transition to Edible Plantings & Community Garden Program Development

Dear Partners,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin discussed the above matter at its Regular Meeting dated March 17, 2025 and the following Resolution was passed:

WHEREAS food security is a growing concern in our municipality, exacerbated by economic instability and U.S. trade pressures;

AND WHEREAS proactively strengthening local food resilience supports our residents and reduces dependence on external supply chains, and alleviates pressure on social infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the protracted ability of Canadians to withstand economic pressure is integral to maintaining our sovereignty;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff be directed to report back to Council with recommendations for establishing a garden plot and municipal garden planting pilot project in municipal parks for 2025, including potential partnerships, funding opportunities, and best practices for implementation;

AND THAT this motion be circulated to neighbouring municipalities in Elgin County, and to M.P.P. Rob Flack.

Sincerely,

Delany Leitch

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Deputy Clerk