

Good morning/afternoon

I am representing McQuesten Community Planning Team and the McQuesten Urban Farm working group.

I wish to begin by thanking His Honour Mayor Fred Eisenberger and this esteemed Council for their encouragement and support of the McQuesten Urban Farm. The dream is now a reality.

In order to move this dream forward we do need capable and competent support from specialists such as Alvaro Venturelli from Plan B Organic Farms. Alvaro has contributed his knowledge, his labour and his enthusiasm to our project. The farm has developed into a thriving growing machine and that success is in no small part from the help and guidance of Alvaro. His knowledge of soil and plants and his hard work is exemplary. He solves problems in a safe, efficient way that builds a great deal of respect from our neighbours.

With the monies being received from Maple Leaf Foods, it is imperative that we have strong farming procedures in place to bringing us to a sustainable enterprise. I respectfully request that you reappoint Plan B Organic Farms as Mr. Ventruelli for this coming season as our guide and mentor in this venture. With your approval we will also be able to have community engagement staff helping to develop programs and encouraging and assisting neighbours to become more involved.

Thank you