



Board of Health,
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October 25, 2019

RE: HL 10.1 Toronto Food Policy Council 2019 Annual Report

Dear Members of the Board of Health,

I am writing in support of the important role that the Toronto Food Policy Council (TFPC) plays in the City of Toronto. For the TFPC to continue to be of relevance, it is imperative that the position of Coordinator continues to be funded.

City Council has recently declared a climate emergency. The food system is a major contributor this crisis and has an opportunity, recognized the TFPC, to be a significant part of the solution. This month, Toronto was one of 13 cities that signed onto the C40 Good Food Cities Declaration.

For 30 years, the TFPC has provided critical leadership on food issues for the City. Of equal importance, it has set a high standard that other cities seek to emulate.

This is the time to enthusiastically commit to the work of the TFPC. I call on the Medical Officer of Health to ensure the resident led body that is TFPC continues to support a fully-funded Coordinator's position, in order to provide effective, strategic input across City divisions and from within TPH.

Sincerely,

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James Kuhns
Co-coordinator, Toronto Urban Growers