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**Attention: Rod Santiago, Executive Director**

Dear Rod:

**Re: Letter of Support – Abbotsford Food Charter**

On behalf of Abbotsford City Council, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Abbotsford Food Charter and to recognize the leadership of Archway Community Services in advancing this important work.

Archway has been a longstanding and valued partner in our community, providing a wide range of supports that contribute meaningfully to the well-being of Abbotsford residents. Through its work across housing, food security, health, and social services, Archway continues to play a key role in strengthening the social fabric of our city and supporting individuals and families facing complex challenges.

The Abbotsford Food Charter reflects a thoughtful and community-driven approach to building a more sustainable, connected, and equitable local food system. The engagement undertaken to develop the Charter, including participation from a broad cross-section of community members and partners, demonstrates a strong foundation for collaborative action.

Council recognizes the importance of ensuring that all residents have access to nutritious, affordable, and culturally appropriate food, and acknowledges the connection between food systems, health and well-being, economic development, and community resilience. The Charter's core values align with many of the City's existing priorities, including those outlined in Abbotsforward 2050 related to food security, agriculture, and community health.

I am pleased to confirm Council's support for the Abbotsford Food Charter as a community-informed framework that can help guide current and future initiatives in this area. We are supportive of the ongoing work of Archway, the Abbotsford ACCESS Food Security Working Group, and community partners as they continue to advance these shared priorities.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to building a stronger and more inclusive Abbotsford.

Sincerely,

Ross Siemens  
Mayor

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Peter Sparanese, City Manager