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**To:** Mather, Maddison

**Subject:** Special council meeting 30th January 2025

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Hi,

I would like to lend my weight to support the continued opening of OAFVC. The closure or cutback of this facility would be at best misguided and at worst completely disastrous for the entrepreneurs who rely on the site to make new and innovative foods for the local community. I do not see the reason for this continued hounding of the centre. It is there to make new business flourish & we really need this in the current economic climate. With threats to food security within Ontario this place is pivotal in supplying food to the area at a realistic cost.

How do I know this? I have had many clients use the facility to start their business and gain a foothold in the market.

I urge you to reconsider the thought of closing the centre as it is the lifeblood of the local food scene and food entrepreneurs throughout Ontario.

Thank you for listening.

Kind regards

John Hale.