



April 8, 2009

Heather McRae
Strategic Services Branch Manager
Community Services
City of Edmonton
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Ms. McRae,

Further to our discussions and our perusal of the Administration's preliminary report prepared for the City Community Services Committee.

The reality and constraints of this current economy is especially challenging for both the City and our organization. We appreciate the City's efforts and offer of assistance to find alternatives for short term funding for our 2009 program year. After careful consideration, Cityfarm has made the difficult decision to forego 2009 programming beyond April. We feel redirecting our limited resources to work with the City and other stakeholders towards long term funding solutions is the best course of action at this time.

We are pleased with the direction and outcomes that have already emerged from discussions with the City in the past few weeks. We are excited about the formation of an inter-branch/department committee to work with us and the possibilities of this partnership as we move the Business Case forward. Cityfarm looks forward to working with the City on issues and actions including sourcing sustainable funding, volunteers, organizational development and multi-site opportunities so that children and youth will have increased opportunities to:

- Connect to and understand the natural environment.
- Understand the food cycle and making healthy food choices.
- Lead a healthy and fit lifestyle.
- Engage in community development and experience positive personal transformation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Penstone'.

Susan Penstone
Executive Director