WINNIPEG FOOD COUNCIL

September 16, 2026

RE: Support for Alternative Land Tenure Systems initiative of the National Farmers Foundation

To whom it may concern,

The Winnipeg Food Council (WFC) wishes to express its support for the Alternative Land Tenure Systems initiative of the National Farmers Foundation. This project advances the issue core to the WFC – improving food security – while enhancing economic, social, and environmental sustainability.

The National Farmers Foundation (NFF) is a charitable organization dedicated to the promotion, creation and enhancement of food systems based on the principles of food sovereignty: sustainability, equity, and justice. Through research, education, and projects that advance these principles they aim to support food producers and provisioners, workers, and rural communities in Canada.

From our perspective, it is heartening to see that the NFF is looking into food security from a potentially industry changing lens. This project supports new frameworks for land stewardship. These new frameworks support the next generation of farmers continuing to produce food. It is an area of research that should be pursued and promoted, and we are proud to offer our support behind it.

Access to arable farmland is becoming more expensive, leaving fewer, larger farms providing increasing proportions of our diet. This concentration of food production increases risks to food security. The WFC believes this project will promote farming to more young, motivated people, and create the dynamic environment necessary to adapt to the evolving needs of our City.

We support this endeavor of the NFF, and we encourage you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Councillor Emma Durand-Wood

Chair of the Winnipeg Food Council

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