

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 19, 2016

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: Dr. J. K. Edwards Board Room, 3rd Floor
Peterborough Public Health, 185 King Street**

Attendees: Dorothy Boddy, Chris Kawalec, Peter Hughes, Lori Sainte, Marie Bongard, Joelle Favreau, Mary Anne Martin, Barb Diceman, Wanda Tonus, Alida Tanna (Recorder), Carolyn Doris (Chair).

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Approved as circulated.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2016

Approved as circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Review Action Items from the Previous Meeting

5.0 New Business

5.1 Presentation: Urban Hens (Wanda Tonus, Public Health Inspector, Peterborough Public Health)

Wanda provided background on the current status of legislation surrounding backyard hens. There are two City of Peterborough by-laws which cover backyard hens: an old chicken coop by-law which can be enforced by the Medical Officer of Health should there be a public health concern; and, the more current animal keeping by-law that states that residents can't keep animals for agricultural purposes (keeping chickens in the backyard is considered an 'accessory' use), the Humane Society can be called in to determine whether the animals are treated humanely.

Peterborough Public Health has been in discussions with the City for some time now on the matter. PPH has recommended that backyard hens should be allowed if specific practices are followed (i.e., registry, education, licensing, proper care and infection control practices).

PPH has been advised that the City will propose a comprehensive animal control by-law in the near future which will prohibit the establishment of new coops, existing ones will be grandfathered in. Coops will also be allowed in areas within the City that are zoned as agricultural land, however these areas are quite small and remote.

The proposed by-law still requires senior executive approval at the City, and may go through a public consultation process. PFAN members felt strongly that allowing backyard hens supports Peterborough residents who are trying to become independent and food secure. Consensus from members in attendance was as follows:

- alert PFAN when details emerge on the by-law;

- thoughtful regulation should be the preferred course of action which would include rules and regulations, and at minimal cost to the municipality; and,
- members were encouraged to speak to their Councillors and attend public meetings to voice concerns.

5.2 Peterborough Public Health Open House / Myrtle's Kitchen Launch (Carolyn)

Two events are taking place at the new offices of Peterborough Public Health (formerly known as the Peterborough County-City Health Unit) on June 10th:

- Myrtle's Kitchen Official Opening at 11:30 a.m.; and,
- Community Open House from 3 – 6:00 p.m.

PFAN Members were invited to both events. While the latter is an open to the general public, the kitchen opening is limited to PFAN members, donors and funders.

5.3 Topics/Presentations for Future Meetings

Carolyn encouraged members to send topics for future meetings to her attention to be added to PFAN agendas.

6.0 Round Table Themes

6.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

(PPRN; Income Security Work Group; Nutritious Food Basket)

- The Peterborough Social Planning Council has published an [InfoNote](#) on Peterborough's living wage; the report estimates Peterborough's living wage at \$17.65 per hour.
- The Province has announced that there will be a pilot for the Basic Income Guarantee. Carolyn noted that at a recent conference she presented on behalf of the Basic Income Peterborough Network, Peterborough is seen as a leader on this issue. Members felt that advocating to Jeff Leal for a pilot in Peterborough would be effective.

6.2 Emergency Food/Community Meals/Community Food Hub/Food Programs

(Kawartha Food Share; Faith Community members; Nourish Project; JustFood; Collective Kitchens; Gleaning; City of Peterborough)

- Lori circulated gleaning information to the group.
- One Roof Community Diner has been operating for 2 ½ months, a review will be completed at 3 months. Food costs are down, however the diner is serving approximately 120 at each meal. Statutory holidays will also be held at One Roof.

6.3 Urban Agriculture/Farming/Local Food

(PCGN; Farms at Work; Sustainable Peterborough; Farmers Markets; Peterborough Eats; By the Bushel; Seasoned Spoon; Kawartha Choice)

- The Peer Advocate Office at Nourish opened three weeks ago.
- JustFood box numbers have increased; school orders are being organized (a different approach is being taken with schools than what has been done in the past).
- June 6 - 10 is Local Food Week in Ontario.
- Peterborough Eats has opened in Peterborough Square.
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6.4 Food Policy

(PSPC; Municipal Update; Community Social Plan; Healthy Communities/Partners in Wellness)

7.0 Other

8.0 Agenda Items for June 16, 2016

- Work Group Updates (Need Food, Get Involved, Create Change)

9.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Parked Items

Future Items

PCFN meetings take place the third Thursday of every month at Peterborough Public Health, Dr. J. K. Edwards Board Room (3rd Floor), 185 King Street from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Please submit your agenda items to Alida Tanna (atanna@pcchu.ca) no later than 1 week prior to the meeting for inclusion in the circulated package. Meeting agendas and minutes for the PCFN are posted in the 'Create Change' section of the [Food in Peterborough](#) web site.

Any community member or organization is welcome to submit relevant updates which may be shared as part of the 'Round Table' section. The organizations listed below each heading are examples of each theme or grouping, and are not meant to be exclusive. If you cannot attend a meeting to provide your update, please submit them via e-mail to Alida Tanna.