

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

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

Attendees: Dan Hennessey, Chris Kawalec, Dorothy Boddy, Elisha Rubacha, Margaret Madden Lori Sainte, Marie Bongard, Barb Diceman, Mary Anne Martin, Peter Hughes, Carolyn Doris, Jill Bishop, Dr. Rosana Salvaterra (Chair), Alida Gorizzan (Recorder).

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2016

The minutes were approved as circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 World Food Day 2016 Planning Update (Carolyn)

A committee is being formed to plan for PFAN activities related to World Food Day which will be held in November (exact date to be determined) at Peterborough Public Health. Members interested in being involved are encouraged to contact Carolyn Doris at (705) 743-1000 x251 or cdoris@peterboroughpublichealth.ca.

4.2 City Letter re: Community Gardens / Watering (Jill)

A letter sent to Allan Seabrooke, City of Peterborough Chief Administrative Officer, from Dr. Salvaterra (on behalf of PFAN) was shared. Jill advised that she has been invited to present to the City's Arenas, Parks And Recreation Advisory Committee on October 18. Dr. Salvaterra will join her for the presentation if she is available.

4.3 Community Meal Update (Chris)

Chris advised that the City of Peterborough has released a Request for Expression of Interest, 'EOI-01-16 - Opportunity to Partner with the City of Peterborough for the Development of a Community Meal Program'. Two information sessions will take place (September 16 and 21), and submissions are due to the City by October 6.

It was asked whether Kawartha Food Share would be supporting the new venture. Chris noted that he was unsure whether KFS would be taking on any new members at this time. KFS is experiencing declining food and monetary donations. He advised that part of the budget that the City is funding will be dedicated towards the purchase of food.

The group also discussed the potential of farmers being able to donate food and receive a tax credit, unfortunately the tax credit only recognizes 25% of the value of the donated goods.

4.4 Food Charter Update (Carolyn)

Carolyn provided an update on the Food Charter consultation which occurred on September 8. Russ Christiansen presented on the Northumberland Food Charter, and attendees viewed a video from Sustain Ontario on developing a food charter. Details on various food charters established across the province can be found [here](#).

5.0 New Business

6.0 Round Table Themes

6.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

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

- The Affordable Housing Action Committee (AHAC) of the City and County of Peterborough has released the 2016 edition of the annual publication [Housing is Fundamental](#).

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)

- Joëlle has been invited to present to the Council of Chairs of United Churches on the Nourish Project on September 19.
- Gleaning is almost complete for the season.
- The Nourish canning series is sold out, a second workshop will be offered in October.

6.3 Urban Agriculture/Farming/Local Food

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

- By The Bushel will hold an open house on September 15 from 4-6 p.m. at 542 Rogers Street.
- The Downtown Farmer's Market will host the [4th Annual Iron Chef Market Cook-Off Challenge](#) on September 28. The market will remain open until the end of October.
- The Sutherland Campus Farmers' Market (Fleming College) takes place every Thursday from Sept. 15 – Oct. 6 from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- The Urban Agriculture Task Force (established as a Task Force of Sustainable Peterborough's Food and Farming Working Group) will meet in September after taking a summer break to grow food. The Task Force, chaired by Jill Bishop, will be discussing the urban chicken by-laws at their upcoming meeting.
- A Civic Agriculture Colloquium is taking place on September 21st from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Bagnani Hall, Trent University. **ACTION: Mary Anne Martin to send further details to Alida for distribution to PFAN if the event is open to the public.**

6.4 Food Policy

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

- The Dietitians of Canada has released a [position statement on food insecurity](#) which is being endorsed by a number of provincial and federal organizations.

7.0 Other

- Councillors Therrien and Pappas will host a Town Ward Community BBQ at Union Street Park (off Dublin and Edinburgh streets) on Thursday, September 22nd from 6 - 8 p.m.

8.0 Agenda Items for October 20, 2016

9.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Parked Items

Future Items

PFAN 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 (agorizzan@peterboroughpublichealth.ca) no later than one week prior to the meeting for inclusion in the circulated package. Meeting agendas and minutes for the PFAN 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 Gorizzan.