

## **Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, October 20, 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:** Chris Kawalec, Dorothy Boddy, Elisha Rubacha, Margaret Madden, Lori Sainte, Marie Bongard, Barb Diceman, Mary Anne Martin, Joëlle Favreau, Carolyn Doris, Jill Bishop, Dr. Rosana Salvaterra (Chair), Alida Gorizzan (Recorder), Judy Amsbury.

#### **1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

#### **2.0 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

#### **3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 15, 2016**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

#### **4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes**

##### **4.1 World Food Day 2016 Planning Update**

This event has been confirmed for Sunday, November 27. Nourish will be the lead on the planning for the day. It was noted that Emmanuel West United Church will be hosting a community meal on that date.

##### **4.2 City Letter re: Community Gardens / Watering**

Jill noted that there were positive steps made after attending the October 18<sup>th</sup> Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee directed staff to organize meetings with Nourish, PUC, and the City to discuss PFAN's request for free water access for community gardens. There is potential for frost-free water hydrants to be installed near some community gardens. **ACTION: Jill will keep the group apprised of any developments related to this item.**

##### **4.3 Community Meal Update**

Chris advised that three submissions were received for the city-funded community meal program. A recommendation and draft agreement will go to the Committee of the Whole on November 7<sup>th</sup>, and later to Council on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The City anticipates no disruption in service when the transition occurs.

##### **4.4 Food Charter Update**

Deferred.

#### **5.0 New Business**

### 5.1 [2016 Limited Incomes / Nutritious Food Basket Report](#)

Carolyn reviewed this report which was presented to the Board of Health on October 12<sup>th</sup>. If members are interested in the calculations used in the report, they are encouraged to contact her for more details.

On a related matter, Carolyn provided some details about Bill 6, Ministry of Community Social Services Amendment Act (Social Assistance Research Commission), 2016 that was referred after second reading to the Standing Committee on Social Policy. Members reviewed and discussed key points within the proposed bill. **ACTION: Dorothy, Joëlle and Carolyn will draft a letter for review by Dr. Salvaterra, who will send the final letter on behalf of PFAN.**

## 6.0 Round Table Themes

### 6.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

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

- There will be an announcement at the World Food Day event in regards to funding for Nourish.
- The board for PPRN has undergone an extensive transformation (12 new members). Nauri Parkinson continues as Strategic Community Animator. Elisha advised that she will assist with the establishment of a PPRN Communications Committee; she also noted that the board may provide grants to workgroups to support their work plan priorities. **ACTION: Elisha to provide an update at the next meeting.**
- Dr. Salvaterra recommended [‘Utopia for Realists’ by Rutger Bregman](#) and suggested it could be the basis for a community discussion on the BIG; a related podcast is available on CBC (see the link above).

### 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 presented on food insecurity at the Peterborough United Church Council Chairs’ meeting at Trinity Church on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Her strong message included the U.N. definition of food security highlighting dignity for all. Handouts were provided which included ways churches can be involved in food security issues.
- On October 16<sup>th</sup>, Trinity and Emmanuel United Church volunteers distributed brown paper bags in support of the [Chew On This](#) campaign in advance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. The bags contained an apple, granola bar, fridge magnet, and a postcard address to Minister Duclos asking the federal government to deal seriously with hunger and poverty in Canada by legislating a federal act to promote inclusion and strengthen social security.
- Dr. Salvaterra will attend a Basic Income Initiative Symposium in Toronto on October 26<sup>th</sup> (by invitation).
- The Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC) will host a Turning the Tide Against Poverty Forum in Toronto on November 24.

- St. Paul's can no longer host suppers. For November, the first three Sundays will take place at Emmanuel East United Church (formerly George Street United), the 27<sup>th</sup> will take place at Emmanuel West (formerly St. Andrew's).
- The JustFood Box program will be evaluated shortly, Joëlle will have further details at the next meeting.
- Carolyn was approached by Archibald's Orchard after hearing Lori Sainte on the CBC discussing Peterborough Gleans. Carolyn connected the orchard with Lori, and as a result, gleaners will pick from Archibald's this coming Monday.
- Carolyn noted that the [Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health](#) (OSNPPH) recently sent a letter to the CBC in regards to their Sounds of the Season Campaign with a concern that "charity is an ineffective and counterproductive response to the serious problem of food insecurity, and to suggest that a representative of ONSPPH be interviewed during the campaign." **ACTION: Carolyn to circulate the letter to PFAN members.**

### 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 is promoting a winter basket program which runs November to April. For more details visit: <http://bythebushel.ca/shop/baskets/winter-basket/>. They have also organized a farm tour this weekend (visiting Maryland Organics and Chitty Bitty's Farm)

### 6.4 Food Policy

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

## 7.0 Other

### 8.0 Agenda Items for November 17, 2016

- Food Charter Update

### 9.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

### 10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned t 2:30 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 ([aqorizzan@peterboroughpublichealth.ca](mailto:aqorizzan@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.*