

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

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: Ruth Schumaker, Erica Richmond, Elisha Rubacha, Jillian Bishop, Joëlle Favreau, Sharon Cadman, Chris Kawalec, Carolyn Doris (Interim Chair), Alida Gorizzan (Recorder), Linda Midford, Mary Anne Martin.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Approved as circulated.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2017

Approved as circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Water for Community Gardens

Jill Bishop reported the positive news that the City will deliver water to four community gardens which are located on municipal property (e.g., Bonnacord, Stewart Street, Nevin Avenue); the gardens will provide water tanks for storage.

4.2 Food Charter

As a follow-up to the Food Charter Consultation in September 2016, a group of volunteers from that meeting have met over the last few months incorporating feedback and determining next steps. The Food Charter document will be presented to the Board of Health of Peterborough Public Health at its May 10 meeting as this was the group that expressed interest in the development of a local food charter.

On Tuesday, May 16 a Food Charter Meeting will be held from 1-3 pm at Peterborough Public Health to discuss actions and next steps. Dr. Barbara Seed from British Columbia who has worked with food charters and sustainable dietary guidelines will join in on this local conversation. Nourish and the Peterborough Food Action Network will also host Dr. Seed at a public event on the evening of Tuesday, May 16. Dr. Seed will be discussing planet friendly eating and sustainable diets. The title of her presentation is Can We Continue to "Meat" Like This: Exploring Planet Friendly Eating. More information including registration is available [here](#).

ACTION: Carolyn will circulate these details to PFAN via email.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Review Work Plan (Carolyn/Joëlle/Peter)

- a. Need Food – This working group will present to Kawartha Food Share Member Agencies Advisory Group on May 23, 2017 in an effort to engage food banks in PFAN’s work. The presentation will also offer an opportunity to discuss the food security continuum, successes/challenges, etc. One Roof Community Diner and faith organizations that provide community meals will be invited for the discussion. PFAN members were encouraged to share stories of how accessing food banks changed their lives – please connect with Joëlle Favreau should you wish to submit a personal story (jfavreau@ywcapeterborough.org)
- b. Create Change – This working group met to discuss specific actions. If interested in becoming involved in any of these proposed activities, contact Carolyn at (cdoris@peterboroughpublichealth.ca):
 - Meetings with the Income Security Workgroup and Basic Needs Workgroup of PPRN (and others) to share food insecurity research.
 - Bringing people together for an event/activity to change the narrative around normalization of poverty and the perception of poverty.
 - Lead a campaign raising awareness of food insecurity locally. Audiences could include municipal politicians, MPPs, general public.
 - Endorse the Food Charter and use it as a basis for action and awareness raising in the community.

5.2 Urban Agriculture Committee Report (Jill Bishop)

Jill shared that the report, [Cultivating a Fertile Environment for Urban Agriculture in the Greater Peterborough Area](#), was ready for circulation and feedback. The report was prepared for the Sustainable Peterborough Future of Food and Farming Working Group by the Sustainable Peterborough Urban Agriculture Task Force. Jill is seeking an endorsement of the report from PFAN. **ACTION: The report will be posted to the PFAN website and discussed at the May meeting (specifically, questions on page 42).**

On a separate note, Jill advised that the comprehensive animal by-law would be going to the Committee of the Whole in late May. When that report becomes available, she will circulate it to PFAN members.

6.0 Round Table Themes

6.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

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

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)

- Nourish - Together We Eat dinner will take place on Thursday, April 27, 2017 from 5:00pm - 7:30pm at Trinity United Church. Part of Nourish’s free community dinner series, this dinner has been designed to build new connections and belonging in

Peterborough. Building on the conversation started during the last meal, attendees will explore the question: What do Indigenous teachings tell us about food and relationships?

- Joëlle reported that Nourish has run 'Cooking out of the Box' classes for the last 10 months out of Myrtle's Kitchen. Feedback has been very positive, evaluations will be shared more broadly once they are finalized.
- A local documentary on Peterborough's inter-generational poverty and homelessness will premiere in late April, details can be found here:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pushback-premiere-tickets-33372137963>

6.3 Urban Agriculture/Farming/Local Food

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

- 62 people are currently on the waiting list for a community garden plot. There are 5 new community gardens starting up in Peterborough.

6.4 Food Policy

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

- The Province announced yesterday that they are seeking input on the Ontario Food Security Strategy: <https://news.ontario.ca/prs/en/2017/04/ontario-seeking-public-input-on-a-food-security-strategy.html>. The deadline for input from the public is May 31, a tentative date of May 25 was identified at the meeting to hold an evening session for a related discussion to inform PFAN's submission. Volunteers (Elisha, Mary Anne, Joëlle, Carolyn, Linda) offered to help plan this event.
- The Federal Poverty Reduction Strategy consultation has also been announced: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/poverty-reduction.html>. **ACTION: This item will be brought forward to the May meeting to discuss a potential PFAN response.**
- A consultation on a national food policy is expected in the coming weeks. Food Secure Canada is soliciting feedback from its members and has released a discussion paper, *From Patchwork to Policy Coherence: Principles and Priorities of Canada's National Food Policy*. Details can be found here: <https://foodsecurecanada.org/patchwork-policy-coherence-principles-and-priorities-canadas-national-food>
- A recent report released by Cancer Care Ontario, the [2016 Prevention System Quality Index](#), noted that the percentage of Peterborough households experiencing food insecurity was 16.5% (page 36). This is higher than the Canadian Community Health Survey data previously reported by Peterborough Public Health as it includes marginal, moderate and severe food insecurity. (Note – CCHS does not include respondents nationally who are homeless, Indigenous populations on reserve, or the military).

7.0 Other

Carolyn shared that she had collected a number of links to webinars and conference presentations on food insecurity and food systems. Members interested in these learning opportunities can access the links here: <http://www.foodinpeterborough.ca/learning-opportunities/>.

8.0 Agenda Items for May 18, 2017

- Food Charter
- Urban Agriculture Committee Report
- Ontario Food Strategy
- Federal Poverty Reduction Strategy

9.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 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 Gorizzan (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.