

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 15, 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: Dr. Rosana Salvaterra (Chair), Carolyn Doris, Alida Gorizzan (Recorder), Ruth Schumaker, Dorothy Boddy, Sharon Cadman, Lori Sainte, Jillian Bishop, Joëlle Favreau, Chris Kawalec, Katie Caddigan, Monique Beneateau, Joanne Bazak-Brokking, Brenda Dales.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Approved as circulated.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2017

Approved as circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Food Charter Endorsement

This item was brought back under business arising for PFAN to officially endorse the Peterborough Food Charter. **DECISION: Endorsed.** If anyone would like a hard copy of the charter, please contact [Alida Gorizzan](#).

4.2 Living Wage Update

PFAN welcomed Joanne Bazak-Brokking (Chair, PPRN Income Security Working Group) and Brenda Dales (Executive Director, Peterborough Social Planning Council (PSPC)) to present an update on the Living Wage Campaign in Peterborough.

They provided details regarding living wage (LW) versus minimum wage. According to the [2016 PSPC report](#), "...the living wage sets a higher standard for what an employee must earn in order to attain a decent standard of living and quality of life. It reflects the real costs of living in their home community." Based on 2015 data, in Peterborough, the living wage for two adults living in a household with two children is \$17.65/hr.

It was noted that in 2017, the model used to calculate the wage will take student debt into consideration. The PSPC is planning on undertaking some local advocacy on the LW to various group (e.g. municipalities, service clubs, etc.) to seek endorsements. There are also plans to hold a community meeting in the fall. PFAN members in attendance felt that any advocacy efforts should include a description of the various income initiatives (i.e., basic income guarantee, living wage, minimum wage) to provide further clarity. In addition, it would be important to note which communities close to Peterborough have also supported LW.

4.3 Ontario Food Security Strategy Update

The following submissions were made to the Poverty Reduction Strategy Office regarding Building Ontario's First Food Security Strategy:

- [Nourish-PFAN letter](#) (May 31, 2017)
- [Summary of Hunger Bites: Putting Eating on the Agenda Community Discussion](#) (enclosure with the previous letter)
- [Peterborough Public Health letter](#) (May 31, 2017)

4.4 Federal Poverty Reduction Strategy

Minister Monsef will hold a Community Town Hall at Mark Street United Church on June 28 to hear from Peterborough residents regarding this strategy.

Dr. Salvaterra noted that the Health Equity Work Group (HEWG) of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) and the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) also submitted feedback. [This response can be viewed here.](#)

5.0 New Business

5.1 Federal Food Policy Strategy

The Canadian government is requesting feedback on developing a federal food policy through an online survey. Input will be used to build a food policy that explores four themes:

- increasing access to affordable food;
- improving health and food safety;
- conserving our soil, water, and air; and
- growing more high-quality food.

A response will be drafted and sent on behalf of PFAN. It was suggested that the letter focus on sustainability and affordability, and that the Peterborough Food Charter be appended. **ACTION: Carolyn to draft.**

5.2 Backyard Hens Update

City staff will bring forward a new comprehensive animal control by-law to Committee of the Whole on July 24.

5.3 Review Work Plan

Deferred.

6.0 Round Table Themes

6.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

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

- The Northern Policy Institute has recently released a report, [Implications of a Basic Income Guarantee for Household Food Insecurity](#), authored by Dr. Val Tarasuk.

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)

- Collective Kitchens classes take a break over the summer. Peterborough Public Health staff are looking at some different options for summer programming.

6.3 Urban Agriculture/Farming/Local Food

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

6.4 Food Policy

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

- It was suggested that if PFAN wishes to provide input/advocate on relevant City budgetary items, it would be important to connect with City staff near the end of the year for the following year.
- The City is working on a Community Wellbeing Plan, Chris Kawalec will bring forward an update at a future meeting.

7.0 Other

8.0 Agenda Items for July 20, 2017

9.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Parked Items

- Urban Ag. Committee Report / Review Work Plan (from May 2017)

Future Items

- Community Wellbeing Plan Update (Chris Kawalec)

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.