

Peterborough Community Food Network (PCFN)
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 16, 2014
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
St. John's Anglican Church, St. Nicholas Hall
(Meeting room located on the main floor adjacent to the Church Office)

Attendees: Tamara Mann, Lori Sainte, Carolyn Doris, Joëlle Favreau, Dawn Berry-Merriam, Dr. Rosana Pellizzari (Chair), Marie Bongard, Alida Tanna (Recorder), Jill Bishop, Gordon Finney

Regrets: Chris Kawalec, Indra Noyes, Julie Stoneberg

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda with approved with the addition of item 9.1, Conference Report.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2014

The minutes were approved as circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Review Action Items from September 25th Meeting

The following was noted with respect to the previous meeting:

- *Gillian Kranas, Health Nexus:* Gillian will be coming to the December meeting to assist with an evaluation/review of the PCFN.
- *Ensuring Emergency Food Fund (from work plan):* **ACTION: Carolyn to follow up with Chris Kawalec.**
- *Feedback to PPRN on the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy:* Dr. Pellizzari advised that she was unable to provide feedback on the provincial plan as the most recent meeting was focused on the PPRN work plan. **ACTION: Dr. Pellizzari to follow up at the next PPRN meeting.**
- *Ashburnham Garden:* Lori reported that a temporary fence was erected to protect the gardens from road construction, and thanked Chris Kawalec for his assistance.

5.0 Need Food (Short Term Relief)

No update.

6.0 Get Involved (Capacity Building)

No update.

7.0 Create Change (System Change)

Dr. Pellizzari noted that the PCFN website was being updated. The site will be in blog format, however it will continue to feature the three areas of focus (i.e., need food, get involved, create change). The site address is: www.foodinpeterborough.ca.

8.0 Round Table Themes

8.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

(PPRN; Income Equity Work Group; NFB)

- Tamara recently attended a PPRN Income Security working group meeting, and was told that she would not be able to attend a PPRN Planning Committee meeting. Dr. Pellizzari felt that there shouldn't be any issue with her attending. **ACTION: Dr. Pellizzari to speak with Joanne Bazak-Brokking.**
- Dr. Pellizzari advised that the PPRN is still hoping to bring Deb Matthews to Peterborough regarding the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- Carolyn noted that the [Nutritious Food Basket](#) report would be released at the November 12th Board of Health meeting.
- Joëlle reminded members of the activities taking place the following day regarding the ['Chew on This'](#) campaign.

8.2 Emergency Food/Community Meals

(Kawartha Food Share; Faith Community members)

- It was reported that the Lighthouse is not offering lunch and snacks on Sundays, only coffee after 1:30 p.m.
- The CMHA offered a turkey meal on Thanksgiving and it was not included in the calendar. **ACTION: Carolyn to follow up with Chris Kawalec as the calendar is maintained by the City.**

8.3 Urban Agriculture/Farming

(PCGN; Farms at Work; Sustainable Peterborough)

- Jill reported that gardens are closing down for the season. A number of volunteers from GE came out to assist with closing some of the community gardens. She has also been providing education around tomato blight which affected a number of crops this year.

8.4 Local Food Promotion/Procurement/Distribution

(Farmers Markets; Peterborough Eats; By the Bushel; Seasoned Spoon; Kawartha Choice; Schools-Post Secondary)

- Dawn reported that the recent meeting of the Food and Farming group, they looked at a report from Newmarket on urban agriculture. Arising from that, Bill Astell will assemble a working group to look at urban agriculture further.
- Farms at Work is hosting a [full-day workshop](#) on pollination, pollinators, and habitat creation. The event takes place on Saturday November 1st at the Douro Community Centre. Dr. Pellizzari will present recent research completed by Public Health Ontario on neonicotinoid pesticides.
- The Downtown Farmer's Market will close in two weeks for the season.

8.5 Community Food Hub/Food Programs

(Nourish Project; JustFood; Collective Kitchens; Gleaning)

- Joëlle noted the recent meeting local meeting with the [Put Food in the Budget](#) group. There were approximately 25 attendees, the majority of which had lived experience.

She advised that a Peterborough chapter will be formed, and that they are currently exploring next steps.

- Lori advised that a recent trip to McLeans Farms gleaned 100 dozen cobs of corn which was donated to Kawartha Food Share.

8.6 Food Policy

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

No update.

8.7 Food-Related Social Enterprises

(Peterborough Eats; CSA Farms, Seasoned Spoon; LETS, TTP/Purple Onion Festival)

No update.

9.0 Other

9.1 Conference Report

Marie noted that she recently attended the Annual Business Meeting of the Council of Canadians in Hamilton. At that meeting, six resolutions were endorsed, including one on the right to local food. A friendly amendment was made to that resolution to indicate that 'various trade agreements will have an impact'.

On a separate note, Jill advised of an upcoming presentation hosted by the Trent Centre for Biomaterials Research in partnership with Kawartha World Issues Centre. **Sacred Seeds: Seeds of Resistance, Seeds of Hope** with speaker Dr. Vandana Shiva on November 16, further information can be found at kwic.info.

10.0 Agenda Items for November 20, 2014

- None identified at the meeting.

11.0 Adjournment

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

Parked Items

- PCFN Co-Chair (Dr. Pellizzari)

Meetings for Remainder of 2014

November 20, December 18.

PCFN meetings take place the third Thursday of every month at St. John's Anglican Church, St. Nicholas Hall 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.