

## Peterborough Community Food Network (PCFN)

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 16, 2015

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Parish Hall, All Saints Anglian Church, 235 Rubidge St.

**Present:** Dr. Rosana Pellizzari (Chair), Joëlle Favreau, Dorothy Boddy, Marie Bongard, Lyn Miller, Mary Anne Martin, Chris Kawalec, Carolyn Doris, Jill Bishop, Alli Froneff, Mary Anne Martin, Ashlee Aitken, Margaret Wright.

**Regrets:** Lori Sainte, Todd Barr

#### 1.0 Welcome and Introductions

#### 2.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2015

The minutes were approved as circulated.

#### 4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

##### 4.1 Review Action Items from the Previous Meeting

The group reviewed items arising from the previous meeting, the following was noted:

- *PPRN Strategic Plan* – Carolyn prepared an exercise to assist the group in determining which PCFN priorities would fit into the new PPRN strategic plan. Given the recent modification to the PPRN plan (categories now differ from the food security continuum), and after some discussion, it was decided that Carolyn could take the work plan and identify activities to fit into the PPRN strategic plan without additional input from the PCFN. **ACTION: Carolyn to proceed with providing information to the PPRN as discussed.**
- *Name Change Poll* – The members requested that another poll be issued with the following name options:
  - Peterborough Food Action Network
  - Peterborough Community Food Action Network
  - Community Food Action Network of Peterborough

**ACTION: Alida to reissue the poll.**

#### 5.0 New Business

##### 5.1 City of Peterborough Social Plan Presentation

Chris Kawalec provided an update on the City's Community Social Plan. The plan, developed in 2002 and mandated by the City and County, consists of 11 sectors including: Access to Arts, Culture, Heritage & Recreation; Access to Health; Accessibility; Child Care & Child Development; Community Involvement; Economic/Income Security; Environment Food Security; Housing; Human Rights; and, Safe Communities.

Chris also provided an overview of the Social Services Division and the Peterborough Council on Aging.

Chris will bring the newly updated Community Service Map (specific to food security) to an upcoming meeting. The map is an online tool that provides the geographic location and details of programs and services in the City and County of Peterborough to improve awareness of services and local availability. There are maps for the following programs/services: Youth & Children Employment & Training; Food Security; Recreation; Women's Resources; and Health/Seniors.

## 5.2 Proposed Community Food Calendar

Chris Kawalec circulated a draft version of the food calendar, the most notable difference being the migration from a monthly to a week-at-a-glance calendar. The calendar is one of the most heavily visited pages on the Social Services site. He sought support from the PCFN to proceed with the change. The following feedback was provided:

- Some food banks (e.g. Catholic church food banks) were missing. Chris was directed to obtain current information from the Kawartha Food Share web site.
- A link to the Kawartha Food Share web site will be included for food cupboard information.
- Remove the 'week-at-a-glance' phrase.
- Rather than 'important dates', use 'extra dates' when indicating meals that fall outside of the regular weekly schedule.

The group questioned whether Food Not Bombs was still operating every week. **ACTION: Jill Bishop to confirm. DECISION: Members supported the change to a weekly calendar with the changes noted.**

## 5.3 Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) Update

An event is being planned in June to build awareness around the basic income guarantee. This will be timed with the release of a related case study by Mary Anne Martin. Dr. Pellizzari added that a resolution on the basic income guarantee may be coming forward to the Annual General Meeting for the Association of Local Public Health Agencies in June.

## 6.0 Round Table Themes

### 6.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

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

- The province recently announced a \$50-million dollar Local Poverty Reduction Fund to support local initiatives that support those living in poverty. Expressions of interest were due by the end of next week and the PPRN will be making a submission. Dr. Pellizzari noted that a few ideas for the proposal would be shared with the Chairs of the working groups for input. If there is time, Dr. Pellizzari will circulate the details to the PCFN for feedback.
- The most recent [PPRN newsletter](#) has been released.

### 6.2 Emergency Food/Community Meals/Community Food Hub/Food Programs

*(Kawartha Food Share; Faith Community members; Nourish Project; JustFood; Collective Kitchens; Gleaning)*

- Chris thanked Lyn for St. Andrew's support in hosting the community meal on Good Friday which was held at St. Paul's, as well as an acknowledgement to the Quakers for their much appreciated help with the meal.
- There was a general discussion about community meals and concern expressed about attitudes towards those attending meals. Dr. Pellizzari suggested that perhaps a future meeting of the PCFN could be dedicated to community meals. **ACTION: Carolyn will look into incorporating this into a future PCFN meeting, or schedule a special meeting dedicated to this discussion.**
- Our Space has been offering transportation and support to those in need of assistance in obtaining and advocating for medical services.
- By the Bushel spring baskets start on May 7 for six weeks. The summer season starts on June 16.
- Nourish is launching a project focusing on peer advocacy. Joëlle would like to have representatives come to the next PCFN meeting to talk about the project. **ACTION: Joëlle to provide details to Carolyn and Alida.**

### 6.3 Urban Agriculture/Farming/Local Food

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

- The Downtown Farmers' Market starts May 6.
- The Peterborough Community Garden Network currently has 65 people on a waiting list for a community garden plot. A new garden was recently opened at the Pentecostal church on Lansdowne. Raised beds were also recently constructed at 169 Lake Street.
- A seed savers collective has started, the group will focus on growing four local grains with an aim to increase the quality and availability of local seed.

### 6.4 Food Policy

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

## 7.0 Other

### 8.0 Agenda Items for May 21, 2015

- Nourish Peer Advocacy Project

### 9.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

- Name Change Poll

### 10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

### Parked Items

- PCFN Co-Chair (Pellizzari)
- Community Food Security Discussion (Kim Dolan, PARN)

### **Future Items**

- Social Assistance Reform/Provincial Advocacy on Food Security

### **Meetings for Remainder of 2015**

May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17.

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*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.*