

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 18, 2016

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: Dr. J. K. Edwards Board Room, 3rd Floor
Peterborough County-City Health Unit, 185 King Street**

Attendees: Barb Diceman, Lori Sainte, Christian Harvey, Sharon Cadman, Katie Caddigan, Evan Brockest, Joëlle Favreau, Peter Hughes, Marie Bongard, Chris Kawalec, Linda Midford, Jillian Bishop, Dr. Rosana Salvaterra (Chair), Alida Tanna (Recorder).

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2016 (attachment)

The minutes were approved as circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Review Action Items from the Previous Meeting

- **Work Plan Update (Joëlle/Peter)**

Joëlle and Peter shared updates to the draft work plan:

Need Food: The main activities under this section would be to a) conduct a survey to see what is working well and ways in which local food banks can better support their users; and b) explore ways in which community meals could attract more families.

The group discussed the importance of bringing more of a festive component to meals which could attract more families, or offering activities for children (e.g. toys, board games). Ultimately, community meals could be more than just feeding stomachs.

Get Involved: To support Nourish as a collaborative and to use a strength-based approach to capacity building (i.e., build on groups who already exist). This can be accomplished through supporting opportunities for food skill development, creating places where people can access collective equipment to support growing, preparing and preserving food, and coordinating a system within the community that supports donation of locally grown vegetables and fruit to community food programs.

Create Change: The focus of this area will be on collaborative efforts and advocacy. PFAN will endeavour to address income equity, policies to support access to healthy food at all levels of government that will lead to food system change, food waste and its impact on food security, and the food charter adoption by community groups and municipalities.

Next steps will include to reformat the current work plan, and establish working groups to move activities forward within the three areas. **ACTION: A call for volunteers for the three working groups will be issued to PFAN members via email.**

- Sustain Ontario Session (Peter/Todd)

Peter shared his insights on the recent joint session hosted by Sustain Ontario and FoodShare. This session arose out of the most recent Bring Food Home Conference, the intent was to bring together various groups from across the province to create a 'shared measurement', or a common set of indicators which would allow for province-wide reporting and the production of meaningful data. Potential areas of focus would be on social capacity building, local food, food skills and knowledge, etc. It was apparent that the group struggled to develop these. Todd noted (via email) that there was "...an apparent confusion about "shared measurement" which usually refers to a basket of 10-12 population-level indicators by which social change will be measured vs. evaluation metrics to measure progress on all other fronts. Their work to date combines these two types of indicators and thus made it confusing to sort out what is what."

Peter also advised there was quite a bit of discussion around the collective impact (CI) approach. **ACTION: Peter to send out information and definitions on CI to the group.**

5.0 New Business

5.1 Debrief – Basic Income Guarantee Event

The event with Dr. Forget was extremely successful, the presentation was given to a packed room full of very diverse attendees. Dr. Salvaterra added that Dr. Forget met with various municipal representatives from across the City and County earlier that afternoon. The entire presentation can be viewed at the following link, with thanks to Nourish:

<http://www.nourishproject.ca/video/town-with-no-poverty>

5.2 One Roof Community Diner

Christian Harvey attended the meeting to provide some background on the establishment of the One Roof Community Diner. Their mission will be not only to meet immediate needs, but to build relationships, educate and inspire systemic change in our community.

One Roof hopes to appeal to a wider variety of users, including families, not only in its name, but in a new and welcoming space. Their vision is to engage the entire community "to come together to share a meal grown, donated, prepared and served by the community. One Roof is a partnership between: gardeners, growers and farmers; grocers, producers and distributors; volunteers and staff; churches, families, businesses, and community groups."

For more details visit: <https://oneroofdiner.wordpress.com/>. If you are interested in volunteering or if you would like to gather a group together to prepare and serve a meal at One Roof please contact oneroofdiner@gmail.com or call (705) 977-7663. **ACTION: Information on One Roof will be shared with PFAN members via email.**

6.0 Round Table Themes

6.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

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

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)

- Myrtle's Kitchen, the new community kitchen which will be housed in the Health Unit offices at 185 King Street is scheduled to be launched in late April.
- Peterborough Eats has moved temporarily to PCVS, and will have a space in Peterborough Square.

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 Stewart Street Community Garden has a new Facebook page, details can be obtained through Jill Bishop. (growing@nourishproject.ca).
- The [Peterborough Downtown Farmers' Market](#) will open on May 4th.
- Seedy Sunday takes place Sunday, March 13th from 1 - 4pm at George St. United Church.

6.4 Food Policy

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

- We are still awaiting an update regarding the City's official plan.

7.0 Other

7.1 Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

Marie encouraged members to oppose the TPP, which will undermine local food and farming and put them at risk. More information is available through the [Council of Canadians](#), including a [petition to reject the TPP](#).

8.0 Agenda Items for March 17, 2016

- Food Charter

9.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

- Call for volunteers for work plan working groups
- Link to video of Dr. Forget's presentation
- Information on One Roof Community Diner
- Upcoming Events (i.e., Seedy Sunday)

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Parked Items

- Community Food Security Discussion (Kim Dolan, PARN)
- Food Charter (March 2016 meeting)

Future Items

- Social Assistance Reform/Provincial Advocacy on Food Security

PCFN meetings take place the third Thursday of every month at the Peterborough County-City Health Unit, 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 (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.