

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 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: Carolyn Doris, Dr. Rosana Salvaterra (Chair), Alida Tanna (Recorder), Chris Kawalec, Evan Brockest, Marcy Adzich, Alexa Small, Dorothy Boddy, Jason Hartwick, Katie Caddigan, Sharon Cadman, Todd Barr, Catherine Middleton, Wanel Ford, Fred Kooy, Joëlle Favreau, Marie Bongard, Rebecca Weiss, Lori Sainte, Linda Midford, Lucille Dunstan, Amanda Harrison, Jillian Bishop, Peter Hughes, Lyn Miller.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2015

The minutes were approved with a correction to item 9.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Review Action Items from the Previous Meeting

- **Debrief/Next Steps re: Work Plan**

Summaries from the three working groups (i.e., Need Food, Get Involved, Create Change) were discussed. **ACTION: A request for volunteers to further develop the work plan will go out to the listserv.**

5.0 New Business

5.1 Presentation on Food Access, Housing Security and Community Connections: A Case Study of Peterborough, Ontario by Mary Anne Martin, Trent University (Mary Anne Martin)

The case study written by a group of researchers (Peter Andrée, Mary Anne Martin, Patricia Ballamingle and Julie Pilson) originated with the idea that food security and housing insecurity go hand in hand.

Peterborough has persistent challenges, and is the only city with double-digit unemployment rates. The study examined how food programming and policy come together, and how work in these areas can make a difference. The study also made a number of recommendations for the various levels of government (i.e., federal, provincial and municipal) as well as recommendation for community-based initiatives.

Dr. Salvaterra questioned whether there had been any uptake at the municipal level around the basic income guarantee. She recommended that this presentation would be of benefit to City and County Councils.

The study and presentation have been posted to the [Food in Peterborough website](#), under Create Change > Reports and Research.

5.2 PCCHU Food Charter (Carolyn Doris)

Members reviewed the food charter which was endorsed by the Board of Health at their September 2015 meeting. The Board sought feedback from PFAN on how this charter could be modified for Peterborough. The following was identified:

- the charter required a 'We Value Community' section;
- it speaks to rural and city residents but does not include First Nations; and
- should be more visual (e.g. addition of photographs).

Dorothy noted that she would also look at the [Guiding Principles for Community Funded Meals](#) that were previously produced by PFAN to determine whether any details from those documents could be included. **ACTION: The following members volunteered and will meet to develop this item further: Linda, Lucille, Joëlle, Jill, Peter, Todd, Jason, Dorothy and Carolyn. This item will be brought forward to the March PFAN meeting.**

6.0 Round Table Themes

6.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

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

- *PPRN Agenda for Change Update:* Dr. Salvaterra noted that the PPRN is looking to hire an Executive Director later this year. As well, she noted that PFAN should ensure that their work plan aligns with the PPRN plan.
- *February 9th Event:* Dr. Evelyn Forget will be in Peterborough on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 from 7 – 8:30 to discuss 'The Town With No Poverty: Building A Case for Basic Income Guarantee'. This presentation will take place at PCCHU, 185 King Street, Peterborough.

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)

- Dorothy shared that there has been a miscommunication that Our Space does not have a charitable number. She requested that any members who are approached with questions about this confirm that they do in fact have one.
- Chris advised there was no official announcement to share yet regarding Community Meals, further discussions were taking place with All Saints with the hopes of holding all Monday- Friday evening meals there.
- With support from Our Space there will be a drop in for the homeless on Sunday afternoons at 2pm (between warming room hours) at George Street United Church / Seeds of Change. This would be after the Murray Street Baptist Church breakfast.
- The North End Foodbank is still looking for a location.

6.3 Urban Agriculture/Farming/Local Food

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

- Seedy Sunday will take place on Sunday March 13, 2016 from 1 – 4 p.m. at George St. United Church.

- Jill reported that \$360,000 worth of food was grown through community gardens.
- The Downtown Farmer's Market has a new website: ptbodowntownmarket.com
- Events of Interest:
 - o ReFrame Film Festival (<http://reframefilmfestival.ca/>) - I Am A Seed Saver, Seeds of the Past and Plant This Movie, along with a community conversation after the movies sponsored by the Nourish Project – Seed Saver Collective, Friday January 2016, 4pm at Showplace.
 - o ReFrame - This Changes Everything sponsored by Basic Income Peterborough Network, Peterborough Food Action Network and Nourish Project (along with additional sponsors). Sunday January 31, 2016 at 12:00pm at Showplace
 - o [Farming and Ethics: An Evening with Sonia Faruqi](#), Wednesday, January 27, 2016 Reception starts at 6:30pm, Bagnani Hall, Traill Campus, 310 London Street, Peterborough.

6.4 Food Policy

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

- The next Seniors Summit will take place in October and will focus on Seniors and Poverty, and related areas (i.e., housing, food, income, healthcare costs, social services, etc.)
- Carolyn shared information regarding an upcoming session offered by Sustain Ontario on February 3rd entitled: *Choosing the Tools for Change: Mobilizing Food System Stakeholders Around Creating Greater Collective Impact*. **ACTION: Members interested in attending to contact Carolyn for further details.**

7.0 Other

7.1 Syrian Refugee Update

Dr. Salvaterra provided an update. She noted that Peterborough is very well organized to support these refugees, and the New Canadians Centre is taking the lead on this. Currently Peterborough has a number of privately sponsored refugees, however we have not received any government assisted refugees at this point.

8.0 Agenda Items for February 18, 2016

- Work Plan

9.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The North End Food Bank Steering Committee is still looking for a potential site. Contact Linda Midford at 705-874-0518 for more information.
- Volunteers are working together to offer a drop-in for homeless people on Sunday's from 2-8pm before the Warming Room opens. A light lunch and snacks will be available. Donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at George St. United Church.
- Volunteers interested in meeting to continue working on the PFAN Workplan are asked to contact Carolyn Doris (cdoris@pcchu.ca or 705-743-1000 ext. 251). The group will report back at the next PFAN Meeting on February 18, 2016.

- Volunteers interested in meeting to further review the wording of the PCCHU Food Charter are asked to contact Carolyn Doris (cdoris@pcchu.ca or 705-743-1000 ext. 251).
- Community Gardeners in the City and County of Peterborough report growing \$360,000 worth of food in 2015!
- New Downtown Farmers Market website: www.ptbodowntownmarket.com

NEWS

The Rising Cost of Food: A National food Policy Should Focus on Health and Sustainability

Diana Bronson, Executive Director of Food Secure Canada in a CBC interview about rising food costs and food insecurity.

<http://foodsecurecanada.org/resources-news/news-media/cost-food-national-food-policy-should-focus-health-and-sustainability>

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. OPIRG Peterborough Anti-Poverty Week

January 23-29, 2016

<http://opirgptbo.ca/2016/anti-poverty-week-january-23rd-29th/>

2. ReFrame Film Festival

<http://reframefilmfestival.ca/>

Movies of special interest to PFAN Members:

- *I Am A Seed Saver, Seeds of the Past* and *Plant This Movie*, along with a community conversation after the movies sponsored by the Nourish Project – Seed Saver Collective Friday January 2016, 4pm at Showplace. *Please join us for a post-film discussion at 5:50pm at Whitepath Consulting (160 Charlotte St)
- *This Changes Everything* sponsored by Basic Income Peterborough Network, Peterborough Food Action Network and Nourish Project (along with additional sponsors) Sunday January 31, 2016 at 12:00pm at Showplace

3. Farming and Ethics: An Evening with Sonia Faruqi

<http://www.kwic.info/project-animal-farm-farming-and-ethics-evening-sonia-faruqi>

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Reception starts at 6:30pm

Bagnani Hall, Traill Campus

310 London Street, Peterborough

4. The Town With No Poverty: Building A Case for Basic Income Guarantee

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

The movement for a basic income is gaining steam. Join Nourish and the [Basic Income Peterborough Network](#) as we explore the economic case for a basic income guarantee (BIG) with University of Manitoba economist, [Dr. Evelyn Forget](#).

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

7-8:30 pm

PCCHU, 185 King Street, Peterborough

5. Seedy Sunday

Sunday March 13, 2016

1-4pm

George St. United Church

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Parked Items

- Community Food Security Discussion (Kim Dolan, PARN)

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.