

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

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: Ruth Schumaker, Erica Richmond, Linda Bidford, Peter Hughes, Joëlle Favreau, Jill Bishop, Marie Bongard, Sharon Cadman, Katie Caddigan, Barb Diceman, Mary Anne Martin, Carolyn Doris, Dr. Rosana Salvaterra (Chair), Alida Gorizzan (Recorder)

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Salvaterra called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with a change to item 4.2, renamed 'Harvest Dinner Debrief'.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2018

Approved as circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Wasted Food (Carolyn)

Carolyn advised that Peterborough Public Health staff recently met with Waste Management representatives from the City and County on this topic. There are plans for a public campaign around wasted food, and PPH will be engaged in developing this. Nourish and GreenUp will also be involved, and additional meetings will be scheduled over the course of 2018 to discuss wasted food further. This groundwork is being done in advance of the [2022 provincial food and organics waste ban](#), with the intent of shifting behaviours before this date. **ACTION: PFAN members wishing to be more involved on this topic are encouraged to contact Carolyn Doris.**

For a reference document, Carolyn suggested [the Discussion Paper: Addressing Food and Organic Waste in Ontario](#), produced by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

4.2 Harvest Dinner Debrief

Members discussed the Harvest Dinner which occurred on November 19th at Peterborough Public Health. The evening was a success, Dr. Salvaterra thanked Nourish staff for the meal, a highlight of the evening was the wild rice that was locally procured from Pigeon Lake and served.

5.0 Work Plan

5.1 Working Group Updates (Carolyn, Joelle, Mary-Anne)

The working groups continue to meet. Carolyn raised that in 2018, PFAN may look at changing the meeting format so that alternate months can be used to move working groups items forward. Members in attendance were supportive of this idea. **ACTION: PFAN will meet in February, followed by a Working Group Meeting in March.**

The Need Food group meets next on January 26 at PPH. They will be discussing an equipment lending library among other items.

5.2 Plans for 2018 - Identifying Key Dates/Events (All)

Members looked at the calendar year and identified key activities and events for 2018.

January

- Sustainable Peterborough report card deadline
- Updates to PFAN Website – Need Food Section

February

- Launch of ‘No Money for Food is Cent\$less’ campaign (this can be tied into local work around the minimum wage increase)
- Nourish Neighbourhood Dinner – The focus of the dinner will be to create a more family-friendly event. Smaller in size featuring activities for children, the intent is to create a template to share with other groups who might be interested in organizing similar events within their neighbourhoods.
- Living Wage Campaign

March

- National Nutrition Month
- Seedy Sunday, Emmanuel East, 12pm (March 11)
- Local food and municipal planning event (March 19)
- Nourish Peer Advocacy ‘Know Your Rights’ series begins
- Nourish Belonging Dinner featuring representatives from [Action Canada](#) (March 28)
- **ACTION: PFAN to develop a primer on provincial and municipal politics (i.e. politics 101); promote voter registration.**

April

- Nourish Speaker (tentative) - [Graham Riches](#), Professor at the School of Social Work at the University of British Columbia, is releasing [Food Bank Nations: Poverty, Corporate Charity and the Right to Food](#) on April 30, 2018.
- Food Charter

May

- Nominations open for municipal elections (May 1)
- Downtown Farmer’s Market opens (May 2)
- Food banks – increasing access to fresh food
- Dandelion Day (May 27)

June

- Provincial election (held on or before June 7)
- Ontario Local Food Week (June 3 – 9)

July

- Nominations close for municipal elections (July 27)

September

- Peterborough Local Food Month
- Purple Onion Festival
- Veggiefest

October

- World Food Day (October 16)
- International Day for the Eradication of Hunger (October 17)
- Chew On This campaign
- Municipal elections (October 22)
 - All Candidates Meeting on Social Issues
 - **ACTION: PFAN to produce Recipe for Food Security postcard.**
- Ontario Agriculture Week (October 1 – 7)

November

- Nourish/PFAN Harvest Dinner

6.0 New Business

6.1 Provincial Budget Talks

The Ontario government has provided an opportunity for the public to have input on how some provincial dollars are spent in 2018. Members of the public can cast their vote for up to three of your favourite ideas (from a total of 13) before 5pm on January 26th, 2018. Currently, [online voting](#) is the only option available.

The Province will announce (with the 2018 budget announcement) which ideas received the most votes and spend up to \$5 million bringing up to five ideas to life. **ACTION: A notice will go out to PFAN members as there are food-related items to select from. Carolyn will send feedback to the Ministry regarding accessibility of the survey.**

7.0 Round Table Themes

7.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

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

- On the topic of advocacy, it was noted that City Council has changed its format for meetings. The City has combined its Committee of the Whole and Planning Meetings. On the 'free week' where meetings are not scheduled, some councillors have decided to be available to meet with members of the public at City Hall to hear their concerns.

- The group discussed local activities around the minimum wage increase. It was noted that the Labour Council is organizing advocacy around this.
- The Basic Income Network is organizing advocacy on the Basic Income Pilot directed toward local provincial election candidates to ensure the pilot continues.

7.2 Emergency Food/Community Meals/Community Food Hub/Food Programs

(Kawartha Food Share; Faith Community members; Nourish Project; JustFood; Collective Kitchens; Gleaning; City of Peterborough)

- Nourish will be hosting community conversations at Trinity United Church (one this week, and two in February). Community members are invited to talk about their priorities and how to work on initiatives at a neighbourhood level rather than community-wide.

7.3 Urban Agriculture/Farming/Local Food

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

7.4 Food Policy

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

- New dietary guidelines from Health Canada are forthcoming. It is anticipated that there will be an enhanced focus on plant-based diets.
- There are a number of forthcoming events as part of the City's Community Wellbeing Plan. **ACTION: These will be shared with PFAN when details become available.**

8.0 Other

9.0 Agenda Items for February 15, 2018

- No Money for Food is Cent\$less Report

10.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

11.0 Adjournment

Parked Items

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

Future Items