

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Dr. Rosana Salvaterra, Marie Bonguard, Mary Anne Martin, Adam McLaughlin, Micheal Classens (guest), Jill Bishop, Elisha Rubacha, Joëlle Favreau, Dorothy Boddy, Chris Kawalec, Luisa Magalhaes (Recorder), Sarah Fleming, Ruth Schumaker, Christian Harvey.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Presentations

3.1. Trent Research Project – Food Charter

Michael Classens, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of the Environment, Trent University is looking to engage key and interested parties in Peterborough City and County in community based food action activism to impact regional food security. He is applying for funding to host a meeting/workshop for the community to share knowledge and then create a research agenda where Trent University can support community based research projects based around rural farming/farmland and agriculture, First Nations and urban agriculture which can impact food security.

ACTION: Michael invites PFAN members to review the research proposal (to be sent separately) and provide a sentence or two on what they might present at the proposed meeting. Short letters of endorsement for such a meeting would be welcomed to strengthen the application (e.g. of endorsement letter: an email including including your name and affiliation to PFAN, your intention to attend the meeting, and the value you see in such a gathering). Please email to Michael Classens (michaelclassens@trentu.ca) by November 29, 2018.

4. Approval of Minutes – Sept 20, 2018

The minutes were approved as circulated.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1. Meeting with MPP Smith re: Basic Income – summary from Sue Hubay, Chair of Basic Income Network Group (Peterborough)

The Income Security Work Group, Basic Income Peterborough Network and the Health Care Providers Against Poverty (represented by Joanne Bazak-Broking, Susan Hubay and Christine Post) met with MPP Smith on November 2nd. The following details have been provided by the group:

Our conversation focussed on cuts to Social Assistance payments, Social Assistance Reforms and the Basic Income Pilot. We reviewed the information/evidence and impacts of cuts on people living in poverty in his constituency. We also presented letters sent to MPP Smith at an earlier date, written by the ISWG-BIPN groups, as well as the HPAP open letter. These letters asked him to work with his colleagues in the Ontario legislature and cabinet ministers to reconsider decisions that cut progress with reducing poverty and transforming the social assistance system. Specifically, to:

- Restore the planned 3% increase to ODSP and OW rates, recognizing this is only a small step towards bringing people out of deep poverty.
- Revive the Basic Income Pilot.
- Restore social assistance improvements scheduled to start this fall.
- Use the “100 Day Review” to transform Ontario’s social assistance system into one that is evidence-based, compassionate, and treats people with dignity and respect, as outlined in the Roadmap for Change. (We presented ISWG- BIPN letter and HPAP open letter).

Finally we stated our commitment to work collaboratively on actions for solutions to poverty that enable all people in our communities to meet their basic needs, living with health, dignity and opportunities.

ACTION: When a summary of the meeting outcome becomes available later this month, it will be shared with PFAN.

5.2. Food Rescue Update

Kawartha Food Share had agreed to be the local ambassador and needed eight agencies to sign up for Food Rescue by the end of October. Unfortunately only four agencies came forward so this initiative will not come to Peterborough.

5.3. Federal Poverty Strategy Update

The Poverty Reduction Act passed first reading on November 6, 2018. Online consultations with Stats Can: *What Matters in our Market Basket* are open until January 31, 2019: <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/consultation/mbm>. The Market Basket Measure will be used as Canada's Official Poverty Line. **ACTION: PPH will share their survey responses with PFAN, in case others want to consider these in their own responses. PFAN members are encouraged to complete the survey.**

5.4. National Food Policy Report – Letter

Thanks to Mary Anne, Joëlle, Adam, and Dorothy for drafting the letter. **ACTION: Read PFAN’s feedback on the National Food Policy Report (to be sent separately). Members were encouraged to send comments/ suggested edits to Alida by November 28, 2019.**

5.5. Food Too Good To Waste Event

This event took place in September. The County will be briefing new councillors on the high cost of the program. Green Up, Nourish, PPH and the City and County Waste departments are exploring a pilot project for neighbourhood composting.

5.6. Basic Income Letter to MP Monsef

This letter has been sent.

5.7. Community Wellbeing Plan Update

Nancy Fisher (City of Peterborough) is willing to come to a PFAN meeting to seek input. **NOTE: Nancy has been scheduled to present to PFAN on May 16, 2019.**

6. Work Plan

6.1. Working Group Updates

It was proposed that PFAN revisit its workplan and approach for 2019. A potluck meeting will be held on Thursday December 13, 12 - 2:00 p.m. at PPH to brainstorm next steps for the workgroup. Some things to consider for meeting:

- What does PFAN bring to you and your agency? What do you value in PFAN?
- Do we still need the 3 pronged approach: Need Food; Get Involved; Create Change?
- How are other communities approaching Food Action? (e.g., London, Guelph, Kingston, Hamilton)

ACTION: Please RSVP meeting attendance to Alida by December 10, 2018.

7. New Business

7.1. Post-Election Planning

It was suggested that an evening event should be scheduled in the new year to bring together councillors from the City and County. PFAN could use the gathering to talk about a food strategy for Peterborough: promote the Food Charter; share examples of its impact in other Ontario communities; and, connect with Sustainable Peterborough and Future of Food and Farming for collaboration opportunities. **ACTION: Nourish and PPH to discuss.**

7.2. Universal School Nutrition Programs

Senator Art Eggleton [tabled a motion](#) calling on the federal government to support a national program. Both the [Coalition for Healthy School Food](#) and [Breakfast Club of Canada](#) have been working to raise the awareness of MPs about student nutrition. The Breakfast Club of Canada has been inviting MPs to visit programs throughout September and October and promoting on social media with the hashtag [#takeyourmptobreakfast](#).

Food For Kids Peterborough plans to invite MP's Jamie Schmale, Kim Rudd, and Maryam Monsef to a local SNP to increase awareness of the value of universal programs in schools.

8. Round Table Themes

8.1. Income Equity/Advocacy

- PPRN is meeting later today to discuss next steps. Outcomes to be shared at next meeting.
- [Humans of Basic Income](#) event happening at ArtSpace on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 12:00pm to 8:00pm
- [New tax credits](#) in lieu of minimum wage increase

8.2. Emergency Food/Community Meals/Community Food Hub/Food Programs

- Salvation Army will not be able to host breakfast during Christmas Hamper time. **ACTION: Ruth to follow up to determine opportunities to fill this gap.**
- [Hungry for Income](#) food insecurity workshops are ongoing.

8.3. Urban Agriculture/Farming/Local Food

8.4. Food Policy

- The Indigenous Health Advisory Circle (a Committee of the Board of Health) approved local policy of serving traditional foods at events.

9. Other

- November 25 – [Harvest Dinner](#); game will be served.
- [Provincial Announcement](#) coming today regarding the elimination of a Child and Youth Advocate Ombudsman, Environmental Commissioner, French Language Commissioner.

10. Agenda Items for January 17, 2019

11. Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

12. Adjournment

Future Items

PFAN meetings take place the third Thursday of every other month at Peterborough Public Health, Dr. J. K. Edwards Board Room (3rd Floor), 185 King Street from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Please submit your agenda items to Alida Gorizzan (agorizzan@peterboroughpublichealth.ca) no later than one week prior to the meeting for inclusion in the circulated package. Meeting agendas and minutes for the PFAN 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 Gorizzan.