

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MINUTES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: J.K Edwards Board Room, Peterborough Public Health, 185 King Street

Attendees: Lauren Kennedy, Alida Gorizzan, LeAnn, Barb Diceman, Dan Hennessey, Marie Bongard, Mary Anne Martin, Joëlle Favreau, Lyn Miller, Jill Bishop, Elisha Rubacha, Chris Kawalec, Lori Sainte, Alida Gorizzan, Erica Richmond.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

3.0 Presentations

4.0 Business Arising from December Planning Session

4.1 PFAN Moving Forward - Summary of December Planning Session (Joëlle, Mary Anne)

A session was held in December 2018 to determine what members value most about PFAN, and what the network should focus on moving forward. Common themes from responses included **collaboration and action** as strengths of PFAN. Joëlle, Mary Anne and Lauren met to review feedback and suggested the following:

- a. *Create a process around engaging other community members who do not attend meetings but are a part of the listserv.*
Nourish Peer Advocates will send a survey to the full membership to find out about what they value, and what changes could be made (e.g. meeting timing) to enable them to attend meetings. **ACTION: Joëlle to share results at the March 21st meeting.**
- b. *Reformat the meeting agenda.*
Three options to explore included:
 - Individual spotlight at each meeting
 - Round table (1 minute per person) for updates rather than having categories for updates.
 - Break off into small groups to have time to share/discuss items.

DECISION: Members supported all approaches except the individual spotlight. Trialing the second and third approaches will be incorporated into the March and May meetings, respectively. Smaller working groups will be created and trialed (replacing the previous ones based on Need Food, Get Involved and Create Change) that will meet in between regular PFAN meetings to work on the following priorities (leads noted in brackets):

- 1. Publicity / Communications (Elisha)**
- 2. Municipal Advocacy (Lauren)**
- 3. Successes from Other Communities / Education (Mary Anne)**
- 4. Federal Strategies (Joëlle)**

ACTION: Members are encouraged to contact the leads if they are interested in participating in one of the work groups. Members can only participate in one work group.

4.2 Municipal Post Election Planning

Lauren reviewed the submissions by Peterborough Public Health (PPH) to the County and City Official Plans. She noted that recommendations that are made are done using a lens of what the City and County are already required to do as per legislation (e.g., provincial policy statement and growth policy), and are supported by references to other policies, and examples of what other communities have done.

Chris noted that perhaps PFAN would be more effective if there was engagement at the department level given that they are the ones that would be responsible for implementing any policy recommendations accepted by Council. This would have to be done in a structured way so as not to inundate staff with requests. He also noted that requests from Dr. Salvaterra, as the PFAN Chair, are significant and carry more weight.

Other comments:

- It was noted that perhaps a scan of all City Committees would be helpful, there may be opportunities to weave food and food security into their meetings (either as a report or presentation).
- It was noted that there were plans to present the Food Charter to the Joint Services Steering Committee (JSSC). Chris advised that this would need to come forward as a staff report (he noted that any item that is to come forward to a City Committee requires an accompanying staff report). Alida forwarded the slide deck to Chris after the meeting to get his assistance.

Members brainstormed about potential changes that could be advocated for:

- If the Parkway development plans are finally cancelled, the City could consider planting fruit trees and bushes. Chris noted that in this case, a preliminary discussion with the Forestry Department might help.
- In discussing what other communities are doing, a group in Vancouver has reused areas with contaminated land and is growing food in pots. This could be a consideration for the GE site (e.g., raised beds).
- Land that has been appropriated by the City that is near the airport, could perhaps be used for community gardens?

5.0 New Business

5.1 Evaluation of PFAN Meeting Structure

See item 4.1.

5.2 Market Basket Measure Consultation

Lauren shared that this Statistics Canada survey is currently open and encouraged members to submit comments around the cost of food, housing, and other basic needs in Peterborough (which is important to make sure that the way poverty is measured in our community is

accurate). In particular, PPH is concerned that the costs for housing proposed are much too low (housing for a single person in Peterborough is costed at \$400).

5.3 Urban Design Consultation

Lauren advised that feedback has been submitted to the City.

5.4 PPH Safe Food Donations Resource

Lauren reviewed the document developed by PPH Public Health Inspectors to address donating food to food banks, local shelters and community meal programs. PPH is mandated by provincial legislation to inspect all “food premises” within our jurisdiction, with the goal of preventing foodborne illness.

Feedback from attendees:

- It was felt that the language could be softened, especially considering the audience and the intent of these donations.
- Language should address culturally appropriate food and recognition of Indigenous rights and practices. Alida shared that the Board of Health recently recommended that PPH adopt a policy that would exempt Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, the Métis Nation of Ontario (Peterborough), and Indigenous organizations in Peterborough County and City with respect to wild game. This recommendation came forward from the Indigenous Health Advisory Circle, which has representation from the Board, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Metis Nation of Ontario and Nogojiiwanong. This policy is currently under development.

5.5 Discontinuation of Food For All Resource – Use of [City Calendar](#)

In the past, PPH maintained this resource. Lauren reported that it will be retired as the City Calendar contains the same information. Chris shared that the City website will be redesigned.

6.0 Round Table Themes

6.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

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

- January 28 will be the first court date of the class action lawsuit against the province regarding the Basic Income Pilot.

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)

- Chris shared that he was working on a follow up to the 2016 report to the JSSC regarding Emergency Food. The report will include statistics on One Roof, as well as outlining the roles of the City, partners, and other groups. He asked that Lauren assist with providing an update on PPH and PFAN (originally written by Carolyn).
- One Roof is currently looking for a new 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 occur on March 10 from 12-5pm at Emmanuel East, 534 George St.
- Jill shared that she will be attending a meeting of Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods next week. The Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods program (SUN) is a three-year initiative funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and facilitated by GreenUP. SUN is modeled on, and delivered in association with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Retrofit Plan (SNAP) program. Between 2017 and 2019, SUN is working in the East City–Curtis Creek and Kawartha Heights neighbourhoods to build more sustainable communities. For more details visit:
<https://www.greenup.on.ca/program/sun/>

6.4 Food Policy

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

7.0 Other

8.0 Agenda Items for March 21, 2019

9.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

10.0 Adjournment

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

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.