

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MINUTES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: Dr. J. K. Edwards Board Room, 3rd Floor
Peterborough Public Health, 185 King Street**

Attendees: Sandra Hay, Mary Anne Martin, Chris Kawalec, Heather Thoma, Marie Bongard, Dorothy Boddy, Joëlle Favreau, Lori Sainte, Christian Harvey, Lauren Kennedy, Dr. Rosana Salvaterra (Chair), Alida Gorizzan (Recorder)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. May 16, 2019

The minutes were approved with a correction.

4. Collaboration – Sharing of a Highlight Since the May Meeting in small groups

5. Presentations

6. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

6.1. [Eat Think Vote Dinner](#)

This event is scheduled on Thursday September 26 and will feature dinner (5:30pm) & conversation (until 8pm) at Peterborough Public Health. It will assist attendees in discovering what the party platforms say about food, interact with local candidates, and talk about why access to healthy, just and sustainable food is essential.

Candidates have been confirmed from the Green Party, People's Party and NDP. At this time the Liberal candidate will try to attend for part of the evening, and no response has been received from the Conservative candidate.

After the dinner there will be a presentation on the Food Charter. Given that the Charter is organized in 7 sections, the room will be set up into seven tables, each of which will have a facilitator. Joëlle is seeking volunteers that would be interested in being 'greeters' for the evening. **ACTION: Interested PFAN members are encouraged to contact Joëlle.**

6.2. Sub-Group Updates

6.2.1. Community Best Practices

This group has met twice since the last PFAN meeting in May, where they discussed civic engagement and civic literacy. They have also discuss the needs of single mothers in

Peterborough related to food insecurity. Their next meeting will be held at One Roof, members hope to discuss how to get creative and engage people in the conversation.

6.2.2. Federal Election

See item 6.1 for details.

6.2.3. Municipal Engagement (Urban hens, community gardens, Official Plan)

- *Urban Hens*: This by-law has come back to Council as the grandfathering clause is set to expire, which would outlaw all urban hens in the City of Peterborough. Attendees wondered whether it would be possible to develop a proposal, or explore other avenues. For example, does the Official Plan contain a definition of 'urban agriculture', and could this be enhanced to include urban hens? It was noted that the issue went to General Committee, and will go to Council on Monday. **ACTION: Joëlle will request a deputation at the September 23rd meeting.**
- *City Construction/Development*: The group also discussed strategies to mitigate impact to community gardens in the case of construction or land development in the City. Lauren advised that PPH staff who receive development plans will now flag whether there is a community garden nearby that might be affected from any proposed work.

6.2.4. Publicity/Promotions

- The group advised they wrote an article that has not yet been picked up by media. This article will be reformatted into a media release that will be sent out following the Eat Think Vote Event.

6.3. Federal Budget Introduction of a Food Policy for Canada – joint letter with Durham Food Policy Council – Update

Joëlle, Mary Anne and Lauren have been working on a letter which was co-written with the Durham Food Policy Council regarding the Federal Food Policy. It was recommended that it should be sent after the federal election. **ACTION: An update on this item will come to the next meeting as business arising.**

6.4. Update on Bill 60; Ministry of Community and Social Services Amendment Act (Social Assistance Research Commission), 2018

Lauren reminded members that PFAN did submit a letter when the Bill was between first and second reading. It is currently with the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly. **ACTION: Lauren will monitor the status and will advise if the Committee is seeking input.**

6.5. Draft Updated Nutrition Suggestions for Community Meals

The document has been updated to align with the Canada Food Guide and has been sent out to organizations offering community meals. It was suggested that perhaps the distribution could be expanded to other meal providers, especially those who provide meals to seniors. **ACTION: Chris will reach out to Community Care re: Meals on Wheels. Lauren will upload the new version to the [PFAN website](#).**

7. New Business

7.1. Proposed Parks By-law (Resource: [Understanding the Parks and Facilities By-law](#))

This new proposed City by-law was released over the summer and outlines what is and what is not allowed in parks, however in its current iteration there appear to be implications that are quite restrictive with respect to food. It has been referred to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for review and recommendations. It was noted that the by-law is mainly complaint driven, however this may result in complaints being lodged against specific groups/individuals and could be oppressive. **ACTION: Sandra, Lori, Joëlle, and Lauren will work on a submission from PFAN to the Committee.**

7.2. Response from Federal Level re: Basic Income

PFAN initially sent a letter to MP Monsef in 2018 with an appeal to the federal government to take on the BIG Pilot after the Province of Ontario announced its cancellation. A response was recently received from the Employment and Social Development Canada was circulated.

8. Round Table Themes

8.1. Income Equity/Advocacy

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

- Dr. Salvaterra advised that the PPRN will host a meeting on October 3rd with the hope of rebuilding the network.

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

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

- City Council has approved a one-year extension for One Roof, this will go to a request for proposals (RFP) process next year. Christian noted that numbers continue to increase at One Roof.

8.3. Urban Agriculture/Farming/Local Food

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

- The Future of Food and Farming Working Group is developing a submission for the City's Draft Official Plan related to agriculture.

8.4. Food Policy

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

9. Other

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will take place on November 21st.

Future Items (nil)

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.