

**Community Food Network (CFN) Meeting  
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 17, 2011

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**St. John's Anglican Church – Lounge**

**Regrets:** Maisie Watson, Sonya Hardman; Judy Girard, Bill McNabb, Marjorie MacDonald

**Attended by:** Marie Bongard, Lori Sainte, Dorothy Olver, Peter Hughes, Linda Slavin, Julie Stoneberg, Joëlle Favreau, Hanah McFarlane, Paula Anderson, Susan Hubay (recorder), Dorothy Boddy, Dr. Rosana Pellizzari (Chair).

**Welcome and Introductions**

1.0 **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with addition of item 4.2, Email From Chris Kawalec.

2.0 **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved with one addition. Marie Bongard had reported that she also spoke to Ken Coss from Sacred Heart Council (Saint Vincent de Paul).

3.0 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

3.1 **Backyard Hens (Paula Anderson)**

Paula noted that all major cities have by-laws with common restrictions on numbers and locations, and the importance of a registry. The City of Vancouver has best practices posted on their website (for backyard hens); as well as on the humane treatment of animals. Toronto, Guelph and Hamilton are moving forward with backyard hen policies.

The City of Peterborough by-law does not ban this practice, however it imposes many restrictions. While it allows the Medical Officer of Health to put in advisements, some amendments may be required locally with a set of criteria.

Joëlle mentioned that the food policy contract will enlighten us on how to move forward with local politicians. Paula mentioned that the Trillium PCGN proposal supports community gardens, while expanding on the urban agriculture concept.

Dorothy O. mentioned that Janet Sheward may have an interest working with CFN members on this. **ACTION: Paula will email the City by-laws to the CFN.**

4.0 **Need Food (Short Term Relief)**

4.1 **Community Meals Update (Dorothy Olver)**

Dorothy Olver read a letter from Bill McNabb, who sent his regrets to the meeting.

Mr. Mc Nabb provided a historical summary of the Open Table program, and stated that the Board of Brock Mission can only commit to core services in the future with program expansions at the Mission and Cameron House.

Funding for the Open Table program was in place up until December 2010. As such, the Board cannot continue to offer the Open Table program indefinitely and are looking for community partners who could support this program. They will continue the meals in 2011 until a new partnership is established.

The City of Peterborough has offered some funding for Brock Mission in the interim. Brock has submitted an application to the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) for \$30,000 for this community meal program. If successful, this will be forwarded to the new community partner to run the Open Table. They have not received notification of this funding as of yet.

Open Table offers an evening meal five times a week presently, with the exception of statutory holidays; and feeds about 125 to 150 daily (2009). Resources for the Open Table at Brock have required staffing and utility costs; food has been donated by Kawartha Food Share.

Dorothy Boddy asked if this something Our Space could take on with community support? Lori responded that the present space has 50 person capacity. Although the broad vision for Our Space does include this service with funding and space, this situation will have to be discussed at the next Our Space board meeting.

Rosana asked if the provision of community meals was in the Food Centre proposal. Joëlle responded that it was not presently since local groups were providing regular daily community meals.

**DECISION: The CFN is supportive of Our Space taking this service on, if their Board feels it is possible. ACTION: Lori Sainte will bring this to the attention of the Our Space Board at their next meeting. Rosana will keep us updated about the status of the PPRN application.**

#### 4.2 Email from Chris Kawalec, PPRN

Rosana read the email sent to Chris from Gwen Johnston from Out of the Cold. In summary, she expressed concern that in consideration of coordination, the CFN discuss that two meals are offered one Saturday night a month from November to March – Out of the Cold; and Murray Street Baptist Family movie and meal night.

The CFN members felt that the population reached by each program is quite different. The movie night offers families an opportunity for a recreational event. In addition, offering a choice of activities is a benefit. CFN members expressed their appreciation that Out of the Cold exists, since it is a much needed service in the

winter months for a very important vulnerable population. **ACTION: Dorothy B. will follow up with Gwen regarding this issue.**

## 5.0 Get Involved (Capacity Building)

### 5.1 Seasonality (Susan Hubay)

Paula offered to make the calendar project an assignment for her Trent University 3<sup>rd</sup> year Canadian Food System Course students.

### 5.2 Community Mapping (Susan Hubay)

Susan provided an overview of the community food maps that were created by the City of Peterborough Land Use Planning Department in consultation with the Health Unit.

One set of maps can be used to identify community food programs in a neighbourhood and these are now located on the Food In Peterborough website [www.pcchu.ca/food](http://www.pcchu.ca/food) in the NEED FOOD section, with direction that they must be used with the information on the City's monthly meal calendar and the Peterborough County-City Health Unit (PCCHU) *Food for All* handout.

Another map uses 2006 census data to identify low-income neighbourhoods and can help the CFN identify gaps in services. Susan will be working with the PCCHU epidemiologist for statistical analysis.

**ACTION: Dorothy Olver, Hannah McFarlane, Susan Hubay and Joëlle Favreau will meet to conduct a gap analysis to bring to the CFN meeting in May 2011.**

### 5.3 Low Income Market Proposal (Susan Hubay)

Susan noted that a local farmer has expressed interest in a potential pilot project to offer a market in a low income neighbourhood. **ACTION: Susan will keep the group informed of any developments related to this.** Marie mentioned that Our Space in the Knox location could be an ideal site for such a project.

## 6.0 Create Change (System Change)

### 6.1 Community Food Centre Sub-Committee – Update (Joëlle Favreau)

The site stream of the Kawartha Community Food Centre (KCFC) will be meet with the City to look at potential site. They are also looking for funding to create a blue-print of the KCFC (Community Foundation).

The KCFC model can be replicated in other communities, therefore the group will submit an application to McConnell as was recommended by The Stop staff.

Linda reported that the Centre for Social Innovation (CSI) will be submitting a grant for a feasibility study for the CSI and the KCFC with the Community Futures Development program.

## 6.2 Food Policy (Susan Hubay)

The Healthy Communities Ontario (HCO) funded report from Cheryl Lyon is in final draft format. She will be presenting it to the CFN at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The Healthy Communities Partnership has received word that funding is once again available for 2011-12, and food policy was one of three locally identified policies to work on.

The CFN agreed that Susan should work on a proposal (due to staff on March 21<sup>st</sup>) that reflects the next steps in moving policy forward. **ACTIONS: Susan to work on HCO grant application.**

## 7.0 Round Table

### 7.1 By The Bushel Food Cooperative (BTBFC) – Hannah McFarlane

- Hannah, a recently hired intern, reported that BTBFC has moved into their new space in the Carriage House behind YES at Brock Street.
- Paula reported that April 4<sup>th</sup> is a public get together at the new space with both Paula and Russ Christiansen presenting.
- BTBFC store opening will be April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### 7.2 Community Gardens – Paula Anderson

- A three year Trillium application was submitted for funding, a response is expected by July 2011.  
Work is ongoing at the Peterborough Liftlock garden
- Land used by the Pingo Pongo community garden was purchased recently from Cavanaugh's, gardeners do not know the implications as yet for their garden.

### 7.3 Community Meals Update – Faith Community Members (see 4.2)

### 7.4 Municipal Update – Sonya Hardman, Dorothy Olver

- Linda mentioned that City staff support has been helpful at the PPRN Income Security meeting
- Dorothy mentioned that the Special Diet information is now available. **ACTION: Dorothy to forward details to the CFN.**
- Susan mentioned that rate information is posted online at the Income Security Advocacy Coalition web site.
- Rosana mentioned that the PCCHU has created and distributed a fact on Special Diets to local health care practitioners.

### 7.5 Food Security Community Partnership Program – Susan Hubay

No update.

#### 7.6 Gleaning – Lori Sainte

- A list of farmers that will be approached regarding gleaning has been created. Next steps include farmer visits.

#### 7.7 JustFood Box Program – Joëlle Favreau

- Nourish Peterborough, the YWCA video project, will be shown on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Market Hall. 6:00 p.m., free community meal by Food Not Bombs; 7:00 p.m., screening and discussion. Promotional flyers are coming soon.

#### 7.8 Our Space/LETS Exchange – Lori Sainte

- Our Space capital campaign will have their kick off in April.
- The next LETS Market is on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Sadleir House.

#### 7.9 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network – Rosana Pellizzari

- The PPRN is holding an open house on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Public Library.

#### 7.10 Education Sector Update – Mary McGee, Terry Keating, Paula Anderson, Peter Hughes

- Peter reported on Growing Power ([www.growingpower.org](http://www.growingpower.org)), a Milwaukee-based program that produces food by growing fish and plants in same greenhouse. Fleming College (Lindsay campus) is considering a collaborative research prototype on campus.
- Paula reported that the Trent 3<sup>rd</sup> year Community Food System course will have a 20-hour service learning program in local organizations in addition to the TCBBE research component. Possibilities include the seasonality calendar, market voucher research and backyard hens policy work.

#### 7.11 COIN; Community Bake Oven – Linda Slavin

- The feasibility survey tool has been sent via email by COIN. **ACTION: CFN members asked to complete and pass it on.**
- COIN lunch program at March Break camp was very successful.
- Peterborough Eats is working in Knox presently but space is limited
- Sustainability Peterborough vision process include lens project. Linda distributed the lens tool and those present were asked to participate. **ACTION: CFN members asked to fill it in and submit.**

#### 8.0 Other

Discussion on Saint Vincent de Paul was deferred.

#### 9.0 Agenda Items for April 2011

- Food Policy - Cheryl Lyon
- Round Table

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2011 at St. Johns Anglican Church in the Lounge from 10 am to 11:30 am**